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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.

AUG. 18

Evening Storytime at the Library
 6:30 - 7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Visit the library for an evening of stories, songs and crafts. Suggested age is six and younger. For more information, call 751-5589.

AUG. 21

Victory Spouses Club
 1-3 p.m., NCO Club. During this month's meeting, the club welcomes Sheila Johnson, wife of Fort Jackson Commanding General Brig. Gen. John P. "Pete" Johnson. Register for the event by contacting VSCreservations@gmail.com. The cost of the event is \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Victory Spouses' Club is open to spouses of all ranks, retirees, DOD civilians, all services, male and female.

AUG. 23

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. Information on civil service and Non-appropriated Funds 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.

AUG. 23

Professional Mentorship Network (Female Forum)
 11:30 a.m., NCO Club. The meeting features a roundtable book discussion luncheon lead by Dr. Treva Anderson,

lead master resilience trainer/performance expert and a certified sport psychology consultant. For more information, call 751-8187.

AUG. 24

Shred Day
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the recycling center, 5671 Lee Road, located between Popeye's and the Auto Craft Shop. Everyone is invited to take advantage of the quarterly shredding event. All types of paper with sensitive information will be accepted. For additional information, contact the Recycling Center at 751-4208.

AUG. 24

Office closure
 The Installation Security Office Building, located at 4204 Sumter Ave, will be closed from 7:30 a.m. until noon for training. The office will reopen at 1 p.m. The Commander Designated Entity (CDE/Child Care) will operate at normal hours. For more information, call 751-6935.

AUG. 25

Evening Storytime at the Library
 6:30 - 7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Visit the library for an evening of stories, songs and crafts. Suggested age is six and younger. For more information, call 751-5589.

AUG. 27

Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon
 8 a.m. The event is a 5K Run, 15K bike and 1500M swim. Deadline to register

is Aug 23. Call the Sports Office to register at 751-3096.

AUG. 29-30

Sesame Street comes to Fort Jackson
 The USO and Child Youth and School Services are bringing the Sesame Street gang to post for four performances. The "Moving" show takes place 4 p.m., Aug. 29, and 10 a.m., Aug. 30. The "Transitioning" show takes place 6:30 p.m. Aug. 29 and 4:30 p.m. Aug. 30. For more information, call 751-4824.

AUG. 30

Town Hall
 9:30-11 a.m., Post Theater. Fort Jackson's senior commander, Brig. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, will be holding his first civilian employees town hall meeting to answer questions and provide information. This is the first in a series of town hall meetings for civilian employees to take place in coming months. Additional dates will be announced later.



[JANUARY 2, 1963]
 CUBAN VOLUNTEER
 TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED



By Demetria Mosley



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Customers of Andy's Fitness Center work out at the Solomon Center facility Wednesday morning. Andy's is a victim of Armywide budget cuts and is slated to close permanently later this year. Firehouse Productions, an FMWR supported custom production shop, will move into the location.

Cuts impact FMWR programs

Post to close gym, pool in upcoming fiscal year

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

In the wake of extensive budget cuts, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has announced a series of program changes that will go into effect in coming months.

Family and Recreational program budgets across the Army will be reduced by \$105 million in the 2017 fiscal year, which begins in October. This represents a 23 percent cut from this year's funding level and is expected to drain more than \$750,000 from local installation programs, said Col. James Ellerson, Fort Jackson garrison commander.

"As we all know, the Army has moved into a very fiscally constrained environment," Ellerson told the audience during the installation's Community Information Exchange at the NCO Club on Aug. 11. "That means that every major command will take some kind of cut. The things that we were able to do in the past, we will not be able to do in the future because we just won't have the money."

Congress began to appropriate funds for FMWR programs related to readiness in 1989, money that supports fitness and community centers, and libraries. In recent months, Fort Jackson leaders have been evaluating FMWR programs to determine which were most affordable and popular, Ellerson said.

"It's basically a decision that's been made on the senior

Army level, the senior levels of Installation Management Command, to use funds that typically have been funding FMWR programs to use them to pay for other, more important priorities," said Fort Jackson FMWR Director Daniel Ahern.

Ellerson said the goal was to disperse budget cuts across all programs in order to preserve as many programs and services on post as possible.

"We had to make some hard decisions," Ellerson said. "We understand clearly it affects everyone."

Fort Jackson's financial impacts are:

- A 23 percent cut to Community Recreation and Non-Appropriated Fund support services funding.

- A 6 percent cut to Child and Youth Services, which can be absorbed without reduction in services for CYS customers.

- The closure of Andy's Fitness Center at the Solomon Center. The hours for Coleman, Perez and Vanguard gyms will be reduced to 90 hours per week. Ellerson said traffic to the post's four gyms was monitored as part of the evaluation of services on post, and it was determined that Andy's has the fewest customers. Coleman Gym's close proximity to the Solomon Center was also a factor in the decision, he said. The indoor track at the Solomon Center will remain open.

- Firehouse Productions, an FMWR supported custom production shop, will relocate to the space now occupied by Andy's Fitness Center at the Solomon Center. Firehouse Productions is currently housed in a World War II-era

wooden building.

- Reduce hours at the Thomas Lee Hall Library. "Right now, we have the library open seven days a week, and we're going to reduce that to five days a week," Ellerson said. "We didn't automatically say it's going to be closed on the weekends; we looked at the days that were the least utilized." The library will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

- The Auto Crafts Center hours will be reduced from five to four days a week.

- The intramural sports program will be re-located to Coleman Gym.

- Recreational trips and delivery services will be reduced or eliminated.

- Legion Pool will be closed in 2017. "We looked at areas where we had duplication and identified what we can still do on the installation to have minimal effect to what we do for Families," Ellerson said. Knight Indoor Pool will remain open.

- The position of chief of the Community Recreation Division will be eliminated.

- Seven staffing reductions will be made in five common support areas. "We're committed to trying to make placement for anyone who is being affected by the budget cuts," Ahern said. "As positions are being eliminated, we're working diligently to place people in valid vacancies across the directorate, or across the garrison as a whole."

Coleman Gym will also have new management as part of the restructuring, Ellerson said.

“ We had to make some hard decisions. We understand clearly it affects everyone. ”

— Col. James Ellerson,
garrison commander



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

A group of employees at the Strom Thurmond Building are using their break to stay active at work.

Keeping pace

Strom Thurmond group walks to stay active

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Linda Lee moves at a steady pace through the hallways of the second floor of Fort Jackson's Strom Thurmond Building. She and two women are chatting while further down the hall the silhouettes of three others disappear around a corner.

"We call ourselves the window watchers and them the fast pacers," she said. "We take our time, like when you're just window shopping, and the other group moves fast."

During the week, six ladies from room 210 get together twice a day for 15 minutes to walk around the building. Each time they do 10 laps around.

"There's no way you can get tired when you're walking and talking," said Lee.

These ladies aren't the only group in the Storm Thurmond building that are getting active in the workplace. At different times of the day you can see individuals and groups walking around the hallways.

In 2015, the Physical Activity Council, an organization made up of made of sports and manufacturer associations, reported that the inactivity level in people ages 25 to 44 is 25 percent. It is 30 percent for ages 45 to 54, 35 percent for people 55 to 64 and 40 percent for people 65 and up.

Walking is beneficial because it improves circulation,



Some employees at the Strom Thurmond Building are keeping active by walking its halls and stairways 15 minutes, twice a day.

leads to a longer life span, improves sleep and can even lighten your mood.

Bertna White, one of the window watches, says she's seen some of those benefits.

"I've noticed I've been sleeping better and I'm not tired when I get off," said White. "I've lost a couple of pounds doing this also. My clothes don't fit like they used to."

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

Mike and Dave
Need Wedding Dates (R) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

The Secret Life of Pets (PG) 1 p.m.
Ghostbusters (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

The Secret Life of Pets (PG) 1 p.m.
Ghostbusters (PG-13) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Secret Life of Pets (PG) 1 p.m.
Ghostbusters (PG-13) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$5.50
Child (6 to 11): \$3

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$7.50 Child (6 to 11): \$5

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

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

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Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

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

GATE 2

- Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4

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

GATE 5

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

- Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

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



The Sesame Street / USO Experience FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Sesame Street and the USO are bringing the furry, fuzzy and friendly muppets to military families around the world.



Two Possible Shows! Aug 29 & 30 at the Solomon Center
(Get show times and sign up at any CYSS location)

Moving Show

Featuring Katie, a military kid on Sesame Street who is moving to a new base.

Transitions Show

Featuring Katie, a military kid transitioning back to civilian life at Sesame Street after living on military bases the past few years.

Program Highlights:

- Free admission for military families and their children
- Mini-show and giveaways
- For tour information visit USO.org
- For free resources for military families visit SS4MF.org



DOG DAY AT PALMETTO FALLS

Saturday, Sep 10 (12 - 3 p.m.)

The water park is going to the dogs! All members' dogs (up to two free, \$5 for each additional dog) get to run, play, jump and swim!

Dog handlers must be 18 or older. Vaccination record required. Vet recommends washing your dog after swimming. Chlorine in pool may cause skin irritation.

For more information, call 751-6990.

Don't forget to bring your dog early for the **CYSS Dog Show (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)** At Patriot's Park Pavilion (between the water park and the Solomon Center.)

Register your dog with Beverly Metcalfe, 751-3053. Choose from a variety of fun categories to enter your dog in - such as longest tail, prettiest eyes, and least obedient. Judging starts promptly at 10 a.m.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

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AT CENTURY LANES

4464 Gregg Street • (803)751-6138

AUG 20 (8 - 11 P.M.)

COST: \$10 PER PERSON.

Includes unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and entry for prize drawing.

\$1.50 NACHOS

during Blacklight Bowling at the Snack Bar!



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUES



At Century Lanes Bowling Center
4464 Gregg Street
751-6138

Youth bowlers* may sign up for Fall/Winter Leagues on Saturday, Aug 27 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

(*ages 5 - 19. Birthday must be on or before Aug 1, 2016.)

Receive a free pencil bag with registration (while supplies last).



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

7TH ANNUAL "DO IT IN PINK" WORKOUT AEROBATHON

At the Solomon Center
6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd

Saturday, Sept 24

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Admission is FREE!

Must workout in Pink!

(in support of breast cancer awareness)

Featuring:

- Cardio Boxing
- Fitness Hip Hop
- Old School Aerobics
- Zumba!
- and more!



For more info, call Pam Long at 751-3700.



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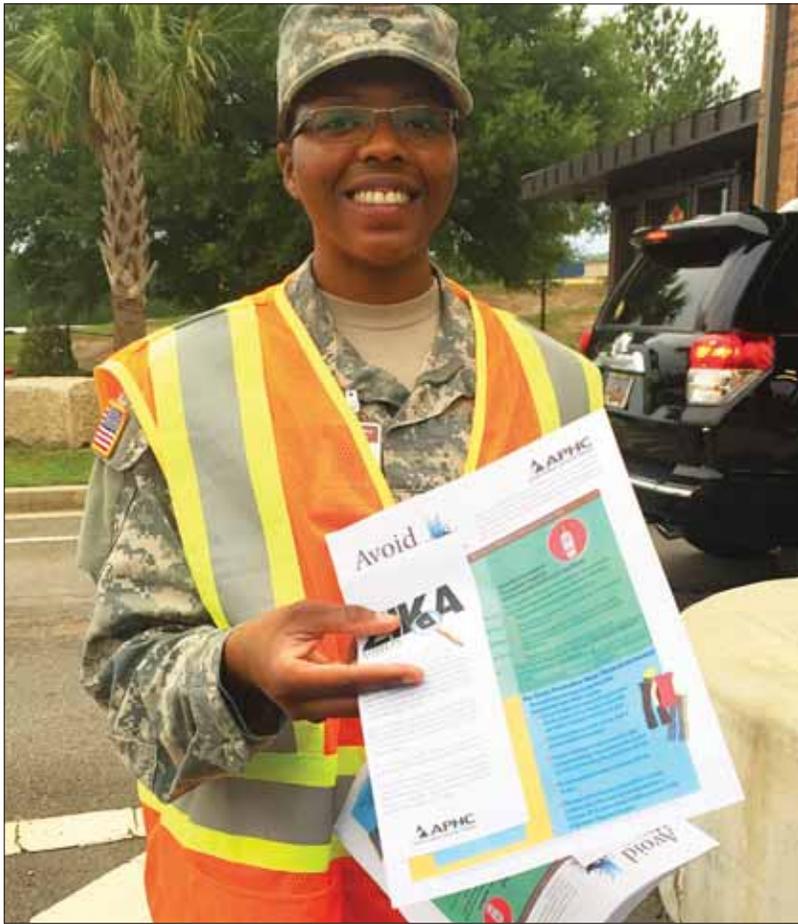


Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE

Spc. Briana Scott, a Soldier with the Department of Preventive Medicine at Moncrief Army Health Clinic, distributes literature about the Zika virus to drivers at Gate 2 last Friday at Fort Jackson.

Officials urge proactive measures to combat Zika

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

While there have been no confirmed cases of the Zika virus in the greater Columbia area, installation health officials are asking Fort Jackson housing residents to remain vigilant.

South Carolina has confirmed 33 travel-related cases of Zika and one sexually transmitted case, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. No locally acquired vector-borne cases have been reported, a situation that Capt. Anton Quist, chief of Preventive Medicine for Moncrief Army Health Clinic, said he wants to see extended indefinitely.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever and dengue. A Zika virus outbreak was identified in Brazil in early 2015. Since then, it has spread to more than twenty-five other countries.

“The most important thing we can do is mosquito control,” Quist said. “The mosquitos that transmit Zika virus do not travel very far.”

He said the simplest precaution to take is

to make sure there is no standing water near your home. The kinds of large debris preferred by mosquitoes for breeding are not significant problems on post, but Quist said some home decorations might be able to collect enough water to invite mosquitoes.

“It could be the saucer under a flower vase, that’s where these mosquitoes breed,” Quist said. “It’s very simple to make sure we don’t have a source of breeding to make sure we don’t have any of these mosquitoes.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1,962 people in the United States have been infected with Zika, with another 6,618 reported in U.S. territories.

Army Medicine is tracking this outbreak to assess the risks to the Soldiers and their Families. Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika-related infections and are prepared to assist patients who might have been infected.

So far, there have been no cases of Zika being transmitted in South Carolina by mosquitoes.



Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. The mosquitoes that can spread Zika, *dengue* and *chikungunya* viruses are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night, indoors or around the outside of homes.

The best way to prevent Zika is to prevent mosquito bites

- Minimize time outside when mosquitoes are active.
- Eliminate standing water (where mosquitoes breed) around your home and business.
- Wear loose long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Mosquitoes can bite through thin or tight clothing.
- Stay in places with air conditioning or use screens that keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use DEET or picaridin insect repellent on exposed skin (face, hands, wrists).
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothing.



Use Environmental Protection Agency registered insect repellents

Use repellent when you are outdoors. Use products with active ingredients that are safe and effective.

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- When using sunscreen, put sunscreen on first and insect repellent second.
- It is safe for pregnant or nursing women to use EPA-approved repellents when applied according to label instructions.
- To learn more, visit: <http://go.usa.gov/cyAuW>



If you have a baby or child

- Follow product label instructions.
- Do not use insect repellents on babies younger than 2 months.
- Dress babies or small children in clothing that covers arms and legs or cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Do not apply insect repellent to a child’s hands, eyes, mouth or any cuts or irritated skin.
- Spray insect repellents onto your hands and then apply to a child’s face.

Source: Army Public Health Center



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Brig. Gen. John “Pete” Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, leads the post staff and a formation of Soldiers during the Sixth Annual Run for the Fallen Aug. 13 at Hilton Field. The run showed the post’s support for South Carolina Service members who sacrificed their lives for the nation. Johnson said the run was a “small token of appreciation” for their service.

Jackson remembers S.C. fallen

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

“Today is about celebration and remembering what they stood for and how they answered the call of duty to this great nation,” said Brig. Gen. John “Pete” Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, moments before leading the 2016 Run for the Fallen.

Hundreds of Fort Jackson community members joined together Aug. 13 at Hilton Field to pay homage to the Service members of South Carolina who died while serving the United States with a 5K run/walk.

The run was special because it wasn’t about competition, but rather remembrance, one post official said.

“I think this is a great event to honor those Families who have given the greatest sacrifice for our nation,” said Marilyn Bailey, Fort Jackson’s volunteer coordinator. “It’s not a competition run, but an honor run. It is special in my eyes. It brings light, it sheds a light (on those who have fallen) because all of these Soldiers represent a fallen Service member from South Carolina.”

Soldiers ran with the names of fallen Service members on their running bibs.

The run, set up by Fort Jackson’s Survivor Outreach Services, was the sixth of its kind.

Johnson welcomed the Gold Star families to the run with a warm handshake and through a speech to open the run.

“First and foremost, I really want to give a heartfelt welcome to the surviving families of the fallen from this



A Soldier with the Soldier Support Institute’s Training Support Battalion waves a U.S. flag while listening to a talk from the unit’s senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Bernadette Phillips.

great state of South Carolina,” he said.

“This tradition started in 2008 when a team of patriots started out from Fort Irwin, California across this great nation, and every mile leaving a marker representing one of the fallen Service members during the Global War of Terror,” Johnson added. “They went from Fort Irwin to Arlington Cemetery here on East Coast.”

Those who gave their lives in defense of the nation “means a whole lot to all of us. We can never fully understand what that means to the families represented here

today,” Johnson said. “When we have a fallen serviceman it surely has an impact on our team, but for the families it changes their world. The world as they know it never remains the same and they grieve – and we care about that.

“This run is just a small token of our appreciation for their service, but more importantly it is a reflection on every serviceman who is in uniform. We also must remember that today we have servicemen across this globe who are in harm’s way. I want you to keep them in your hearts and prayers because they also have loved ones that are caring about them and thinking about them every single day.”

For those running, walking or just attending the event remembering the sacrifices of others was not the only reason to attend.

For retiree Angel Tirado, walking lets him pass on his love of supporting Service member causes to his daughter.

“As retired military, I support all events that have to do with the military,” Tirado said. “I am encouraging my daughter, Kattlie, to do the same. I encouraged her to join the service and she recently joined the Navy.

Ben Stewart, who was at the event with the Patriot Guard Riders of South Carolina, said he was proud to be at the event because it “shows support for our fallen, lifts the spirits of those who lost loved ones and is another way that we, as prior Service members, can serve our country.”

Just supporting the run was enough for some.

“It’s an honor first of all and gives me a good feeling knowing that I gave a small part of me back to the Families of those who have lost a loved one,” Bailey said about being involved with the run.

BEST of the BEST

Soldiers complete
grueling contests to seize
post's top honors



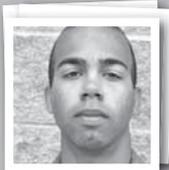
Staff Sgt. Sally Talbott, top right, a drill sergeant with Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, low crawls to the finish line of Fort Jackson's Fit to Win 2 obstacle course Monday during the first day of the post's Drill Sergeant of the Year/Platoon Sergeant of the Year/Non-commissioned Officer of the Year/Soldier of the Year competition. The competition pits Soldiers against each other for the coveted title by putting them through an obstacle course, weapons zeroing and qualification, the Confidence Course, and other events such as round robin stations where their basic Soldier knowledge is tested.

Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS



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

PVT. DELAYSE M. FRANKLIN, 18
Columbus, Ohio

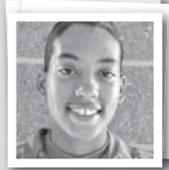


"I joined the Army because I wanted to make a name for myself. I wanted to be known for the actions I did to protect my Family, my friends and my home.

"I can say that Basic Combat Training has done more than just train me. It's opened me up to the bigger picture of helping others for the simple fact of being a better person."

My MOS is 35F "intelligence analyst. I love to deal with electronics and complicated situations that require a lot of thought."

PVT. BRITTANY WOODS, 18
Aurora, Colorado



"I joined the Army to make something of myself, to make my parent proud of me, to set an example for my Family and to show my sister that I can do it so can she. I joined to finally show myself I can do something without giving up.

"My MOS is 35G – Geospatial Intelligence Imagery Analyst. I chose the MOS because I like challenging myself and working hard to help others out the best possible way I can."

PVT. GARRETT BUTH, 19
Kewaskum, Wisconsin

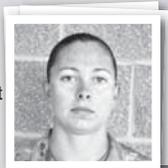


"I joined the Army to serve my country and protect those who can't protect themselves.

"The discipline and leadership skills we have acquired will help us work as a team with anyone despite our different upbringings. Basic training has taught me to always value the little things in life."

"I am a 68C or Practical Nursing Specialist. I picked that MOS because I can get hands on with injured Soldiers and help them recover."

SPC. MORGAN T. WILSON, 23
Tallassee, Alabama



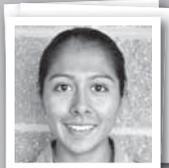
"I joined the Army to better my life and be a part of something that is bigger than myself.

"Basic Combat Training has taught me the importance of leadership and the importance of working together as a team.

"I am a 68W – Combat Medic. I chose this MOS because I value the life of everyone that serves this country and I've always wanted to be a part of a team that saves lives."

"My Family fully supports my decision to join the military."

PVT. MICHELE CASTANEDA-ARROYO, 18
Douglas, Arizona



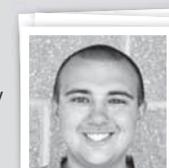
"I joined the Army to become a U.S. citizen, be able to get college money and I like to travel."

"The exercises, learning new things and meeting new people" is what's good about basic training.

"I chose to be a 92M – Mortuary Affairs Specialist because I am into forensic science and that is the closest to it.

"I look forward to travelling and meeting new people. I also see myself retiring from the Army. I had a good experience in basic training and enjoyed learning new things."

PVT. JACOB L. VIVEIROS, 21
Providence, Rhode Island



"I joined the Army to do my part in helping protect the country that has given me so much and to provide a stable and prosperous future for my wife and future children.

"I am a 31E – Internment/ Resettlement Specialist. I picked this MOS because I've always been interested in law enforcement and I want to help keep some the military's worst behind bars.

"My Family thinks my enlistment is one of the best things I could have ever done. I am the first in my Family to ever join the military."

USARCENT hosts Multinational NCO Symposium in Georgia

By **STAFF SGT. JARED CRAIN**
USARCENT Public Affairs

A non-commissioned officer is considered the backbone of the Army. U.S. Army Central had the opportunity to showcase how the U.S. Army develops them during their second Multinational NCO Symposium Aug. 1-5, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Partner nation NCOs and officers from the Arabian Peninsula, Greater Levant, and Central and South Asia joined USARCENT to discuss and learn on how to better develop Soldiers and future NCOs. The symposium was hosted by Command Sgt. Maj. Eric C. Dostie, USARCENT command sergeant major.

"The importance of this symposium is really two-fold," said Dostie. "One is to get the information across to our partners, and two is just coming together and having professional discussions, meeting with each other, and building relationships. That's how we get the most value from these type of events."

Sidney Curtis Sr., USARCENT multilateral events planner, said events like the symposium gives USARCENT the opportunity to meet with its counterparts from the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to develop a great working relationship and help partner nations as they continue to develop their NCO Corps.

"We wanted to show the other countries how we develop and mentor our new Soldiers so that they can go back and develop their lower enlisted personnel," said Curtis.

During the symposium partner nations observed the U.S. Army's process of recruiting and training Soldiers. Participants observed how the U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System operates by touring the NCO Academy's Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course and Airborne School.

"We were able to show them the U.S. Army method of how we develop our NCO Corps and how we invest a lot of time and resources into building NCOs from the time we recruit them, to the time we pin them sergeant major and the many steps they go through," said Dostie.

Partnered countries were also briefed on the different NCOPDS opportunities available to their soldiers in the United States.

"I took many positive things from the symposium," said Sgt. 1st Class Assylbek Satybaldin, Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan's Ministry of Defense special operations office NCO. "Seeing the briefs of other countries and how they develop their NCO Corps was very interesting and very informative."

Partner nations briefed symposium attendees on the structure of their country's NCO Corps and how they train and develop future leaders.

"The training was outstanding and a very good opportunity to share ideas and to learn from the others, which can help enhance the way you train your Soldiers and NCOs," said Sgt. Maj. Mohammad Ismal Mohammad Al-Smadi, sergeant major of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

BRIEFS

Families eligible for DOD tutoring program

Tutor.com is available free for U.S. Military Service members and Families. Funded by the Department of Defense, Tutor.com is a program that allows eligible students (grades K-12) and service members in U.S. military families to connect to a live tutor at any time for one-to-one help with homework, studying, test prep, proofreading and more at no cost. Access directly at <http://military.tutor.com/home>.

Claims against estate

If anyone has a claim against the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon M. Prins, contact 1st Lt. Davin Harmon at davin.l.harmon.mil@mail.mil.

Thrift shop hours

■ Today is the last day that summer clothing will be accepted.

■ Aug. 30 is the first day that winter clothing will be accepted.

■ Sept. 20-Oct. 13, Halloween-related items will be accepted.

The thrift shop is located at the mini mall, Building 4713 on Lee Road. The store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

IN FOCUS

School Days

Fort Jackson schools embracing change this year

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Rebecca Smilowska walked out of Pierce Terrace Elementary school Monday wiping tears from out her eyes as children and parents shuffle through the front doors.

"I'm so emotional," she said. "They were probably more ready for me than I am."

Her and her husband, Staff Sgt. Brain Smilowska, walked their two girls to school that morning and were among many of other parents who decided to accompany their children on the first day of the new school year.

Monday kicked off the 2016-2017 academic school year for children attending school on Fort Jackson. Kids attending Dent Middle School and Richland Northeast started yesterday.

"Our first day – and first week – is about building routines," said Audrey Griffin, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School principal. "I tell teachers to use this week as review, use this week to establish routines. If you build those routines now, we don't have to come back and re-set them."

For teachers, preparation for the first day of the new year began as the previous school term was coming to a close, said Randy James, fifth grade teacher at C.C. Pinckney.

"That was when we looked to see where we were and what we wanted to do academically with students," he said, "and how we wanted to promote social growth, as well as academic growth. A lot of (training) was done over the summer. And last week was also looking at training for our new

math series."

Faculty from both schools on Fort Jackson celebrated the start of the new year with an opening ceremony at C.C. Pinckney August 12th. In attendance at the ceremony was Department of Defence Education Activity Superintendent Christy Huddleston and Community Superintendent Kathleen Reiss.

Reiss talked about the importance of change. She encouraged that as educators they should focusing on changing and keeping up with the times.

"Our schools needs to be hubs of academic achievement and greeting grounds for critical thinkers and lifelong learners," Reiss said. "Change is a prerequisite to improvement."

Reiss shared some of her favorite quotes about change to get the group excited about embracing it.

"If you do not change directions you might end up where you're heading," she quoted. "We cannot become what we want to be by remaining who we are."

Huddleston used geese as a metaphor during the ceremony to explain how the teachers should work together as a team.

"You know when you see them flying in formation and you can hear them honking up there?" She said. "They are up there honking to encourage each other to keep moving forward. The honk to motivate each other."

Both teacher and parents were excited about the start of the school year.

Wallace McBride contributed to this story.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

'If there was no change, there would be no butterflies,' said Department of Defence Education Activity Community Superintendent Kathleen Reiss during a back to school opening ceremony for faculty and staff Aug. 12 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Parents escort children to their first day of school Monday morning at C.C. Pinckney Elementary.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Amy Brown, left, says goodbye to daughter Lilah, 7, on the first day of the new school year Monday morning at C.C. Pinckney Elementary.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Pierce Terrace Elementary librarian Richard Horan, gives a student a hug as she enters the building. Staff members from the school stand at the door to greet people as they arrived.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fort Jackson Schools
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 7, training day (no school)
Oct. 10, Columbus Day (no school)
Oct. 20, teacher training (no school)
Oct. 21, teacher work day (no school)
Oct. 27-28, parent-teacher conferences (no school)
Nov. 11, Veterans Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25, Thanksgiving holiday (no school)

Richland School District One
www.richlandone.org
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Sept. 15, early release for all schools
Oct. 13, early release for all schools
Oct. 14, professional development (no school)
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Richland School District Two
www.richland2.org
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Sept. 22, early release for all schools
Oct. 13, early release for all schools
Oct. 14, student holiday (no school)
Nov. 8, district in-service (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Kershaw County Schools
www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 21, early dismissal
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Lexington County School District One
www.lexington1.net/
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 21, parent-teacher conferences (no school)
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Lexington School District Two
www.lex2.org
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Sept. 28, early dismissal
Oct. 21, teacher in-service (no school)
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 11, Veterans Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Lexington School District Five
www.lex5.k12.sc.us/
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 10, teacher in-service (no school)
Nov. 7, teacher in-service (no school)
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Fairfield County School District
www.fairfield.k12.sc.us/
Sept. 5, Labor Day (no school)
Sept. 21, delayed start for students
Oct. 10, professional development (no school)
Oct. 21, teacher workday (no school)
Nov. 8, Election Day (no school)
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

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Counties offer safe zones for exchanges

By VERAN HILL
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

In an effort to provide safe havens for Internet purchases and sales, counties in the Midlands have established Internet Exchange Zones for public use. The designated Internet Exchange Zones are located in areas that have 24-hour video surveillance, on premises that have high visibility or where there's law enforcement presence. Some are identified with signs.

If you are making an exchange in a Richland County location that does not have surveillance, "it's encouraged that you call a police station to have a deputy in the area when conducting your business," said Lt. Curtis Wilson, public information officer of Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Wilson recommends, "if possible, use (Internet Exchange Zones) during daylight hours, call the non-emergency number for dispatch at (803) 252-9111 and let them know the time and location where the exchange will take place if done at dusk."

The use of Internet Exchange Zones can be a deterrent to criminals; however, vigilance is key.

"Never come alone to meet a stranger. Let someone know where and when you are going to meet (for the transaction) and get the name and any contact information you might have for the person you are meeting" said Ken Bell, public information officer of Sumter County Sheriff's Office.



Photo by VERAN HILL

To provide safe space for internet purchases and other transactions, many surrounding counties have begun to establish Internet Exchange Zones for public use. The locations have 24-hour video surveillance and high visibility.

SAFE ZONES

The designated Internet Exchange Zones for the surrounding counties are:

Richland:

- Main Police Headquarters – 5623 Two Notch Road Columbia, SC 29223 (24-hour surveillance)
- Region 1 Headquarters – 2615 Lower Richland Boulevard Hopkins, SC 29061
- Region 3 Headquarters – 6429 Bishop Avenue Columbia, SC 29210
- Region 4 Headquarters – 1019 Beatty Road Columbia, SC 29210
- Region 6 Headquarters – 118 McNulty Street Blythewood, SC 29016

Sumter:

- Sheriff's Office – 1281 North Main Street (US Hwy 15 N) Sumter, SC 29153 (24-hour surveillance)
- Sumter Police Department – 107 East Hampton Avenue Sumter, SC 29150 (24-hour surveillance)
- The Bi-Lo parking lot – 2055 Wedgefield Road Sumter, SC 29154 (24-hour surveillance)

Lexington:

- Lexington Municipal Complex – 111 Maiden Lane Lexington, SC 29072 (24-hour surveillance)

Kershaw:

- Kershaw County Sheriff's Office – 821 Ridgeway Road Lugoff, SC 29078
- Camden Police Department – 1000 Lyttleton St, Camden, SC 29020

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



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Zika virus: Frequently Asked Questions

How is Zika transmitted?

Zika is one of several diseases spread by the Aedes mosquito, which also spreads dengue and chikungunya. People primarily become infected with Zika from mosquito bites. Recent evidence suggests that Zika might also spread through body fluids, sexual activity, blood transfusions and from mother to child during pregnancy.

Where is it found?

Most recently, Zika has been rapidly spreading in South and Central America and the Caribbean. The virus is expected to spread to some parts of nearly all countries in the Americas. For the most current travel alerts visit www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html

What are the symptoms?

About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika will become ill. The illness is usually mild and includes fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes. Symptoms last from several days to a week.

No vaccine or specific treatments are available to prevent or treat Zika. Recently, Zika infection has been linked to a rare condition called Guillain-Barré syndrome and to infants born with birth defects. Symptoms of Guillain-Barré syndrome include weakness of the arms and legs that is usu-

ally the same on both sides of the body. If you or someone you know develops any of these symptoms, especially after traveling to an area with ongoing Zika transmission, see your healthcare provider.

What are the dangers for pregnant women?

During pregnancy Zika may pass from mother to baby. Some women infected with Zika while pregnant have had babies born with microcephaly, a condition where a baby is born with an abnormally small head and incomplete brain development.

What should you do if you are pregnant or trying to get pregnant?

Women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant who do not live in areas with active transmission of Zika should postpone travel to areas where Zika transmission is ongoing. Talk to your sexual partners about their potential exposure to Zika and any history of Zika-like symptoms.

Pregnant women or women who are trying to get pregnant, who live in an area with active transmission of Zika, should take special precautions. Pregnant women and their male partners should strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites. To prevent sexual transmission of Zika, consider not having sex or use condoms the right way

every time during pregnancy. Talk to your healthcare provider about plans to become pregnant. Testing is recommended for pregnant women who live in areas with active transmission of Zika; follow all recommendations for prenatal care. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika infection and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected.

Pregnant Soldiers and DOD employees who live or work in an area with active Zika transmission should talk to their chain of command for specific personal protective guidance and resources.

Should Soldiers who are pregnant, nursing, or trying to get pregnant wear an ACU treated with permethrin?

Yes, if you are in an area with active Zika transmission. A permethrin-treated uniform, as part of the DOD Insect Repellent System is your best defense against infected mosquitos. Discuss with your healthcare provider whether or not you are at risk of Zika infection. If your uniform is not treated with permethrin (maternity or untreated ACU) and you and your healthcare provider decide that wearing an ACU with permethrin is the best choice, you can learn how to safely treat your ACU by visiting: <http://go.usa.gov/cymwB/>.

Zika

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“We continue to do surveillance on the population of this state,” Quist said. “We work closely with the state. We’ve had had zero evidence of Zika virus or transmittable disease by this particular mosquito on (the installation) or in South Carolina. We continue to do surveillance.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a Level 2 Travel Alert for areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, asking travelers to practice “enhanced precautions.” THE CDC recommends that women who are pregnant, or trying to become pregnant, consider delaying travel plans to areas where Zika virus is an ongoing problem. Cases of Zika have been reported in the United States in travelers who have visited areas where the virus has been identified.

The travel advisory is particularly important for women who are pregnant, as the virus has been connected to problematic pregnancies and significant birth defects.

“It’s a very important disease concern for us,” Quist said, “particularly for pregnant women and the affect it can have on an unborn child.”



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Sgt. Major Gil Hoffer of The United States Army Band warms up his trumpet with members of the 282nd Band. Gil wanted to perform with the band during his daughter's graduation to find a 'meaningful way to congratulate her,' he said.

'It's my sound'

Father plays with Army band for daughter's graduation

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

A trumpet blares out on Fort Jackson's Hilton Field today hoping that it's tune sounds familiar to the ear of a graduating Soldier.

While most families coming to graduation cheer on their new Soldier from the bleachers, Sgt. Major Gil Hoffer, of the United States Army Band's "Pershing's Own," wanted to find a special way to celebrate his daughter completing 10 weeks of basic combat training.

He wanted to perform with Fort Jackson's 282nd band.

"When Hoffer e-mailed me asking if he could march on the field for his daughter, I said no problem. Of course," said 1st Sgt. Kristin Barrett of the 282nd Band.

His daughter, Spc. Tiffany Hoffer, of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, said her father was the biggest influence in her decision to play in an Army band.

"I started playing in 5th grade and he would help me," she said. "I love watching him play and hearing him."

Gil and his daughter both play trumpet. The both attended Indiana University for music and both studied with classic trumpeter John Rommel.

Tiffany will be playing in the Army Field Band out of Fort Meade, Maryland, which is a counterpart to Gil's band. There will be time when the two play at the same occasions.

"I hope she knows it's my sound when I play. I hope she knows it's me," Gil said. "We're both musicians so I thought this was a more meaningful way to congratulate her."



Spc. Tiffany Hoffer, of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry, graduated today from Basic Combat Training.

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Child Safety Awareness Initial Training

Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members. This two hour initial training workshop provides information on how to recognize, identify and report child abuse. It is a requirement for law enforcement, legal, chaplains, CYSS employees/volunteers, teachers and other installation personnel whose employment requires contact with children. A certificate of attendance is provided upon completion. The class is offered the 1st Monday of each month, 1700-1900 hrs at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street room 10. Please register at 751-6325.

Healthy Relationships

Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members. Healthy Relationships is an interactive discussion-based class, designed to encourage positive, emotionally healthy relationships. Topics discussed will include open communication, dealing with conflict, self-esteem, roles of independence and respect and how to recognize, grow and maintain healthy relationships. Your relationship with intimate partners, Family members, and friends is worth the time to attend the Healthy Relationships class. The class is offered the 1st Tuesday of each month from 1100-1200 at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street room 10. Please register at 751-6325.

Stress Management

Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members. This workshop is designed to raise awareness to the significance of stress related problems. It focuses on identifying and managing stressors, and learning to relax. Participants identify personal stressors and discuss ways to eliminate/reduce the effects. The class is offered on the 1st Thursday of each month, 1100-1200 hrs, at Family Advocacy's Classroom 10, Bldg. 5614, Hood Street and a certificate of attendance is awarded upon completion. To register, call 751-6325.

Baby Basics

This class offers expectant parents training/information in preparation for the routine care of their newborn baby. Topics include handling, bathing, diapering, feeding and safety concerns. The class is conducted on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 1000-1200 hrs at FAP classroom 10 in bldg 5614 on Hood Street. Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members expecting or who have a newborn up to six weeks old. Child care may be available. Call 751-6325 to register.

FMWR

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"The recreation team will take over and run Coleman Fitness Center," he said. "It's just a different team that will be running Coleman; it doesn't effect the units in any form or fashion."

The changes are going to be implemented on or around Oct. 1, Ahern said.

"This is simply belt tightening that the Army's going to have to do with FMWR programs," Ahern said. "It's happening at every garrison, it's not just specific to Fort Jackson. I'm actually pleased we won't have a more significant impact across the board, because it could have been a lot worse."

The original predictions suggested FMWR was looking at a cut around 40-45 percent, he said.

A silver lining in the coming fiscal year is the prospect of an Army Wellness Center opening on post, said Col. Eric S. Edwards, commander of Moncrief Army Health Clinic.

Edwards said 23 of 29 locations have already been established as part of the Army Wellness Program, and it's probable one of the remaining sites will open on Fort Jackson during the next fiscal year. Dedicated to promoting healthy living and the prevention of illness and disease, Army Wellness Centers have already show to have had a 97 percent satisfaction rate with customers.

"The target audience for the Army Wellness Program includes that of our permanent party personnel here on Fort Jackson, their Family members, Department of the Army civilians and retirees," Edwards said. "We've gauged the staffing and equipment lever to support a population of what they call a 'medium-sized post' ... of between 30,000 and 70,000 people."

Fort Jackson is now in the process of selecting a site for the center, which would be under the guidance of Moncrief Army Health Clinic.

"We suspect that, by the end of August, we'll know what building they're going to occupy," Edwards said.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Junior Olympians

'All of us were kids at one point in time ... and we wondered what we were going to do with our life,' said Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, center, during an awards ceremony for Team Blaze, a USA Track & Field Jr. Olympic Team. Standing beside him are head coaches Nathan Gantt, left, and Warren Eure, right. 'And I tell you that most of us are successful because we had someone that took time out of their personal life to give us something ... thank you coaches for giving back to our youth.'