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Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, Fort Jackson's senior commander, in front of the colors after being promoted to two-star general during a ceremony Aug. 29 at Victory Field. **SEE PAGE**

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Community Calendar

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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

Town Hall

1:30-3 p.m., Solomon Center. Fort Jackson's senior commander, Maj. 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. Attendance at one of the town hall meetings is mandatory.

TOMORROW

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.

SATURDAY

Family History Center training

10 a.m., Columbia Family History Center, 4440 Jackson Blvd. There is no charge for this training. The topic is "The U.S. Constitution and some of the problems the framers had to overcome." The public is invited. You are encouraged to bring your laptops. For more information, call Charles Walton, 803-782-7141.

TUESDAY

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.

SEPT. 8

Town Hall

1:30-3 p.m., Solomon Center. Fort Jackson's senior commander, Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, will be holding his second civilian employees town hall meeting to answer questions and provide information. Attendance at one of the town hall meetings is mandatory. (Note: the first meeting takes place today.)

SEPT. 9

Saving Today For A Better Future

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building, room 222. EFMP will host a money management class with guest speaker from the Financial Readiness Program. Learn how to budget, save, and plan for the future of a special needs Family Member. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 751-5256.

SEPT. 12

Eid-Al-Adha

9-11 a.m., Main Post Chapel. All Muslim BCT Soldiers and any Soldier interested in the Islamic faith or their battle buddy are offered to attend. It is the unit's responsibility to get the Soldiers to Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 751-4542.

SEPT. 13

Maude Lecture Series

2:30 p.m. at the Solomon Center.

Maj. Gen. Jason T. Evans, 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.

CORRECTION

The article titled, "Soldier takes unorthodox path to chaplaincy" Chap. (Maj.) Peter Paul Aleria was referred to as a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, he is from the Antiochian Orthodox Church. He was born in Davao City, Philippines not Davo City.



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By Demetria Mosley



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, Fort Jackson's 49th commanding general salutes as honors are deferred on him during his promotion ceremony Aug. 29 at Victory Field. Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, former First Army commander who presided over the ceremony, said 'He's done all the tough jobs in the tough places. People out here that have worn Army boots, or any military service, understand what that's about.'

Johnson adds second star

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's commander smiled brightly at his daughter, Sarah, as she placed a new two-star shoulder board on his Army Service Uniform during his promotion ceremony on Victory Field Monday.

Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, Fort Jackson's 49th commanding general, was promoted in front of his family and friends.

Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, former First Army commander, who has known Johnson for years and presided over the ceremony, said "I'm excited. I am so glad Pete asked me come down and do this because Pete is a very special officer."

"He has done some tremendous things in the Army," Tucker said. "He's done all the tough jobs in the tough places. People out here that have worn Army boots, or any military service, understand what that's about."

Johnson served in the 1st Ranger Battalion and fought in Operation Just Cause in Panama, deployed with Special Operations Command, was a battalion commander and the operations officer for the 82nd Airborne Division, and a brigade commander with the 101st Infantry Division.

"Slackers don't get those jobs," said

Tucker, who served in the Army for 44 years.

Tucker and Johnson's paths first crossed when they were in Afghanistan. Tucker was the chief of operations for the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul while Johnson led a brigade. They would meet again when Johnson became the executive officer to then-Lt. Gen. John F. Campbell, Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/5/7 who Tucker called, "the busiest staff officer in the world."

"You can imagine the kind of hours," Tucker added. "I was General Campbell's deputy and it was tough – tough hours. Pete somehow kept a lid on it; it was unbelievable how much calm he generated."

Tucker said he was taken by how Johnson was dedicated to his family even during hectic periods at the Pentagon.

"Pete took time out for his family," he said. "He would share stories with me about going up on the Appalachian Trail and go-

ing camping with his kids. I thought, 'how tremendous is that?' because you have every excuse to stay here and man the fort and catch up with that later. But, you put money back in the bank and he achieved balance.

"Fort Jackson, you are so privileged to get an officer who has done the tough jobs; has served 10 operational assignments in his life in some pretty bad places: Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Panama, and I cannot be any more proud than I am today to promote" Johnson to two-star general.

A major general is the third highest rank an officer can have in the Army. Until the Civil War only George Washington permanently held a higher rank.

Tucker and Johnson's family attached new shoulder boards to his uniform before his new two-star flag was unfurled and a cannonade of honors was rendered.

After being promoted Johnson spoke glowingly of Tucker.

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Tucker's career started "as a private and getting after it. For the mission here at Fort Jackson it's very symbolic," Johnson said. "Private at Fort Jackson, drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood – so he understands this mission from both sides of that equation."

"The passion he delivered to the Army on a day-to-day basis was exceptional," Johnson said. "Thanks for taking time out of your transition to the next phase of life to do this for Team Johnson. It means a whole heck of a lot."

The ceremony was Tucker's last act in uniform as he retires tomorrow.

Jackson's commander thanked the local community for its support as well.

He thanked "everyone from this great community – it's a wonderful place to be and certainly a great place to be a Soldier for sure."

In a personal note the Johnson family thanked Soldiers, non-commissioned officers, officers and Army civilians they were "lucky to be associated with."

"We are humbled by all and treasure the opportunity to continue our service in support of the Army mission – one that is much bigger than all of us."



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Attendees of the Combined Federal Campaign kick-off ceremony at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club browse the tables of local organizations they can donate to. The Palmetto State CFC raised nearly \$860,000 last year, while Fort Jackson donated roughly \$360,000.

Annual campaign looks to 'show some love'

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Members of the Fort Jackson community gathered to "show some love" at the post's Officer's Club to kick start the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign with a luncheon Tuesday.

Every year since Pres. John F. Kennedy established it in 1961, the U.S. government holds the CFC each year to allow institutions to solicit donations. Companies cannot look for donations from federal employees at any other time of the year.

The Palmetto State CFC raised almost \$860,000 in 2015.

"The CFC is one of the most significant and successful philanthropic programs in history," said Mike Quinn, director of the Palmetto State campaign. "The CFC nationally has raised \$7 billion, that's with a b, \$7 billion in charitable donations. Here in the Midlands since 2005, our local CFC has raised more than \$12 million."

Kevin Shwedo, head of South Carolina's Department of Motor Vehicles and lead of the state's recovery efforts from last year's flooding, emphasized the need for donations because it's the easiest way to help people affected by the disaster.

"I will tell you right now the federal government has not given this state its first nickel in recovery money," the former Fort Jackson chief of staff said. "There are families suffering out there today and you would not have your family live in the conditions North Carolinians and South Carolinians live in today. Between October and December 103,000 families signed up for help. Of those only 27,000 individuals got any money at all from the federal government."

Charitable organizations filled in the gap and helped in the recovery.

"I will tell you that one thing that will have an impact on turning your life in terms of faith in people is all the work that has been done by (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) and long-term recovery committees. They came in, they raised their own money to start bringing people into the state to begin



Kevin Shwedo, head of South Carolina's Department of Motor Vehicles, the state's lead for flood relief and former Fort Jackson chief of staff, speaks about the need to donate to the Combined Federal Campaign.

work on their nickel because the federal government in that area that promised them the money has failed."

These organizations are doing all the work right now, he added.

Organizations must meet certain criteria to be included in the campaign, Quinn said.

"They have to meet strict accountability rules and guidelines set forth by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management," he said. "These regulations are executed by a volunteer group of federal employees, your co-workers both on the military and civilian side. They meet every year and go through the applications."

Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson's deputy commander, said the post raised "about \$360,000" last year. "Our challenge is to open this book and not be able to find an organization in that book that doesn't directly impact their world."

Those wishing to donate to the campaign, which is strictly voluntary, should talk to their unit CFC representative or donate through MyPay.

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.
Jason Bourne (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Ice Age Collision Course (PG) 1 p.m.
Jason Bourne (PG-13) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ice Age Collision Course (PG) 1 p.m.
Jason Bourne (PG-13) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$6
Child (6 to 11): \$4

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$8 Child (6 to 11): \$6

● 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.



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



TACO TUESDAY!

(lunch is served 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 pm)

Every Tuesday at the Officers' Club
3630 Semmes Road • 782-8761

Three Tacos (your choice of Beef, Chicken or Fish) homemade Black Bean & Corn Salad, fresh Guacamole & Chips, served with four Homemade Salsas all for only \$6.95 per plate!



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



Story time

**At the Thomas Lee Hall Library
4679 Lee Road • 751-5589**

Join us for Story Time at the Library!
Sept. 6 (11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
Sept. 8 (6:30 - 7 p.m.)

Free for children younger than age 6. We read great stories, sing songs, and do a small fun activity!

For more information, contact Kristen at 803-751-5589.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS

FIRST FRIDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sep 2 (1 p.m.)
at Fort Jackson Golf Club

Captain's Choice. Teams must have a total team handicap of at least 40. No individual with more than 20 of the team's total.

Singles will be paired with PGA Professionals.

For info, call 787-4437.



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

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 Keisha McCoy Wilson, School Liaison, at 803-751-6150 ext. 2

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN!

**Available Monday - Friday at the NCO Club
5700 Lee Road, Fort Jackson, SC • 782-2218**

Fried Chicken is served as part of the all-you-can-eat buffet every Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for only \$8.75.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREEES FOR CIVILIANS



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

‘(Women) are moving fast and forward in every branch of service,’ said Sgt. Maj. Angela Maness of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island during the Aug. 26 Equality Day luncheon.

Everybody’s allowed

Installation celebrates women’s equality

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

Servicewomen around the United States are proving that the business of defending our country is no longer just a boys only club.

“All military positions are open to women now,” said Sgt. Maj. Angela Maness of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island during a luncheon Aug. 26 on Fort Jackson for Women’s Equality Day. “That includes infantry, armor and special operations. It wasn’t like that when I first started, but I’m so happy it is now,” she said.

Maness, who has served in the Marines for 30 years, talked about the importance of women advancements in the military during the lunch at Fort Jackson.

“The country succeeds when women succeed. Investing in women’s equality and empowerment helps unlock potential for the nation,” she said.

Currently, women make up 15.1 percent of the U.S. Military, according to a 2014 report from the office of the deputy assistant secretary of defense. In December, defense secretary Ash Carter announced that beginning January 2016 all military occupations and positions will be open to women without exception.

“(Women) are moving fast and forward in every branch of service,” said Maness.

Staff Sgt. Pamela Thomas of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion , 60th Infantry Regiment said that she feels as though she has to work harder than her male counterparts when it comes to her job.

As a drill sergeant, she is one of the first impressions that new army recruits get of women in service. She tries to be a little more tough on female recruits than male because she’s aware of some of the challenges they may face.

“I want them to know that no one’s just going to hand



Staff Sgt. Pamela Thomas of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion , 60th Infantry Regiment observes a female basic trainee dressing a wound on her mannequin during a field test at Fort Jackson.

anything to you because you are a woman,” she said. “I try to be that positive role model that they can look up to and try to become.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LUTHERAN
Sunday

8:30 a.m., Liturgical, Bayonet Chapel

CATHOLIC
Sunday

■ 7 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
■ 8 a.m., IET Mass, Solomon Center
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first Friday
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday

11:30 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel

JEWISH
Sunday

■ 9:15 a.m., Worship, Memorial Chapel
■ 10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel

MUSLIM
Sunday

8 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday

12:45 a.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

PAGAN
Sunday

11 a.m., Pagan Circle Sacred Well Congregation worship and study, Magruder Chapel

PROTESTANT
Sunday

■ 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
■ 10 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., Service, Main Post Chapel
■ 10 a.m., Worship, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

■ 11 a.m., Service, Memorial Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ 5 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Wednesday

■ 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

Thursday

11:45 a.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

■ **Anderson Street Chapel**, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

■ **Bayonet Chapel**, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542

■ **Chaplain Family Life Center**, 751-4961

■ **Daniel Circle Chapel**, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478

■ **Education Center**, 4581 Scales Ave.

■ **Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain and Religious Support Office**, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

■ **McCrady Chapel**, 3820 McCrady Road at McCrady Training Center, 751-7324

■ **Magruder Chapel**, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

■ **Main Post Chapel**, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681

■ **Memorial Chapel**, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

■ **Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion)**, 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427



Participants in the Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon take off during the running portion of the race Aug. 27.

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Soldier athletes test their limits in Tin Man Triathlon

Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS



Above, Son Nguyen straps on his helmet before going on the second leg of the Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon.

Below, Benjamin Troxell grabs his bicycle to start the cycling portion of the Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon Aug. 27. Competitors in the race run 5K, bike 15K, and swim 150 meters. Troxell finished third in the race with a time of 52:53.9.



Carl Robertson, swims to the finish during the third part of the Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon, Aug. 27 at the Knight Pool. Racers had to swim three lengths of the pool before reaching the finish line of the event.

Victory Tower: the first step

By 1ST LT. TROY PRESTON
211th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Victory Tower on Fort Jackson is one of many required training events new Soldiers have to pass in order to graduate basic training. It is also the first of many tasks that will test Soldiers endurance, will, and courage.

The Soldiers of Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment faced Victory Tower Aug. 23 as part of their journey to become the next batch of Soldiers ready to serve in U.S. Army.

Foxtrot Company serves a unique purpose in the Army. The drill sergeants who train the Soldiers there are a mixture of active duty and Reserve Soldiers. That fact does not change the training that the Soldiers receive.

The purpose of Victory Tower is two-fold. First, it shows the Soldiers that they can overcome their fears and start to live the Army Values, specifically personal courage. Second, it is the first time that the drill sergeants get to see the Soldiers deal with stress and fear and how they react to it. This allows the drill sergeants to see that the Soldiers are committed and willing to continue with their training.

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It's something that they probably would not have done if they didn't join the Army.

— Staff Sgt.
Desirae Delarosa
drill sergeant

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Photo by SPC. LOGAN RATH

Soldiers from Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion 34th Infantry Regiment conduct rappelling operations Aug. 23 from the Victory Tower mini wall.

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“It’s something that they probably would not have done if they didn’t join the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Desirae Delarosa, an Army drill sergeant.

Victory Tower is not without its failures. Many Soldiers freeze when they step over the ledge of the 40 foot tower. There are those who are visibly shaken as they start their decent, others who are timid and unsure of their footing, and finally those who fall. For every failure, however, there is a success story that follows. All the Soldiers of Foxtrot Company, through stumbles and falls were able to make it down the wall and succeed like every Soldier who had come before them.

Victory Tower is an excellent training event, said 1st Sgt. Anthony Childs, a U.S. Army Reserve drill sergeant from Asheville, North Carolina. “Part of it is motivational, part of it’s to make sure they are following the Army Values. It’s a graduation requirement. At the end of the day it’s about building confidence.”

Pools to close Labor Day weekend

Due to unforeseen limited staffing shortages, Knight and Legion pools will be closed Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5. Knight Pool will re-open at normal operating hours Tuesday. Weston Lake is open and fully operational this Labor Day weekend as an option.

Army marksman joins U.S. Paralympic Shooting Team

Army News Service

A second Soldier from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit was added to the 2016 U.S. Paralympic Shooting Team.

Sgt. 1st Class Shaun Tichenor will compete in the sport pistol and air pistol events during the 2016 Paralympic Games that begin in Rio De Janeiro Sept. 7.

Tichenor joins his USAMU teammate Staff Sgt. John Joss on a U.S. Paralympic Shooting Team that was already the largest in the short history of the sport, according to USA Shooting. Other competitors include Mike Tagliapietra, McKenna Dahl, Jazmin Almlie-Ryan, Tammy Delano, Tricia Downing and Marco DeLaRosa.

Tichenor is the fourth active-duty Soldier to be selected for the U.S. Paralympic Team. Staff Sgt. Michael Lukow will compete in archery, and Sgt. Elizabeth Marks will compete in swimming. The team also includes 16 Army veterans.

Tichenor joined the Army in 1997. He was assigned to the USAMU’s International Team in January 2013 as a shooter and instructor. In 2014 and 2015, he was the Paralympic National Champion for 10-meter Air Pistol.



Army News Service photo

Sgt. 1st Class Shaun Tichenor practices to compete in sport pistol and air pistol events during the 2016 Paralympic Games that begin in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Sept. 7.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...'

PFC. NICOLAS GEORGE, 21

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"I joined the Army to better myself and to make a better life for my future wife and kids."

"The best thing about basic training was the discipline it taught me and the physical changes."

I am a "31B – Military Police. I always wanted to be a police officer before I joined the Army."

My Family "love it and they are very proud of what I am doing with my life."

"Hopefully one day I am able to become an officer and retire."



PVT. ANTHONY COLLAZO, 31

San Juan, Puerto Rico

"I joined the Army because I wanted something different in my life. I am a corrections officer and I want a chance to get a federal job in Puerto Rico."

In basic training "I learned to be strong and to do everything right."

I am a "42A – Human Resource Specialist. I picked that MOS to do something different than my regular job."

"My Family is glad because the Army will help me to be a better person and to have a better job."



PVT. JALYSA KEMP, 18

Austin, Texas

"I joined the Army to get a better opportunity to achieve higher goals in life."

"The extremely dedicated drill sergeants and all the leadership characteristics instilled in my battle buddies and I" are what was good about basic training.

"I am a 42A – Human Resource Specialist. The reason I chose this career field was because I want to get a degree in business administration, so when I do, I can go into the human resource field and have military experience as well."



PFC. JONATHAN HALE, 22

Rowlett, Texas

"I joined the Army to first and foremost pay for school and help me start my civilian life after I graduate, and secondly to serve my country and challenge myself."

The best part of basic training "is the confidence it brings you, and the discipline it instills."

I am a "42A – Human Resource Specialist. I chose this because it was the best out of a few choices for a reservist at MEPS."

My Family "support the military, and support me, but wish I hadn't enlisted."



SPC. YACOUBA SIBI, 22

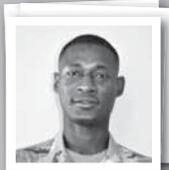
Madison, Wisconsin

"I joined to help pay for college but more importantly to serve my country."

"Understanding that everything is possible as long as you put in the effort and the hard work," is one of the best things about basic training.

"I am a 36B – Financial Management Technician, because I have a background in business and finance."

"My Family is proud of me. I am the first one to enlist and I hope it's the start of a Family tradition."



PVT. MARLENE ROCHA, 18

Woodstock, Illinois

"I really didn't know what I wanted to be when I grew up. It was either go to college not knowing what to pursue, or work full-time and be busy, so I chose the Army instead."

"I liked my drill sergeants and my platoon. We were a big Family, always fighting, laughing, and motivating each other. It felt like I was part of something."

"I am a 36B – Financial Management Technician. I chose it because I'm not good at a lot of stuff, but this MOS requires number and organization – I love that."



Can you show me how to get to Sesame Street?

USO BRING MUPPETS TO FORT JACKSON



'Raise your lights high,' cheered the volunteer staff during a USO performance of Sesame Street Aug. 30 at the Solomon Center. The show's theme was catered for military families and focused on moving and transitioning. The muppet Katie, right, was sad that her family had to move to another military base and the gang from Sesame Street cheered her up.



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY



Above, new Soldiers arriving for their first day of Basic Combat Training, Aug. 19, at Fort Jackson, S.C. are 'welcomed' by drill sergeants from both the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve.



Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Drill sergeants Sgt. Michelle Ferguson, above, and Staff Sgt. Tonya Salada, right, welcome new Soldiers on their first day of Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson. Below, new Soldiers take their first steps toward earning their uniforms.



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

SHOCK & AWE

Drill sergeants set the tone for Soldiers in Basic Combat Training



"Rapid dominance" was a concept adapted as doctrine first authored by Harlan K. Ullman and James P. Wade of the United States' National Defense University in 1996.

Simply put, it's a means of affecting the resolve of your adversary by imposing your will in a rapid system of 'shock and awe.'

Having proven effective in 2003's combat operations in Iraq, today it is widely used as a means of setting the tone for Soldiers early on in the cycle throughout the U.S. Army's Basic Combat Training posts.

For drill sergeants picking up Soldiers for the first day of basic combat training with Foxtroop Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment is the process is simple — let the Soldiers know early and often that they are here to train.

"This is basically citizens who are coming from the streets getting introduced to the Army from day one. It lets them know that 'Hey, there are certain standards of discipline that we expect from you and you will meet those expectations,'" said Army drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Giovanni Rubio.

"Up to this point they've had only a small taste of what the Army is all about in the reception battalion. Here today we are introducing them to that whole new world that is the Army. Shock and awe is probably the best way to describe this experience."

But more importantly, it's works.

"The way we pick Soldiers up on that first day sets the standard for how the cycle will be conducted. It gets the Soldier's attention," said Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Barnard, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment command sergeant major.

"When you have drill sergeants getting them immediately off the bus and into formation with high motivation it provides that 'shock and awe' that we're looking for," he said. "It basically sets the foundation for the rest of the cycle. It instills in them that they will listen or there will be repercussions."

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— Staff Sgt. Giovanni Rubio
drill sergeant

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Photo by STAFF SGT. KEN SCAR

Rainbow road

The rain subsides long enough Aug. 27 for a rainbow to arch over a tent city constructed by I Corps and Korean army soldiers for U.S. and Canadian army personnel conducting a two-week training mission at Yongin, South Korea.

Equals

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Women have been serving with the armed forces in America since 1775, but not as service members. *History.org* explains that women worked as laundresses, cooks and nurses before officially being able to join the military during the last two years of WWI as nurses.

Women's Equality Day celebrates white women gaining the right to vote with the 19th amendment in 1920. During the luncheon, Maness mentioned some military women making history in the field such as Adm. Michelle Howard (the first female admiral,) Gen. Lori Robinson (the first female combatant commander) and 2nd Lts. Virginia Brodie and Katherine Boy (the first female marine artillery officers.)

"I am so impressed (by these women)," Maness said. "If I had a moment to just meet these women, I would shake their hands and get some of the DNA on me."

DES job openings

U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Directorate of Emergency Services has vacancies in the Police/Provost Marshal Division in posts around the country. Positions for GS-0085-05 Security Guard, GS-0085-06 Lead Security Guard, GS-0085-07 Supervisory Security Guard and GS-0085-09 Supervisory Security Guard are now available at Fort Jackson, Fort Irwin, California, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Lee, Virginia. Apply online at www.usajobs.gov.

NCOs awarded scholarships

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Funding the education of two non-commissioned officers on post was made easier as they received the 100th Infantry Division scholarships Aug. 26.

The scholarships are given to NCOs of Fort Jackson and Fort Bragg to help with college fees and books.

Sgt. Jake Tyler, with Fort Jackson's Dental Command and Staff Sgt. Dion Parker, a drill sergeant with Foxtrot Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment were presented the scholarships by their commanders at the ceremony.

"This brings me an amount of happiness because I can now go to school and not worry about paying for books," an elated Tyler said after the ceremony.

For Parker his tenacity about applying for the scholarship paid off.

"Feels good, this was my second attempt trying," he said. "This first one was close but all the hard work and dedication pays off as I was able to get it this year." Tyler is currently attending Midlands Technical College while Parker attend Coastline Community College.

The "Century" Division was re-activated at Fort Jackson Nov. 15, 1942 and fought in World War II in Central Europe.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Staff Sgt. Dion Parker, a drill sergeant with Foxtrot Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, and Sgt. Jake Tyler, of DENCOM, receive the 100th Infantry Division scholarships from their commanders Aug. 26 at Fort Jackson's education center.



Photo by MICHELLE EBERHART

Sgt. Lauren Connelly, a drill sergeant stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, evaluates Cadet Jonathan Domrowski July 13 during the U.S. Military's Leader Training Program. This year was the first time the academy used drill sergeants during summer training.

Drill Sergeants mentor cadets for the first time

By MICHELLE EBERHART
Army News Service

This year, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point integrated current drill sergeants during its Summer Training regimen for the first time in documented history.

The easily distinguished “round browns” could be seen traversing the Academy’s central area this summer as current drill sergeants trained cadets firsthand during the Leader Training Program. The program provides cadets serving in the cadet chain of command the opportunity, environment, and resources to hone their leadership skills as cadet non-commissioned officers or cadet officers.

The drill sergeants used the “train the trainer” method to teach cadet cadre how to effectively train new cadets in the Class of 2020 during Cadet Basic Training.

“They’re going to be training the new cadets so we’re just showing them those leadership abilities and challenges that they’re going to take on once they get the new cadets,” said Staff Sgt. Kristopher K. Jackson, a drill sergeant from Fort Benning, Georgia.

Jackson mentioned that this was his first time at West Point and he has appreciated training and interacting cadets.

“I’ve never been in this kind of environment before,” he explained. “I’ve enjoyed it. Especially the field training. I’m in the infantry, so being able to go out and see them putting the tactical knowledge that they’ve learned it into action has been pretty rewarding.”

Sgt. Lauren Connelly, a drill sergeant from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, agrees.

“It’s awesome! It’s beneficial for us, too, because we’re learning from them, the future officer side of the house, and they’re learning from us, the NCO of the house,” Connelly said. “Being at West Point has given me a sense of pride about my job, too. Without good NCOs you can’t have good officers and without good officers, you can’t have good NCOs.”

Connelly also noted that the cadets’ willingness to learn is unmatched.

“They’re just really, really excited and that motivates me,” Connelly added.

Cadet Zachary Taylor, a Class of 2018 cadet, said that he’s learned a lot through the program.

“I’ve learned the most about actually teaching,” said Taylor. “Before, we learned all this knowledge, but now we’re coming back at it from a teacher’s perspective. For the drill sergeants, it’s their job to teach privates. That’s

helped me a lot because, before we knew the stuff, now we know how to teach others. That’s been the most helpful thing.”

Class of 2018 Cadet Dylan Panicucci said that bringing drill sergeants to West Point has been beneficial to him and his company.

“Drill Sergeant Jackson has been attached to our company and he’s been really helpful in regards to basic infantry skills, or dealing with personal issues, everything like that,” Panicucci said.

Aside from forming an unlikely camaraderie, Panicucci said he has appreciated the mentorship and wisdom that’s been passed down to him.

“The drill sergeants bring an extra level of professionalism and expertise. As cadets, we’ve actually never dealt with drill sergeants before,” Panicucci said.

“I think the knowledge that they’ve passed on to us on how to lead, inspire and motivate subordinates will be helpful going forward.”

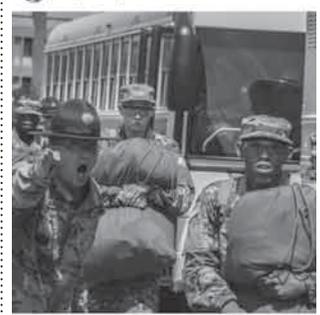
Panicucci hopes that West Point continues to bring drill sergeants in during LTP in the future.

“I think they should definitely keep doing it. It has been helpful out and we’re going to miss having the drill sergeants here once Cadet Basic Training starts,” concluded Panicucci.

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Staff Sgt. Derrick Laster, a drill sergeant with Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, encourages Soldiers in Training to lift their duffle bags over their heads during a recent cycle pick up. Foxtrot Company, 1-34, is being run by Reservists to help augment active duty cadre, and to remain proficient in their skills.

Shock

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For drill sergeants from the Army Reserve's 108th Training Command performing their annual training mission on Fort Jackson, the excitement of that first day of training gives them a reason to keep coming back.

Army Reserve drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Kevin Knight, 98th Training Division, said, "Being a drill sergeant is addictive. Having done this many times before, this first day is always an adrenaline rush. It lets these young Soldiers know that they are in my world now."

Knight, who served as a drill sergeant on active duty from 1987 until 1989, has been an Army Reserve drill sergeant since 2006.

Normally, he spends his summers as a drill sergeant in basic combat training units at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. At the request of his sister unit at the 98th Training Division he made the trek cross country to help out at Fort Jackson.

He says that while he loves

what he does with the Army Reserve, it doesn't come without certain unavoidable drawbacks.

"For me the hardest part about being a Reserve drill sergeant as opposed to one on active duty is that you are starting the fight and you're starting to develop your Soldier and then about a third of the way through the process, you do a battle hand off with someone else to finish the job," Knight said.

"You only influence bits and pieces of the product and you never get to see the end result of your hard work. For me that part of it is a bit of a letdown."

For all involved in the process of transforming ordinary citizens into warriors, the benefit of seeing a disciplined Soldier walk across the stage at the end of a basic training cycle is a rewarding one. But they all agree that it is a process and that process begins with 'shock and awe.

"Seeing them transition from civilian to Soldier is a great feeling," Rubio said. "You can tell that by that point discipline is instilled in them and they know why they're here. That discipline starts here today."