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A Soldier has rank properly positioned on his dress uniform, one of the most important phases of initial uniform issue. **SEE PAGE 3**

Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Community Calendar

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO

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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.

TODAY

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.

Lunch & Learn

11:30 a.m.—1 p.m., Fort Jackson Education Center, Room B206. A 'Lunch & Learn' Budgeting, Banking and Checkbook Maintenance seminar hosted by Army Community Service. You are invited to bring your lunch with you (lunch is not provided). This is the perfect opportunity to get in-depth training on developing a budget, record keeping, banking services and checkbook maintenance. Call ACS at 751-5256 for more information or to RSVP for this class.

begins 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.

JULY 23

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.

AUG. 5

DES Night Out/Jackson Jubilee

3-6 p.m. at the Solomon Center. The event will feature DES static displays,

TUESDAY

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

entertainment for children (inflatables), Family Readiness Groups, Unit competition for attendance (special prizes for unit participation), door prizes, information booths from on and off post organizations/agencies and businesses.

The event is open to the Fort Jackson community. For more information contact Marilyn Bailey, ACS/Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, 751-5444.

AUG. 10

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9 a.m.— 12 p.m., Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. Information on civil service and NAF employment. The event is targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID card holders. To register call 751-9460/5452 or email Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil



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[JULY 18, 1917]



in honor of President Andrew Jackson who was a south carolina native

By Demetria Mosley



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Hughes, a drill sergeant with the 120th Adjutant General Battalion, addresses Soldiers in Training as they process into the Army. The drill sergeants and cadre of the 120th are the first non-commissioned officers new Soldiers meet when they first arrive at the Reception Battalion.

First impressions

Reception is every Soldier's introduction to the Army

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

A drill sergeant is the first thing recruits see when they arrive at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).

The shock soon-to-be Soldiers initially face after stepping off the bus is the initial catalyst for transforming them from civilians into Soldiers.

The drill sergeants of the 120th make this happen every day.

The 120th processes more than 1,200 recruits on a weekly basis leading to a lot of stress and long hours for its cadre.

"This company runs 24-hour operations," said Capt. Alex Zayas, the commander of Delta Company, which initially processes the incoming troops. "My drill sergeants, who are on the operations side are working from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., do express it can be a heavy weight on them."

Seven companies comprise the battalion with each having its own distinct mission. For instance, one holds an airborne preparation course while another is in charge of ensuring Soldiers in Training are in the physical shape necessary to complete basic training.

Drill sergeants must have spent time in the Basic Combat Training units and go through an assessment process before they are assigned to the 120th. Those non-commissioned officers working in the Fitness Training Unit go through an additional selection process.

"Sometimes you get selected, sometimes you volunteer," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Tunison, a drill sergeant with Delta Company. "I know there were a lot of people I work with that had been selected. It is based on the time they had on the trail. If they were at the two-year mark (2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment), which was notorious for identifying those individuals and asking them if they would like to go to work at the 120th.

"There are also volunteers who thought

they saw something that needed to be fixed," he added. "For instance, when I was in the BCT, I saw things over here that I thought I could change."

Recently Fort Jackson began holding selection boards for drill sergeants to with at the 120th chaired by Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, the post's senior enlisted leader.

Within the 120th itself the jobs of drill sergeants differ, there are those who work strictly to process Soldiers through and those who work to prepare trainees for shipment.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Gordon, a drill sergeant who had been a BCT company for a little more than a year, the change from training companies to reception was a shock.

"I thought it would be easy," he said echoing the sentiment of most drill sergeants in the replacement battalion who didn't realize all that goes in to preparing the troops for training.

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— Staff Sgt. Joshua Gordon, drill sergeant

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Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

The installation's 'foundation'

Fort Jackson Commanding General Brig. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson congratulates one of this quarter's recipients of the Helping Hand Award during a ceremony Tuesday at the Joe. E. Mann Center. The Helping Hand awards were created to show the post's volunteers that their efforts were noticed by the command. 'You guys are the main effort,' Johnson told the crowd, which included 30 volunteers recognized during the ceremony. 'You guys are the foundation that makes (Fort Jackson) happen.'

USARCENT celebrates 98th Warrant Officer Corps birthday

By SGT. VICTOR EVERHART JR.
USARCENT Public Affairs

The Army Warrant Officer Corps turned 98 years old and U.S. Army Central's technical experts gathered in Patton Hall July 8 to celebrate.

"Continuous growth will always continue our legacy of improvement," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Betancourt, the chief warrant officer of the Adjutant General Corps and guest speaker of the event. "Mentoring is the way to ensure that our corps sees another 98 years."

The Warrant Officer Corps traces its heritage back to the British navy when senior enlisted members were appointed by a warrant.

The modern era for the warrant officer, however, owes its beginning to the National Defense Act of 1918 when Congress authorized the Army Mine Planter Service. From the original 40 mine planter warrant officers serving as part of the Coastal Artillery Corps, the role and number of the warrant officers quickly expanded.

By the end of World War II, warrant

officers were serving in 40 different occupational specialties providing support in numerous clerical, administrative, band leading and aviation activities.

Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War further expanded the warrant officer role with warrant officers ultimately serving in 17 of the 20 branches of the Army.

During the celebration, Betancourt, gave his ideas and opinions on the best way ahead for the Warrant Officer Corps' future and the mindset needed to continually improve the corps to ensure it stands the test of time.

"We have been trusted with the care of the Warrant Officer Corps," said Betancourt. "So before we get out we must do the right thing and improve our foxholes for the generation behind us and mentoring is a huge piece of that. I stand here because of the great mentors I had as a young warrant officer and someday another Soldier will be in my place. We must prepare them better than we were to improve our standing and proficiency."

"I felt like the guest speaker did a great job of informing us on his thoughts about how to improve the Warrant Offi-

cer Corps," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Moody, a safety officer for U.S. Army Central. "His insight sparked some ideas in my head about mentoring and being a foundation for not just warrant officers but for Soldiers of all ranks."

The youngest and oldest warrant officers joined Betancourt to cut the warrant officer birthday cake and the attending warrant officers brought their class t-shirts in and stated the meaning behind the color chosen by the class itself.

There were many shirts and varied reasons behind the colors such as red for patriotism and black for professionalism and valor.

"During the ceremony I experienced unity and fellowship," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Etta Sullivan. "I saw warrant officers coming together and meeting each other for the first time. Even though we have a total of 43 specialties over 17 branches in the cohort, we can all discuss why we became a warrant officer, our experience in the Warrant Officer Candidate School, and how we continue to love serving in the United States Army as warrant officers."

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

The Conjuring 2 (R) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Central Intelligence (PG-13) 1 p.m.
The Conjuring 2 (R) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Central Intelligence (PG-13) 1 p.m.
The Conjuring 2 (R) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Central Intelligence (PG-13) 1 p.m.
The Conjuring 2 (R) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$5.50

Child (6 to 11): \$3

3-D TICKETS

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• Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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GATE 5

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

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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.
- » Non-Affiliated civilians can purchase Family season memberships for \$99 or a single membership for \$45.
- » Non-Affiliated memberships can be purchased online at www.fortjacksonmwr.com.



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 - » Fun Games start at 11 a.m.
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 - » 8 Regular Games \$1,000
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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Maj. Tyler Burningham, left, and Col. Dan C. Fong, commander of Fort Jackson Dental Activity, present graduates of the post's first American Red Cross dental assistant program with certifications during a July 15 ceremony at the Joe E. Mann Center. Volunteers had to complete 150 hours of classroom work and spend 600 hours in a dental clinic on post as part of the program. Eight students received certifications during last week's ceremony.

Bright smiles, brighter futures

Students graduate Red Cross dental program

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Friends, Family and dental providers gathered last week at the Joe E. Mann Center to celebrate the achievements of eight new dental assistants during a graduation ceremony.

At the start of the year, the American Red Cross and Fort Jackson Dental Activity invited military ID holders to participate in a free, six-month dental assistant training program. The first of its kind on post, the program provides the opportunity for military ID card holders, primarily spouses, to potentially launch new careers.

"The dental assistant is actually a stepping stone to becoming a dental hygienist, a dentist or whatever they want to pursue," said Col. Dan C. Fong, commander of Fort Jackson Dental Activity.

Dental assistants provide support to the dentist, a job that requires some of the most comprehensive and varied set of skills in the dental office.

"Some of these graduates may pursue the field of dentistry further," said Maj. Tyler Burningham, the Army dentist supervising the program at Fort Jackson. "Some of them may go on to become dental hygienists, some of them may go on to become dental assistants in the private sector or, potentially, with the government."

When the program began in January, a dozen volun-

teers had signed up for the course. During the July 15 graduation ceremony, eight received certifications. Because the class is made up entirely of military dependents, permanent changes of station orders played a role in a many of the absences last week.

It's a tough program, Burningham said.

"We have about 150 hours of classroom work, which takes place over seven weeks," he said. "After that, they're in the clinic for 600 hours, or roughly four months of volunteer work, where they get exposed to different fields of dentistry.

"It really gets them involved in the dental field and opens up different possibilities," he said.

The post's next dental assistant training program begins Sept. 12. Volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent, up-to-date immunizations, be a dependent of a Service member or retired Service member, and be a U.S. citizen. Applications will be accepted until July 29.

Burningham encouraged anyone interested in the program to speak with some of the first round of graduates to find out more about the commitment involved.

"It's a wonderful field to be in," he said. "There's a lot of camaraderie, and it's a lot of fun."

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.



Courtesy photo

Student get 'chair-side' instruction at a Fort Jackson dental clinic as part of a rigorous training program administered by the American Red Cross. Eight military dependents finished the program last week and received dental assistant certifications.

Stepping outside the COMFORT ZONE

High school students tackle Victory Tower

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

First Sgt. Rhonda McDonald, of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion, glances at the top of Victory Tower as a young girl hesitates to finish rappelling down.

Shielding her eyes from the rays of the beaming sun, McDonald yells at her for encouragement: "You can do it! You've got it!"

About 50 rising 10th and 11th grade girls from Columbia College's Summer Leadership Institute traveled to Fort Jackson's Victory Tower July 14 to help build up their confidence in themselves.

Victory Tower is used as a tool to instill confidence in Basic Trainee Soldiers. It stands 40 feet in the air.

This is an opportunity a lot of young girls don't get to experience.

"I wanted the girls to have an experience that they might not have otherwise," said Ashley Pullen, Program Coordinator for the center of Leadership at Columbia College. "I wanted them to be able to experience something outside of their comfort zone and come together in teamwork."

Pullen said the majority of the girls in the institution are on financial-need scholarships.

"This kind of activity is important for young girls because it helps them see and build their strength," said McDonald, one of the escorts during their trip.

Rebeca Paz, 17, who's originally from Colombia and wants to eventually go back to her country to help fix the education issues, said she had a lot of fun and wanted to go through the course at least two more times.

Kamryn Jenkins, 15, response to going through the course was "Oh, man!"

"I was really terrified of the high ropes, but now I like them," she said.

Staff Sgt. Crystal Matthews, of 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, one of three female drill sergeants supervising the event, said that the safety procedures they use for the girls were the same procedures used for Soldiers.

"A life is a life," she said, "There are no special treatments given to one group and not the other. We do our best to make sure any person is safe."

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— **Ashley Pullen**
Program Coordinator,
Columbia College
Center of Leadership

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Rising 10th and 11th grade girls from Columbia College's Summer Leadership institute got to experience the same course used by Soldiers in Basic Combat Training, such as rappelling Victory Tower and completing the rope swing.

Photos by **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**



Before starting the course, each girl dunked their arms into ice cold water to help keep their body temperatures down while doing physical activity in the heat.



The girls finished Victory Tower by climbing down the cargo net from about 40 feet in the air. Once they got to the end of the net, they had to fall backward onto a mat.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Messages of faith

Contemporary Christian recording artist Aaron Shust sings his song 'Ever Be' during the combined Protestant worship service July 17 at the Solomon Center. During the event, held every year for Soldiers in Training, a well-known Christian artist plays music while a guest speaker gives a sermon. This year minister Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, spoke during the event.

Registration begins for Back-to-School programs at CYSS

Parents interested in registering their children for Before and After School Programs with Child, Youth and School Services should visit Parent Central Services in the Joe E. Mann Building. Registration is open to children and youth, grades K - 12, of all active duty military, DA civilians working on Fort Jackson, and any other CYSS eligible patrons.

Registration hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. You can register at CYSS Parent Central Services Office in the Joe E. Mann Building, 3392 Magruder Avenue. Call 751-4865 or 751-4824 for more information.

All Back to School Programs require CYSS registration. The Parent Central Services Office, Child, Youth, and School Services, will now see customers on an appointment only basis. Walk-ins will be taken on an extremely limited basis. Customers with appointments will take priority over walk-in customers.

To make an appointment for a new registration or to renew your registration, contact 751-4824 or (803) 751-4865; or on line at <http://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ..' 3RD BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. PIERRE POUTES, 23
Mannheim, Germany



I joined the Army "for a better future for me and my Family, to serve my country and to get an education."

The best parts of Basic Combat Training was "the experience where I learned a lot and did a lot of cool stuff."

I am a "92G – Food Service Specialist. I wanted to be a cook to learn some new skills plus I like to cook."

My Family "are all proud of me and are looking forward to seeing me again."

"I am looking forward to start my career and make the best out of it. Hopefully I will serve for 20 years."

PFC. TOHURA KHANAM, 22
Dhaka, Bangladesh



"I had the best opportunity to become a U.S. citizen through joining the Army."

"Everything" is what's best about Basic Combat Training. "I found motivation and built some self-confidence."

I am a "92G – Food Service Specialist. I love to cook more than anything."

My Family is "proud of me now, even though they didn't support me much in the beginning."

PVT. JOSHUA S. KING, 19
St. Petersburg, Florida



"I joined the Army because I wanted to help my country and defend the nation I love so much."

"All the training that I have received including firing different weapons systems, improving my physical fitness, discipline, and making improvement to myself has been an eye opener."

"I am a 25B – Information Technology Specialist. It's what I want to make my career after I get out of the Army."

PFC. CHELSEA N. COLELLA, 24
Uncasville, Connecticut

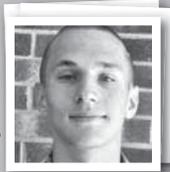


"I joined the Army because I have Family who has and continue to serve. I've observed the success and opportunities provided to them and I wanted the same for myself and my Family."

"All the training I've received has made me smarter and stronger. Having to work with multiple people from different backgrounds has opened my eyes to new perspectives as well."

"My military occupational specialty is 92L, which is a petroleum lab specialist. I originally wanted to be an engine mechanic but it wasn't available to me at that time."

PVT. NICHOLAS SMITH, 19
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania



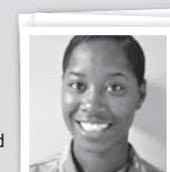
"I joined the Army because I've always liked helping other people, and I'm very motivated and want to better myself to my fullest potential."

"The best part of basic training has been the bond formed between my battle buddies and me."

"My MOS is 42A – Human Resource Specialist. I chose it because I like to type and like the office environment."

"My Family at first was worried about me joining and was scared for war reasons, but they seem decently proud of me since then."

PFC. TASHA SLOWE, 22
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"I joined the Army because I feel like it is time to give back to my country. There will always be enemies and us as Soldiers need to keep the country safe."

"Basic Combat Training has been a wonderful experience, the drill sergeant wants you to succeed and want to see you as a leader."

"I'm a 92Y – Unit Supply Specialist. I picked a unit supply specialist because I would do anything to help others and prepare them for success."

NOTICES

Swimming pool re-opens

Legion Outdoor Pool, temporarily closed for repairs, has now re-opened and will operate under its regular schedule.

Thrift Shop updates

- The last day for summer clothes is Aug 18.
- Winter clothing will be accepted beginning Aug. 30.
- Halloween items will be accepted Sept. 20 until Oct. 13.
- Donations are always accepted. If not during business hours, they may be left at the back door.

Lego team looking for new members

The FJ Patriots FIRST LEGO League Team 22589 will be recruiting members between the ages of 9 to 14 years old for the 2016 - 2017 FIRST LEGO League Challenge "Animals and Allies."

Visit the CYSS, building 5975 Chesnut Road, from 1- 4 p.m. July 23 to find out more about this opportunity to learn about robotics. Information and assistance will be provided for completing the Team Information Management System process.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Smart cookies

Command Sgt. Maj. Boris Bolanos, left, and Col. Harry Huey Jr., director of training of the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, received Girl Scout cookies July 14. Girl Scouts of Troop 1891 from Rutherfordton, N.C., visited Fort Jackson to observe a graduation, visit the installation's museums and, as token of appreciation, donated cookies to deserving Soldiers.

IN FOCUS



Photo illustrations by Robert Timmons

All recruits begin at the Reception Battalion, sometimes called Week Zero. During reception, Soldiers begin to practice teamwork, self-discipline, responsibility, leadership development, self-reliance, competence and confidence.

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While the “hours are better” so he can “spend time with his Family,” he doesn’t get the same amount of time to help the troops.

As he watched SITs receive boots, Gordon explained the amount of time to mentor the new Soldiers is a lot less than he’s used to.

“If you are first to fill you get four days at most” to teach and mentor the troops, he said. “You don’t get a lot of time with them. When you are first to fill you get the most Soldiers and the least amount of time with them.”

While the drill sergeants at 120th would love to have more time preparing and mentoring new Soldiers time just doesn’t allow it.

“When I take a look at what is going on here as opposed to the BCT side; in BCT repetition takes place every 10 weeks,” Tunison said. “For some drill sergeants that’s hard. We take that and tone it down so that it’s like that every day. If I sit down and process 100 – 200 Soldiers that day, the next day I am starting all over again from scratch. In the BCT I know that I won’t have to do that for another 10 weeks – so it’s actually easier on the mind. Every day when you come here it’s a hard day.”

In the 120th the shipping companies rotate which takes the first recruits.

“Everyone at the BCT says if you go to 120th you’re not going to work,” Gordon said. “We actu-

ally do a lot more than I thought we did when I was in a BCT company.”

For drill sergeants, like Tunison, seeing the differences between the civilians who first enter and the troop shipping to their BCT companies is one of the most rewarding experiences.

“A lot of the drill sergeants I talk to when they come over here say, ‘Look this is an easy job.’ You should try coming in at night when the Soldiers are filing-in in the hundreds,” he said.

While at the BCT they don’t get to see what the Soldiers were like when they first stepped off the bus in 120th, he said.

“I used to blame 120th when I was a drill at BCT that the Soldiers came undisciplined and that they didn’t teach them anything at the 120th prior to arrival at BCT,” he added. “Since I’ve been here and see how much time we get with the Soldiers, I realized the short period of time the 120th has with the Soldier (really changes them). If I would have seen what I’ve seen with Soldiers just coming off the bus and talking to us – it kind of blows your mind ... If you ever see the Soldiers come back through for whatever issue you say, ‘I remember how sloppy you were.’”

The short period of time new Soldiers spend in the 120th makes the drill sergeants keep their game faces on at all times.

“In BCT you have that two-week gap of rep phase where you are that mean drill sergeant and instilling discipline in the Soldiers, but when you are here you are trying to get that discipline real fast,” Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Hughes, a drill sergeant at the 120th.



Above, the way Soldiers have processed into the Army has changed little in the past 100 years. Here Soldiers from the 120th AG Battalion (Reception) stand ready to receive clothing from a 1950s-era supply sergeant. Below, a Soldier in Training with the 120th AG Battalion (Reception) bends down so a worker can correctly size him for a beret as Cold War-era Soldiers wait behind him.



Marksmanship fundamentals key

By SGT. 1ST CLASS
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Initial Entry Training

Soldiers in basic combat training with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment braved the stifling summer heat on July 14 to work on the fundamentals of marksmanship on the zero range.

“Regardless of what a Soldier’s military occupational specialty or branch is, when you get right down to it, they’re all infantrymen in a sense,” said Capt. Jason Vaughn, Bravo Company commander.

Typically, Soldiers in Initial Entry Training spend a total of 10 full days out of a 10-week training cycle just acquiring, honing and polishing their marksmanship skills.

“We start Soldiers out with the drills like the dime and washer drills and (engagement skills) trainer to help them get the fundamentals down,” Vaughn said.

“It’s important to get the basics down first: things like breathing, sight picture, target acquisition before they get up to the firing line. If they hone those skills before they get up there, then muscle memory takes over and the fundamentals become second nature.”

Drill sergeants like Staff Sgt. Adam Gamache agree, the importance of mastering the fundamentals cannot be understated.

“All of the drills that these Soldiers are working on out here today mirror a fundamental that they need when they get up to the firing line,” Gamache said.

“With each drill, we show them what right looks like and then they get the opportunity to practice it and perfect it,” he said. “We have to teach the Soldiers from the ground up that the weapon is not just an accessory that they have to carry around. It has to be cared for and there’s certain things they have to do to become proficient at it.”

While teaching an individual Soldier rifle marksmanship may appear easy, Gamache, says the process takes on a whole new meaning for Soldiers in Basic Combat Training.

“When you try to take a Soldier who has never even held a weapon like this, multiply that by 60, and try to get them to a level where they are proficient at firing that weapon it takes things to much higher level,” he said.

“But at the end of the day, when you get to a point where it clicks in the mass majority of them, you stand back and say, ‘Yeah, I did that.’”



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment place a full canteen of water on the barrels of their weapons and attempt to maintain a steady firing position for two minutes in an effort to build stamina for weapons qualification.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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Forum teaches life skills to youths

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Youths, from across the Installation Management Command, gathered at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, South Carolina for the 2016 Army Youth Leadership Forum.

The 13- to 17-year olds were there to discuss issues affecting teenagers in the Army and provided some recommendations to leadership.

Jason Marton, with IMCOM Southeast, said the forum is part of the teen chain of communication – a Child, Youth Services and Schools empowerment program for teens.

At the forum, youths learned team building, had fitness activities every morning, and learned resiliency from behavioral health specialists.

“They do leadership projects; they do service projects, but they also gather issues locally,” Marton said. “They will survey their community and hold a local youth leadership forum kind of like you see here. But it could be only a couple of hours or overnight.

“They gather all their issues and come to a consensus of three issues,” he added. From that they elevate their issues up to

their region panel.

Getting the teens together was very important in solving issues said Christina Kruger, a program leader for the library. It allowed the children to build friendships while teaming up to find answers to problems students face.

“We have a culture where we are isolated to begin with, and to come together here and say, ‘Oh, we are having the exact same problems we have interest to solve them together or this is how we did it,’” Kruger said.

Those issues are then conveyed to the Army teen panel. Every region would then come together to discuss the issues and forward them to the Army for staffing.

The top three issues for the Atlantic and Southern Regions were Wi-Fi and upgrading technologies, the nutritional program and work force preparation.

The teens at the leadership forum are some of the best around, Marton said.

“You will see they come in already very talented, but working with a corps of young leaders like this they are able to take it to the next level,” he said. The forum allowed the youths the opportunity to reach out to their leaders and share various ideas.

Youths who attend the forum are se-



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Youths attending the Atlantic Southeast Region Youth Leadership Forum use artwork as a way to express themselves and to distress.

lected in a “competitive process,” Marton said. The teens are chosen to attend and while sometimes there may be “eight garrison representatives who are qualified to attend,” not all will.

Kruger from IMCOM Headquarters

in San Antonio, said “The kids all came together to talk about their issues.” The program leaders helped the youths to understand how the issues can be helped.

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Photo by STAFF SGT. KEN SCAR

Haigler retires after 32 years

U.S. Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Janice M. Haigler (back to camera), deputy commanding general of the 335th Signal Command (Theater), salutes as she is presented an American flag during her retirement ceremony as Maj. Gen. Janet Lynn Cobb, commander of the 81st Regional Support Command, looks on July 16 at Fort Jackson. Haigler's career in the Army included multiple deployments in support of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Haigler retired after 32 years of service.

Legal orientation course available

A legal orientation course is being offered to Command Sergeants Major.

This course prepares nominative command sergeants major (all components) to identify and understand the critical legal topics that impact on their duties at higher levels of command. Topics include military justice (including unlawful command influence and handling sexual assault cases), standards of conduct, military personnel law, civilian personnel law, investigations, and civil legal matters commonly affecting Soldiers, such as Family support and consumer protection law.

The course is open to all brigade/garrison command sergeants major. If battalion command sergeants major are interested, they may attend if space is available. For additional questions, contact Sgt. Maj. Denise Underwood, USARC, Command Paralegal at 910-570-8131.

Change of command at NCO Academy

A change of command ceremony for the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy will take place 10 a.m. Aug. 9 at the Soldier Support Institute.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge C. Escobedo will assume command from Master Sgt. Keith E. Wells during the event.



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“We don’t work in the youth centers but the issues aren’t brought to our attention necessarily,” she said, “but we can say, ‘oh, we can fix some of the problems, but not all of the problems.’ As a program leader I can tell the kids, ‘Hey, we have this one resource, for instance we have databases on help-free transitions that can help you write resumes, set up job interview questions.’”

“Employment was a big issue, one of the top three they brought up,” she added. “Now I know when I speak with the kids that is something I need to point out – how the libraries can help you be successful.”

Both teens and staff learned a lot at the event said Jeremy Crisp, a behavioral health trainer, who taught resiliency at the forum.

The staff “did a great job programming, the kids learned a lot of advocacy skills and got to practice a lot of advocacy skills,” he said.

“Bringing these children to-

gether like this as young leaders and allow them a platform to be able to advocate for themselves – these are skills that will really shape the kind of adult they want to be and kind of career they want to have.”

“They are learning and having fun at the same time,” Kruger added.

Michelle Sterkowitz, from USAG Vincenza, Italy, who taught youths at the forum how to use art to become more resilient said, youths were able to express themselves through art, while also learning its calming influences.

“It provides an opportunity for people to accept themselves,” she said. “It allows them to express themselves in ways they typically can’t. As a teen sometimes it’s hard to talk about what’s going on, so it’s nice to be able to have an outlet. This and the destressors art provides – it’s naturally therapeutic and relaxing.”

As the closest IMCOM installation to the event, Fort Jackson was integral in ensuring the forum took place by providing transportation, security support, and general support.

We couldn’t have had the event without them, Marton said.



ABOUT THE FORUMS

Region Youth Leadership Forums will generally be conducted over five days and include:

- A theme/title/specific focus
- A service learning project
- An opportunity for you to share experiences and establish support systems related to deployment
- Technology access and integration
- Workforce preparation workshops
- A process for identifying and prioritizing youth issues including those identified at the Garrison level
- Teen-selected open recreation activities

(Information taken from the Youth Leadership Forums handbook)

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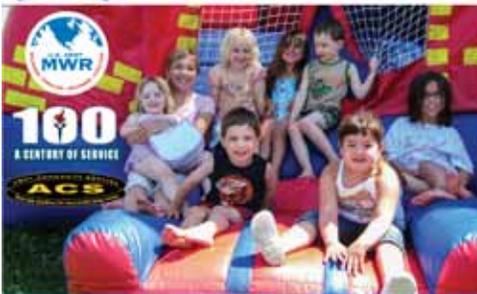
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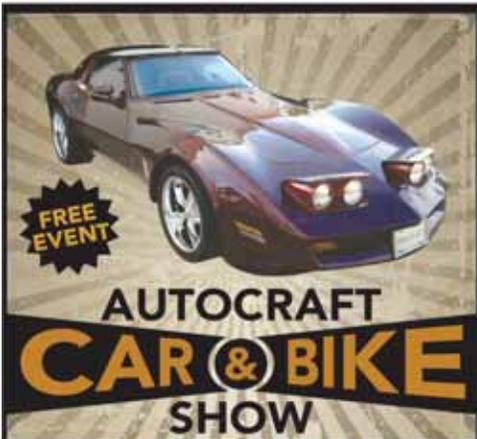
Jackson Jubilee will feature:

- » DES will have static displays
- » Entertainment for children (inflatables)
- » Family Readiness Groups
- » Unit competition for attendance (special prizes for unit participation)
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This event is open to the Fort Jackson Community. For more information call Marilyn Bailey, ACS/Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, at 751-5444.

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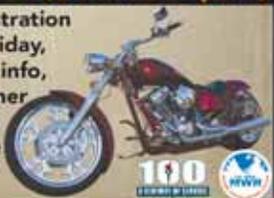
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