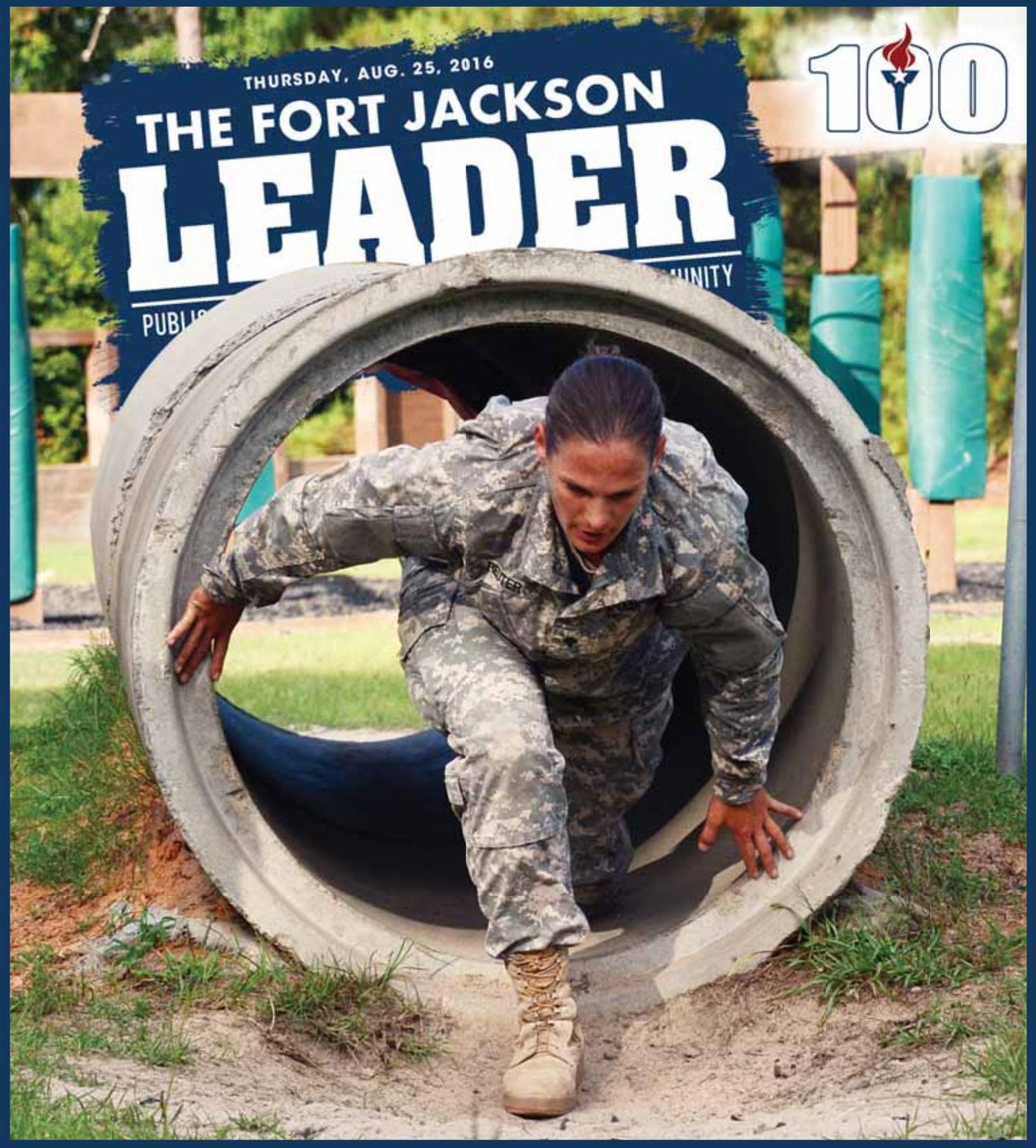


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CAN YOU MAKE THE CUT? POST COMMAND SGT. MAJ. APPEARS IN RECRUITING AD P4

CHILDREN KICK OFF NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH COLOR RUN P7



ON THE COVER

Spc. Amanda Reuter, Fort Jackson's Soldier of the Year, exits a tube during a recent competition to determine who are the best Soldiers on post. SEE PAGE 3.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Community Calendar

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO

FJLeader@gmail.com

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

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.

SATURDAY

Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon
8 a.m. The event is a 5K Run, 15K bike and 1500M swim. Call the Sports Office to register at 751-3096.

MONDAY

Promotion ceremony
Brig. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson will be promoted to major general in a ceremony on Victory Field Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. A reception will be held immediately afterwards in the Officer's Club Regimental Room.

MONDAY, TUESDAY

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

Combined Federal Campaign kick-off
3:30 p.m., Officer's Club.

SEPT. 1

Town Hall
1:30-3 p.m., Solomon Center. 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 of two town hall meetings for civilian employees to take place in coming months.

SEPT. 2

First Friday Golf Tournament
1 p.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. You may enter your own team, but the team must have a total team handicap of at least 40, with no single handicap counting for more than 20 of the team's total. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up. The PGA professionals will make teams of individuals that enter. For more information, call 787-4437.

SEPT 6

Storytime at the Library
11:30 a.m.-noon, Thomas Lee Hall Library. Visit the library for stories, songs and crafts. Suggested age is six and younger. For more information, call 751-5589.

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SEPT. 13

Maude Lecture Series
2 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Maj. Gen. Jason T. Evan, Director of Military Personnel Management, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (G1) will be speaking as part of the Maude Leadership Lecture Series. Senior leaders, company-level and higher command teams and human resources/S1 organization leaders are invited to attend the lecture series aimed at increasing opportunities to enhance their leadership skills with current and former Army leadership. The lecture is free. For more information contact Capt. Chinyere Asoh at 751-8314.



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women worked on Fort Jackson as clerks and stenographers for the first time

By Demetria Mosley

The post's top warriors

Fort Jackson selects Soldiers of the year

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

"It feels good now that it's over," said Staff Sgt. Russell Everett, a drill sergeant with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. He had, moments before, faced the final obstacle to determine who Fort Jackson's top Soldiers are – a board made up of senior enlisted leaders from across post.

Everett, one of many Soldiers vying for the coveted title of drill sergeant of the year, had just finished the last hurdle in Fort Jackson's 2016 Drill Sergeant of the Year/Platoon Sergeant of the Year/Non-commissioned officer of the Year/Soldier of the Year competition.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Barsi was named Drill Sergeant of the Year, Staff Sgt. Chriss Brooks NCO of the Year and Spc. Amanda Reuter Soldier of the Year.

Soldiers competing faced challenging testing at such places as the Fit to Win obstacle course, the rifle range, and round-robin testing at the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility Aug. 15-17 under sweltering heat during the hottest summer ever recorded in South Carolina.

It was so hot and humid that Everett's sponsor, 1st Sgt. Sanae Hutchinson, said conducting the Army Physical Fitness Test was like "being underwater."

The competition put all contestants under enormous stress and fully taxed their tired bodies, yet for some it was par for the course.

Being a drill sergeant means being tired, Everett said as he waited for other contestants to finish the Confidence Course.

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To be honest I am kind of used to competitions like this, so I would say the board could be the most difficult.
— Staff Sgt. Daniel Barsi
Drill Sergeant of the Year

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Photos by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Above, Spc. Amanda Reuter, a chaplain's assistant with 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, adjusts the sights on an M16A2 rifle during the marksmanship portion of the 2016 Drill Sergeant of the Year/Platoon Sergeant of the Year/Non-commissioned Officer of the Year/Soldier of the Year competition. After a grueling competition, Reuter was named the post's Soldier of the Year. Left, Staff Sgt. Russell Everett, a drill sergeant with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, adjusts his uniform with the help of his sponsor 1st Sgt. Sanae Hutchinson minutes before standing before a board comprised of senior enlisted leaders from across post during the final phase of the competition.





Courtesy photo

Fort Jackson Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, left, appears in an image being used as part of the Army's new 'Can You Make the Cut' recruiting campaign.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. appears in recruiting ad

Campaign focuses on 'America's Drill Sergeant'

By **LESLIE ANN SULLY**
Columbia Recruiting Battalion

Fort Jackson Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian has had many roles during his Army career and now he can add being the drill sergeant face that millions will see around America. His picture from the Army's "Can You Make the Cut" campaign was selected as one of the photos used to wrap the new U.S. Army Recruiting Command Marketing Trailers.

His job at the time of the photo shoot was Commandant of the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy on Fort Jackson, S.C.

"The opportunity to see the picture on a local trailer was very humbling and exciting," he said when he saw one outside of the headquarters of U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Columbia. The battalion, just like the other 38 battalions across America, received two trailers in August. One is now located at the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Asheville to help promote the Army in the Asheville, N.C. and Greenville areas. The other is at the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Augusta and will be traveling around the Augusta, Ga., recruiting area as well as the greater Columbia communities.



Photo by **LESLIE ANN SULLY**

A photo featuring Fort Jackson Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, right, is being used on the sides of U.S. Army Recruiting Command Marketing Trailers. One of these trailers has been spotted at Army Recruiting Battalion Columbia, commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Garbarino, right.

The role of promoting a positive image for the Army is not new to Christian. Previously, he was recognized as America's drill sergeant. He started his drill sergeant time at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1993 and later served at that

Fort Benning Drill Sergeant School until 1998. As a Drill Sergeant Leader, Christian recorded several Army cadences for Army use. Later, he learned that one was used in a Gatorade commercial.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488



FRIDAY

Ice Age: Collision Course (PG) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Ice Age: Collision Course (PG) 1 p.m.
Star Trek Beyond (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Ice Age: Collision Course (PG) 1 p.m.
Star Trek Beyond (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.

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 RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS



CYSS Presents

KIT Training: Behavior Support Techniques *Strategies for addressing challenging behavior + Guides for responding to the behavior*

Two Sessions Available:

September 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. Officers' Club	September 15, 2016 5 p.m. Youth Center
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Participants will discuss how to identify influences on behavior, define behavior problems, and develop plans to teach skills.

Free and open to professionals and parents.

Please RSVP by Sep. 12 to Kelsha McCoy-Wilson, School Liaison, at 803.751.6150 ext. 2

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS



FREE SLINKY! Limited time offer.

At Century Lanes Bowling Center
4464 Gregg Street • (803)751-6138

Get a free slinky with the purchase of any fountain drink at the Strike Zone Snack Bar.

This limited time offer is valid only while supplies last.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES 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.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Military appreciation

Fort Jackson Soldiers salute Friday night during a performance of the National Anthem by the 282nd Army Band during a military appreciation night game at Spirit Communications Park. More than 2,000 Soldiers and Family members were present for the game, which pit the Columbia Fireflies (wearing camouflaged jerseys) against the Augusta GreenJackets. Unfortunately, a storm fell on Columbia during the first inning, forcing the game to be postponed.

Installation health promotion officer named to '40 Under 40' list

Erica N. Parks, Installation Health Promotion Officer/ORISE Fellow at the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, has been named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's "40 Under 40" class of 2016.

Nearly 400 nominations were submitted for the Class of 2016. Selections were based on the graduates' commitment to a lifelong relationship with UGA and their successes in both personal and professional endeavors. This year's class includes alumni in a variety of industries ranging from law to optometry, and it includes current and former NFL players and an award-winning country music artist.

In her senior leadership role, Parks integrates the Army's mission, medical, and garrison resources to enhance health promotion programs at Fort Jackson by identifying gaps and redundancies in programs and services.

"I am honored to have been selected into this prestigious group of UGA alumni," Parks said. "I believe God will continue to bless my efforts. I want to always be remembered as an alum whom



Erica N. Parks

was actively engaged in her community. An alum who diligently gave of her time, monies, and service to better humanity."

"Announcing the 40 Under 40 honorees each year is exciting," said Meredith Gurley Johnson, executive director of alumni relations. "We received hundreds of nominations this year, highlighting the incredible accomplishments of UGA's young graduates. It is truly challenging to narrow the list down to 40."

Parks graduated from UGA in 2011 with a master's degrees in Public Health in Health Policy and Management. She holds a bachelor's degree in Human Ser-

vices from Kennesaw State University with a National Certification in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from Non-profit Leadership Alliance. She earned her associate degree in pre-nursing at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Upon graduation from UGA, Erica began serving actively with UGA Alumni Association as a member of the Multicultural Programs Steering Committee. She has served as an ambassador and panelist at several community events; and has offered financial literacy seminars to the Women of UGA through her financial service business. Now, she is a founding member of the UGA's Black Alumni Leadership Council. It is in this capacity, which she gets to participate in recruiting African American/Black students, faculty, and staff; retaining African American/Black Students to completion of degree programs; engage current students and alumni in mentoring and professional development. She also solicits donor engagement and friend-raising for UGA needs. Parks serves as an ambassador and liaison to the university and community at large.



October events highlight domestic violence awareness

The U.S. Army supports the Domestic Violence Awareness Month observance to bring attention to an issue that undermines the Army Values. Domestic violence has the potential to end careers – and even lives.

Throughout October, Fort Jackson will be working to promote awareness, encourage reporting, provide safety for victims, encourage all members of the Army community to look out for one another, and ensure treatment is provided and administrative action taken when needed.

Oct. 4

Silent Witness

11 a.m. until noon at the S.C. Statehouse. A silent ceremony will take place on the statehouse grounds in memory of victims of domestic violence.

Oct. 4

Purple Up

Fort Jackson residents and employees are encouraged to wear purple in support of domestic violence awareness.

Oct. 4

Gate campaign

Domestic Violence Awareness Month literature will be distributed to morning drivers entering Gate 2.

Oct. 8

Mayor's Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

8-11 a.m. at Finley Park in downtown Columbia. The event is free.

Oct. 11

Outreach

Domestic violence outreach programs will be established at various locations on post from 10 a.m. until noon, including the commissary, the Exchange and Moncrief Army Health Clinic.

Oct. 22

Annual Bike-a-Thon

10 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Solomon Center.



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Chalk powder covers the fields and runners at Fort Jackson's Youth Services Complex during the annual Back to School color run Aug. 20.



Annamarie Kelly gets splashed with paint at the finish line of the color run.

LET YOUR COLORS RUN

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

A myriad of white T-shirts lined the football field Aug. 20 at Fort Jackson's Youth Services Complex for the start of the second annual Back to School Color Run.

"Run it if you want to, walk it or skip it. It's all about having fun," said Darius Lane, the Youth Sports and Fitness Director, to the crowd of excited kids and adults ready to take part in the day's activities.

Lane said the idea to have the event came from noticing how popular color runs were becoming.

"There were a lot of color runs happening, but none of them were really catered just for kids," he said. "I thought this would be a good way to get our kids active and have fun at the same time."

As participants competed in the one-mile run, staff members tossed colored paint on them at various stations around the field.



Children and adults from Fort Jackson's Child Development Center participate in sack races and water balloon contests during last weekend's color run event.

Housing resident receives scholarship

Special to the Leader

Fort Jackson Family Homes' resident Audrey Dopp has received an academic scholarship award for the 2016/2017 school year through the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation. Dopp will be studying elementary education at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City this fall.



Audrey Dopp

Balfour Beatty Communities provides residential property management and development services for more than 55 military installations across the United States, including Fort Jackson.

"On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to congratulate this year's hardworking and dedicated scholarship winners," said Chris Williams, president of Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation. "The academic and community-driven integrity of our resident applicants is consistently impressive and we are proud to help support their academic journey and future aspirations."

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation has awarded 50 academic scholarships in total for the upcoming 2016/2017 year to residents of properties owned and managed by Balfour Beatty Communities. Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation awards academic scholarships to high school seniors, undergraduate and/or graduate students attending accredited educational/technical institutions.

Survival rates improving for Soldiers wounded in combat

By DAVID VERGUN
Army News Service

About 92 percent of Soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan have made it home alive, according to Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West.

That's the highest percentage in the history of warfare, despite the rising severity of battle injuries from increasingly lethal weapons, said West, Surgeon general of the Army and commander of Army Medical Command. She spoke Aug. 18 to the Defense Writers Group.

The survival rate in Vietnam was around 75 percent, she told her audience.

There are a number of reasons for improved survival rates, West said.

Soldiers, not just medics, are receiving much better training in lifesaving techniques, and Army medicine has continued to advance, she said. Another reason is that casualties are transported swiftly back to hospitals and receive excellent care en route.

Other contributing factors are less obvious, she said, like improved communication from the point of injury.

For example, a video teleconference line has been established between forces deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq back to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, which is usually the first stop for casualties,

she pointed out.

Communications channels have also been established with follow-on treatment centers, including Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland; Naval Medical Center San Diego; and the Army's burn center at Joint Base San Antonio.

During a recent video teleconference, West recalled, physicians in the U.S. were able to see that a Soldier's head wound was causing inter-cranial pressure and advise medical staff to address while still in theater.

Open communications channels also mean that medical staff stateside can better prepare for an incoming casualty, West added.

While battlefield survival rates continue to improve, Soldiers in future conflicts may not be so fortunate, West said.

In the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. forces had the luxury of air superiority and could evacuate casualties almost at will, she said.

A Soldier with a head wound in Afghanistan could arrive from the point of injury to Bethesda Naval Medical Center where the medical specialist was standing by within 24 hours of being wounded, she said.

"That's unprecedented," she said.

But in a conflict with a near-peer enemy U.S. forces cannot count on that level of air superiority, West said. So Army medicine is looking for alternative ways of treatment.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 3RD BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. ULYSES BRIDGES, 18

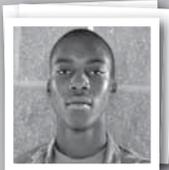
Desert Hot Springs, California

"I joined the Army because I always wanted to be in law enforcement."

What has been good about Basic Combat Training are "the new experiences I never otherwise would do."

"My MOS is Water Treatment Specialist (92W). In a year I really want to change it to corrections or military police."

"My mother and others are sad, but very happy I want to be better."



SPC. AMY HAYES, 33

Sierra Vista, Arizona

"I joined the Army to serve my country. After deploying several times as a Department of Defense civilian, I wanted to utilize my skill sets to support the Army's mission."

"Basic Combat Training is the premier environment to learn resiliency skills to overcome adverse conditions; it prepares each trainee to become a Soldier."

"I am an Officer Candidate School candidate, U.S. Army Reservist branched military intelligence, 35D."

"I look forward to applying the skills I've learned in BCT in OCS and beyond."



PVT. LAGREGORY GAMMAGE, 19

Bay Springs, Mississippi

"I joined the Army to become a better citizen."

"BCT pushed me and made me into a better man."

I am a "91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic). I picked that MOS because I used to work on cars at home."

"My Family thinks it was the best thing I ever did."

"I can say I have accomplished things that I thought I couldn't ever do."



PFC. CHARLOTTE J. PLEHN, 19

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

"I joined the Army because it is a Family tradition. I wanted to continue that and try to become someone my Family could be proud of in that aspect of my life."

"The competition and Family-like atmosphere help you get through training."

I am a "42A – Human Resource Specialist, but I am not going to Advanced Individual Training because I start my Reserve Officer Training Corps contract in September at the University of Wisconsin."

"My Family was thrilled I joined and are anxious to see what my future holds."



PVT. CHLOE M. PAGE, 17

Swanzy, New Hampshire

"I joined the Army for the discipline and experiences."

The best part of Basic Combat Training is "learning new skills and challenging myself to do every training event the best I can."

I am a "92A – Automated Logistics Specialist. That was what was available at the time. I hope to change to a different MOS when it's possible."

"My Family is proud and very supportive. My parents are successful people so I hope to continue that trend though the Army."



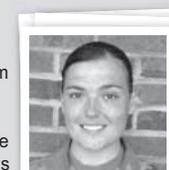
PVT. LAURA G. BRADFORD, 24

Runnelstown, Mississippi

"Joining the Army was a dream I was always scared to do. After three years being married to a Soldier, we sat down and I got the courage and support to chase this dream."

"New people, new experiences, finding self-worth and learning new limits" are what's best about basic training.

"I am a 25Q – Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator-Maintainer. I enjoy communications, but mainly my eye sight wasn't good enough for my original MOS."



Make sure your taxi fare is fair

The U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson have a five-year Vehicle for Hire Transportation Agreement with three local taxi companies:

- Checker Yellow Taxi
- Blue Ribbon Taxi
- Capitol City Taxi Co.

These three are the only companies authorized to operate on Fort Jackson.

Their drivers must have automated installation entry cards to operate on post. They also must post – inside each taxi – two sets of Fort Jackson rate sheets printed on security paper with a “Victory Starts Here” watermark.

Fort Jackson has eight taxi stands and eight taxi stops.

Taxis are not permitted to operate in any basic training area. They also are not permitted in the Family housing area except to pick up or drop off fares.

Taxis may charge only a fixed fare rate – \$3 for one person and \$2 for each additional person, per stop with one free stop at any on-post ATM.

The agreement also includes fixed rates to many local destinations, representing a 10

percent saving over meter rates. The rates are available to military ID cardholders or visitors picked up on and off post. Rates are charged to and from each destination and include as many as four riders.

Anywhere on post proper (includes one stop at an ATM). Each additional stop will cost \$2 per person, per stop. Wait time is not to exceed 15 minutes.

Rates include all riders in a party as large as six passengers. Drivers are not authorized to collect an additional \$2 from all passengers if only one person must stop at a given location.

Call 803-751-0911 for emergencies on post and 911 when you are off. Contact the Military Police desk at 803-751-3115 to request assistance if you are involved in an incident involving a taxi. When the MPs arrive, complete an information worksheet and sworn statement to report incidents that occur taxis. You may call Ms. Nelson at 803-751-5300 or Ms. Collins at 803-751-3981 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to request or report further information involving vehicles for hire.

Report other taxi issues to 803-751-5400 or 803-751-3115.

RATES TO AND FROM FORT JACKSON AND ...

■ Broad River Road/Dutch Square	(1-6 passengers)	\$27
■ Columbia Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
■ Columbiana Mall/Harbison	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
■ Columbia Place Mall	(1-6 passengers)	\$20
■ Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard area ...	(1-6 passengers)	\$8
<i>(5 a.m. to 2:59 p.m. Monday through Friday)</i>		
■ Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard area ...	(1-6 passengers)	\$10
<i>(6 p.m. to 4:59 a.m. weekends and holidays when Gate 1 is closed)</i>		
■ Downtown Columbia	(1-6 passengers)	\$15
<i>(includes Five Points and the Vista)</i>		
■ I-77 and Sumter Highway	(1-6 passengers)	\$11
■ Midtown at Forest Acres	(1-6 passengers)	\$8
■ Riverbanks Zoo	(1-6 passengers)	\$20
■ Trenholm Plaza	(1-6 passengers)	\$7
■ USC football stadium/fairgrounds	(1-6 passengers)	\$16
■ Village at Sandhills	(1-6 passengers)	\$26
■ Wal-Mart, Gate 2	(1-6 passengers)	\$7
■ Weston Lake	(1-6 passengers)	\$15
■ Charlotte Douglas Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$168

RATES TO AND FROM MCCRADY TRAINING CENTER AND ...

■ Fort Jackson property	(1-6 passengers)	\$30
■ Columbia Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$49
■ Columbiana Center/Harbison	(1-6 passengers)	\$63
■ Columbia Place Mall	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
■ Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
■ Downtown Columbia	(1-6 passengers)	\$45
<i>(includes Five Points and the Vista)</i>		
■ Village at Sandhills	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
■ Wal-Mart, Garners Ferry Road	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
■ Wal-Mart, Gate 2	(1-6 passengers)	\$37

IN FOCUS



Staff Sgt. Daniel Barsi, Fort Jackson's 2016 Drill Sergeant of the Year, navigates through the post's Confidence Course on the first day of the Drill Sergeant of the Year/Platoon Sergeant of the Year/Non-commissioned Officer of the Year/Soldier of the Year Competition. Barsi, followed in the footsteps of Staff Sgt. Eric Hulien, another drill sergeant from Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, in being named the top drill sergeant on post.

Best

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While he has repeatedly taught Soldiers how to navigate the course, he found some of the obstacles difficult because he is "not as flexible" as he used to be.

Barsi, who fought through some initial trouble and rallied, said most of the physical competition was something he had done before, but the mental side made him stress.

"To be honest I am kind of used to competitions like this, so I would say the board could be the most difficult," Barsi said. "I would say pitching all the modules (was difficult). I went from pitching all the physical readiness training modules right into pitching all of drill and ceremony. So wrapping your mind around pitching all the PRT then going into the position of attention for the push-up. Now I have to not

say the front-leaning rest, or whatever. I would say that portion was the toughest."

Barsi from Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment followed in the footsteps of last year's drill sergeant of the year, Staff Sgt. Eric Hulien, who was in the same company.

The drill sergeants weren't the only ones who were believed to have the competition end.

Spc. Amanda Reuter, a chaplain assistant with 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, found she had the physical stamina she never thought she had.

"Mentally I can do it," she said. The idea of being in a small career field also motivated her.

"I'm a Chaplain's Assistant, which is even cooler because we have such a small corps. I am going to go back and tell all the chaplains assistants they can do it themselves."

Specialists Brianna Scott and Babilia Fasel-Murillo competed against Reuter.



Above, Soldier of the Year Spc. Amanda Reuter drags a wounded mannequin to a medevac site during training inside the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility on post. Reuter said she was proud a chaplain's assistant could win the honor. Below, Soldiers competing in the 2016 Drill Sergeant of Year/Platoon Sergeant of the Year/Non-commissioned Officer of the Year/Soldier of the Year Competition had to overcome many obstacles such as rifle ranges, map reading, physical training and the oppressing South Carolina weather.



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Above, Spc. Amanda Reuter, a chaplain's assistant with 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, marks her target during rifle marksmanship testing. Reuter beat out two other Soldiers to earn the title of Fort Jackson's Soldier of the Year. Below, Spc. Brianna Scott, with MEDDAC prepares to face the board during the competition that took place Aug. 15-17.



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Armed Forces Golf Tournament results

Women's

Team - U.S. Army 640 - 640 tiebreaker win over U.S. Air Force

Individual:

1st Place: Maggy Ramirez (USN) - 314
2nd Place: Shauna Snyder (USA) - 320
3rd Place: Deborah King (USAF) - 324

Men's

Team: U.S. Air Force 1452 - 1456 win over U.S. Army

Individual:

1st Place: Kyle Westmoreland (USAF) - 280
2nd Place: Brian King (USA) - 283
3rd Place: (Tie) Ryan Allred (USA) - 288
Miguel Macias (USAF) - 288



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Teed off

A member of the Air Force Golf Team practices chipping from the fringe Aug. 20 at the Fort Jackson Golf Course prior to teeing off during the 2016 Armed Forces Golf Tournament. Teams from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines competed against each other on the Old Hickory course Aug. 20-23. Left, Army golfer Brenna Forsburg uses perfect form to drive the ball off the tee down the fairway of Old Hickory's first hole.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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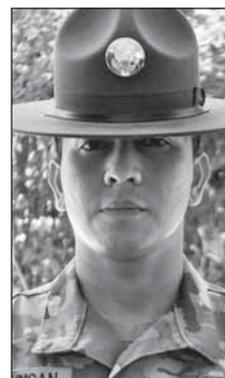


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Soldier takes unorthodox path to chaplaincy

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Becoming a Greek Orthodox minister after being a Roman Catholic priest is like learning to read right to left after reading the opposite way your entire life.

A Fort Jackson chaplain did not only that but he has served at Fort Jackson both as an enlisted Soldier and commissioned officer.

Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Paul Aleria, 45, born in Dazo City, Philippines on the island of Mindanao, spent years of his life as a Catholic priest until scandals caused him to become a lay person.

"I was ordained a deacon in 1996," he said. "Shortly thereafter I was ordained a priest. I came here in 2000. Before that I was already thinking about leaving the priesthood, but the last straw was when I was assigned in New Jersey" and the scandal hit.

"That was the last straw," said Aleria, who was ordained in the Philippines. "I left the priesthood and got a regular civilian job working at Continental Airlines in Newark (New Jersey).

"I wanted to change the direction of my life and become a common lay faithful," he added. "I have nothing wrong with the church but I just didn't want to be affiliated" with it because of the scandals.

The 9-11 terror attacks and the war in Iraq helped him decide to enlist.

"I never thought of coming back (to the priesthood) that is why I became enlisted," he said.

After training as a 42A – Human Resource Specialist, Aleria was stationed with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment in the 3rd Stryker Brigade where he deployed to Mosul during the surge.

It was during that deployment he met an Orthodox priest who would change his life, the soft-spoken chaplain said. "We were just talking about church – about everything – and he was amazed how come I knew a lot of stuff, a lot of lingo, a lot of language about the church; and I told him I used to be a Catholic priest."

Aleria's friend asked him if he was interested in coming to the Orthodox Church. He submitted an application to join the chaplaincy and was selected during the deployment causing him to be redeployed early. Around the same time he was also accepted into the Orthodox faith.

"I have seen through the Grace of God the importance of the chaplaincy," said Aleria, who now leads Jackson's Chaplain Family Life Center. "A deployment as an enlisted Soldier motivated me to become a chaplain. I inquired, I asked, and when I was talking to the Orthodox priest – who happened to be the 1st (Special Forces) Group chaplain at the time – he told me of the importance of the chaplaincy



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Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Paul Aleria, the head of the Chaplain Family Life Center, looks up after taking notes. Aleria, originally from Dazo City, Philippines on the island of Mindanao, was a Roman Catholic priest before leaving the clergy only to join the Army and become a Greek Orthodox minister.

and what it brings to the fight while being a force multiplier at the same time."

"Chaplains are a great resource for help in times of stressful situations in the heat of war," he added. "That's one that really motivates me."

Fort Jackson's installation chaplain praised Aleria for the skills and experience he brings to post.

"Chaplain Aleria brings incredible capabilities to our religious support mission here at a critical time," said Chaplain (Col.) Mark Penfold. "With his previous assignments and superb pastoral skills, he provides high quality pastoral counseling and great leadership to all of Fort Jackson."

Aleria also has a Master's degree in counseling making him perfect to work in the Chaplain Family Life Center.

The center takes "care of the bulk of counselings for marriages and Families," he said. "This is mostly for the cadre, the permanent party and the civilians here – the retirees."

He offers all types of counseling from personal, marriage counseling and even Eye Movement Desensitization and Recovery therapy.

The EMDR Institute characterizes the process as "psychotherapy that enables people to heal from the symptoms and emotional distress" caused by traumatic events.

As a prior enlisted Soldier the chaplain is able to feel a Soldier's struggles "with their Families and with their responsibilities. In the lower echelons, I was able to connect with them right away."

Greek Orthodox services are set to begin Sept. 11.

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Race staff tossed powder onto runners as they passed check points during last weekend's color run.

Colors

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Sgt. Maurice Graham II, who brought his children to the run, said the event was more than he expected.

"I thought we were just going to run up and down the field and that's it," he said. "But then we kept running and went up hills and I was like wow. This was really great."

The event turned into a field day after the run. Kids had the opportunity to go rock climbing, play with water balloons and get temporary tattoos.



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Children run a rainbow-colored gauntlet during last weekend's Back to School Color Run at Fort Jackson's Youth Services Complex.