

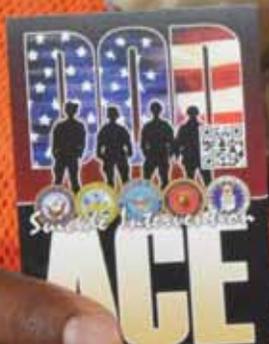
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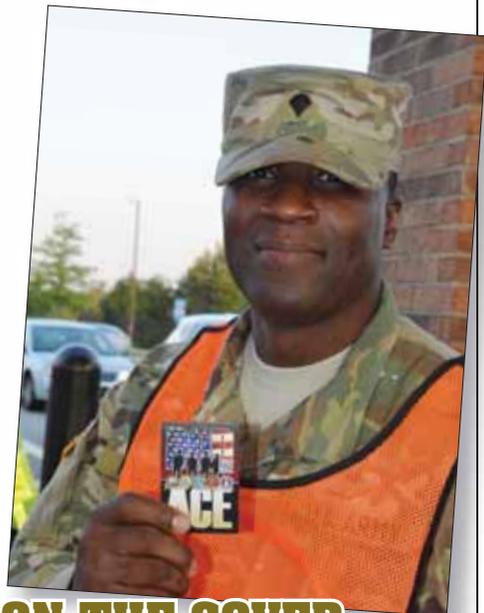
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FORT JACKSON MOBILIZES FOR
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH, P3



ABSOLUTELY INSPIRING COMMANDING GENERAL SPEAKS
WITH CIVILIANS AT TOWN HALL P6

FORT JACKSON HELPS KICK OFF BENEDICT FOOTBALL SEASON P12-13



ON THE COVER

Spc. Latron Mouzon, of the 81st Regional Support Command, was among the Soldiers and civilians to distribute ACE cards at Gate 2 earlier this week. **SEE PAGE 3.**

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



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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 second civilian employees town hall meeting to answer questions and provide information. Attendance at one of the town hall meetings is mandatory.

TOMORROW

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.

SATURDAY

Suicide Prevention 5k/10k

Run/Walk

8-10 a.m., Semmes Lake Recreation Area. Register online on at <http://tinyurl.com/zj7bgem>. Late registration is from 6:30 to 7:45 am day of event.

MONDAY

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.

TUESDAY

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.

SEPT. 20

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. 22

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.

SEPT. 22-24

Case Lot Sale

9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the warehouse located inside the Commissary. Fort Jackson customer appreciation case lot sale.

SEPT. 29

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.

OCT. 4

Facebook Town Hall Meeting

Noon-1 p.m. The community will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive feedback from U.S. Army Garrison directors and staff. Questions may be submitted to garrison directors and staff via Facebook or via email. Log on to Facebook, search for Fort Jackson, or type <http://www.fb.com/fortjackson>. Email questions to usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.atzj-pao@mail.mil. Emailed questions will be accepted starting Tuesday, Sept. 13 2016. For more information, call Chris Fletcher, 751-3615.



[SEPTEMBER 4, 1917]



the first draftees arrive to be trained

#BeThere



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Erica Parks, the installation's health promotion officer, distributes ACE cards to drivers Monday morning at Gate 2. The initiative was part of this month's Suicide Prevention Month activities on post.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and Fort Jackson is organizing several events to focus on the prevention and intervention of suicide.

"This year we're the theme is 'Be There,'" said Laly Rodriguez, Suicide Prevention Program manager. For this year's events, Rodriguez is networking with other units and offices on post to help spread the word, including the 81st Regional Support Command, the National Guard, Army Community Service and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation."

"This is the first time we're working in collaboration," she said. "We want to have the support of each other and take the best of each other."

For example, FMWR's monthly 5K/10K event, scheduled for 8-10 a.m. Sept. 10 at

Semmes Lake, has been themed for September in support of Suicide Prevention Month.

Rodriguez said that a combination of training and communication are essential in the Army's fight against suicide, as is eliminating the stigma attached to mental health issues. While she conducts regular weekly ACE training sessions for units on post throughout the year, additional sessions will be added throughout September in support of the mission.

ACE stands for "Ask, Care and Escort," and is a three-hour training that provides Soldiers with the knowledge and skills to intervene with those at risk for suicide.

ACE also encourages Soldiers to challenge battle buddies who exhibit suicidal warning signs, providing a set of guidelines for early intervention.

There's going to be a lot of interaction, a lot of reeducation. The goal is to have more participation.

— Laly Rodriguez
Suicide Prevention Program manager

RECOGNIZE
COMMON
SYMPTOMS
OF
THOSE
AT RISK:

- THINKING ABOUT HURTING OR KILLING HIM/HERSELF
- EXPERIENCING EXCESSIVE RAGE, ANGER, OR DESIRE FOR REVENGE
- SEEKING ACCESS TO PILLS, WEAPONS, OR OTHER MEANS OF HARMING HIM/HERSELF
- HAVING FEELINGS OF ANXIETY, AGITATION, OR HOPELESSNESS
- TALKING OR WRITING EXCESSIVELY ABOUT DEATH, DYING, OR SUICIDE
- REPEATEDLY RELIVING PAST STRESSFUL EXPERIENCES
- UNABLE TO SLEEP OR SLEEPING ALL THE TIME

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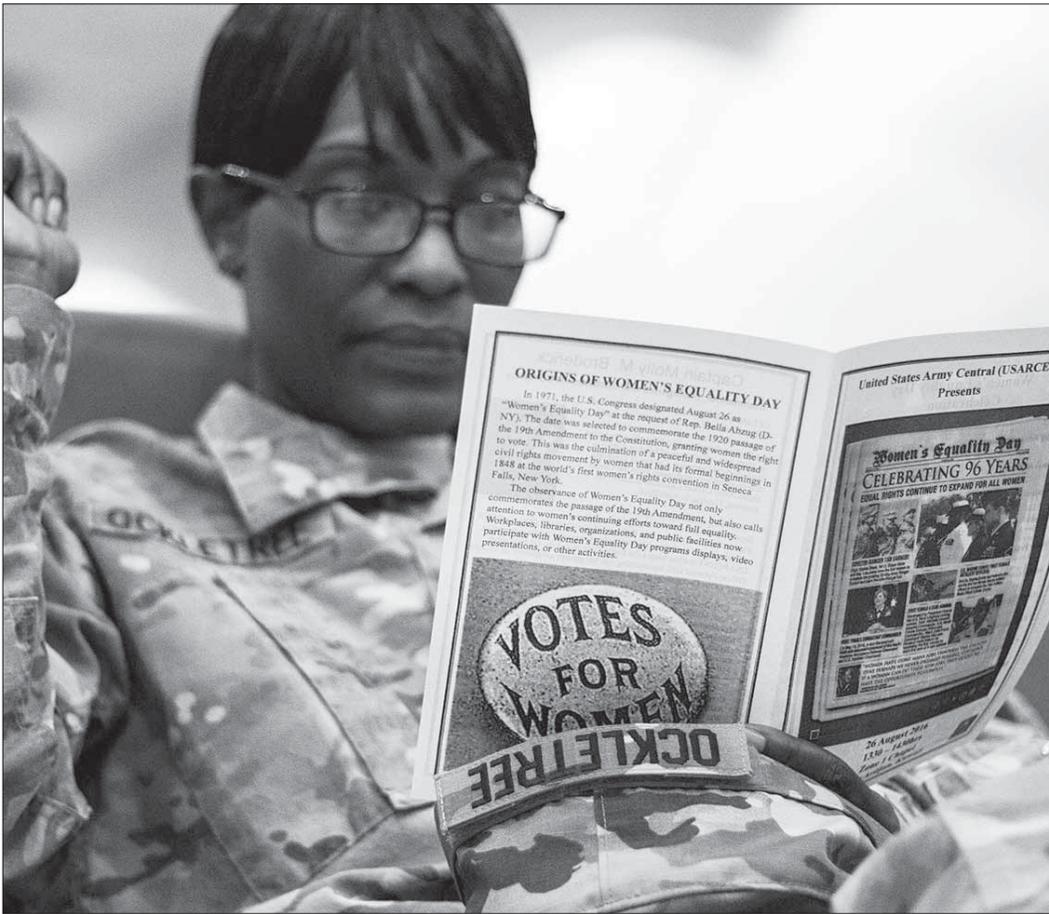


Photo by SGT. ANGELA LORDEN

Master Sgt. Sandra Ockletree, a Soldier with U.S. Army Central, reads a program for the Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 26 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The observance commemorates both the 96th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote, and enduring efforts to achieve equality.

USARCENT celebrates Women's Equality Day

By SGT. ANGELA LORDEN
U.S. Army Central

U.S. Army Central, headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, celebrated Women's Equality day with an observance Aug. 26 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

The observance commemorated both the 96th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote, and enduring efforts to achieve equality.

"Investing in women's equality and empowerment can unlock human potential on a truly transformational scale," Capt. Molly Broderick, commander of USARCENT's Intelligence and Sustainment Company, said while she addressed the audience as the guest speaker for the event.

The observance included a historical presentation highlighting women's equality with a concentrated focus on equality in the Armed Forces.

"It's very important for all of America to recognize Women's Equality Day," said Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Paxton, the USARCENT Equal Opportunity Advisor and one of the coordinators of the event. "Women have strived for centuries to have the

same rights and privileges as their male counterparts."

In the past year alone, several breakthroughs were made for women's equality in the military, Broderick said during her remarks.

Since last year's Women's Equality Day, the first female Army Reserve Soldier graduated the Army Ranger course in October 2015. In April 2016, Air Force Gen. Lori Robinson became the country's first female combatant commander. In May 2016, the Army welcomed its first female infantry officer and the Marine Corps graduated its first two female artillery officers. Within the same month, Adm. Michelle Howard became the first woman to reach the rank of four-star admiral.

"Women's integration in combat arms is a significant step in women's equality in the military and in society," Broderick said.

Women's Equality Day 2016 marked the first celebration in Army history where women can serve in all capacities.

"We're having these observances," Paxton said. "We are educating and enlightening men and women about the importance of not limiting someone's leadership or their capacity to serve by their gender. We have truly turned a page in promoting and enabling women to go as far as they can."

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

Sausage Party (R) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Sausage Party (R) 1 p.m.

Suicide Squad (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.



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MAGRUDERS CLUB & PUB

Friday Night

KARAOKE PARTY

Friday, Sep 9 & 23 (7 - 11 p.m.)

Come early for Happy Hour from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Have some of our excellent wings and stay for Karaoke!

Magruders has more than 18 TV's to catch all the sports action! Also come challenge your friends to a game of darts or pool.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES 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!



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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 RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



Home School Workshop

At the Teen Center

Tuesday, Oct 18 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)

Have you ever thought about Home Schooling your child? On October 18, the School Liaison Office will host a FREE Home School Workshop.

For more information, please contact Ann Gordon at 803-751-6150 x 1.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES 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 RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



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 RETIRES 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 RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson's commander, Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, held a town hall meeting Sept. 1 as a chance to engage in open dialogue with Fort Jackson's civilian workforce.

Fort Jackson civilians are a 'huge part of this mission'

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

"I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Army Civilians," said Fort Jackson's Commander Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson during the first of two civilian town hall meetings taking place this month.

"I remember as a young second lieutenant going to Fort Bennett and (guess) who were the first people you see?" he asked. "The DA Civilians making sure all your stuff was right, making sure that we were going to be ready for everything that followed."

Johnson hosted a town hall meeting Sept. 1 as a chance to engage in open dialogue with Fort Jackson's civilian workforce. A second meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. today for people who weren't able to attend the first.

During the first meeting, Johnson expressed how much he appreciates the hard work and dedication of the civilian workforce on Post. There are a number of employees working at Fort Jackson that have been here for over 30 years.

Johnson awarded Kent Carter, the chief of Nonappropriated Funds support services, with a command coin for being a part of the Fort Jackson's family for over 50 years.

"That's inspiring, absolutely inspiring. That's a big, big deal," Johnson said about Carter's length of time working on Post.

Johnson discussed wanting to start a civilian employee award ceremony for Fort Jackson. He opened the floor for questions and comments at the end of the meeting.

"You are a huge part of this mission. Fort Jackson cannot support its fundamental mission without its civilian workforce," Johnson told the group.



Fort Jackson's commander, Maj. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson, left, presents Kent Carter, the chief of NAF support services, with a command coin for being a part of the Fort Jackson's family for more than 50 years.

Leaders: Be proactive in crime prevention

Staff Reports

Post leadership is calling on the Fort Jackson community to proactively seek ways to prevent crime.

Opportunity plays a central role in causing all crime. Criminals choose or find their targets within the context of their routine activities, such as traveling to and from work, or other activities. Fort Jackson Police would like to reduce that opportunity of crime against property by urging Fort Jackson residents to follow six simple steps:

- Protect yourself
- Ensure windows and doors are locked and properly secured
- Secure personal property left unsecured in your yards
- Close and lock your garages when not in use
- Know the people who belong in your neighborhood
- Talk to local law enforcement

Lt. Royston Alleyne, officer in charge of specialized services with the Directorate of Emergency Services wrote, "Fort Jackson Police is responsible for the protection and safety needs of the Fort Jackson community. We cannot do the job alone. As a member of the community, you can help by following these simple crime prevention measures. You are encouraged to call the Fort Jackson Police to report any suspicious activity at 751-3114/3115 or Emergency Dispatch at 751-7023.

"Get to know us better and help form that teamwork that will help make our community a more secure and safe environment," he added.

Deadline approaches for workplace gender relations survey

The deadline is fast approaching for service members to participate in the 2016 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey.

Selected active-duty service members have until Sept. 28 to take the online or paper survey. The survey's results will inform the Defense Department's future prevention and response efforts, Defense Department spokesman Eric Pahon said.

The congressionally mandated survey is conducted by the Defense Manpower Data Center as part of a biennial cycle of health and resilience surveys outlined in Title 10 USC 481. Its results will provide information on service members' experiences of unwanted, gender-related behavior. Results will be briefed to service leadership, DOD leadership, the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and Congress, Pahon said.

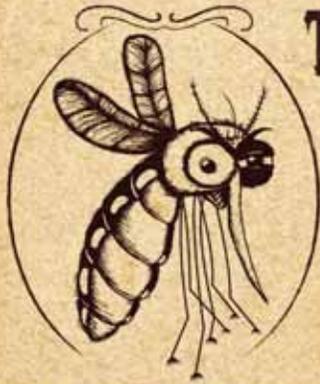
"We know everyone gets a lot of requests to take surveys, but this is one that makes a very big difference. The secretary of defense, the service secretaries, Congress – and even the president himself – see the overall results of this survey," said Dr. Nate Galbreath of the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

"Much of the legislation that Congress has passed over the past few years to address sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military has grown out of the feedback that people share with us," Galbreath added. "If there is ever a survey that lets your voice be heard, it's this one."

The survey is voluntary and confidential. Active-duty service members can check to see if they have been chosen to participate at www.dodsurveys.mil/

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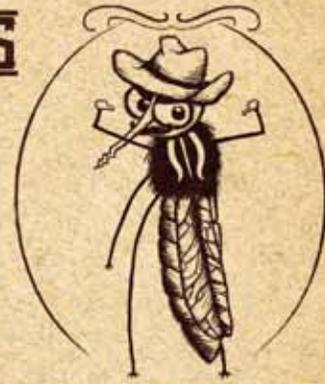
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SAFE AND HEALTHY
WORKPLACE



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FEEDS DURING THE DAY
BITES MULTIPLE TIMES - AGGRESSIVE!

KNOWN TO TRANSMIT
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★ **WEST NILE** ★
★ **YELLOW FEVER** ★

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FIGHT THE BITE



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DEFEND

MOSQUITOS ARE OUT AT
ALL HOURS OF THE DAY
AND NIGHT
ALWAYS PROTECT YOURSELF!

DRESS

WEAR LIGHT-COLORED,
LOOSE-FITTING
LONG SLEEVES AND PANTS
WHEN YOU GO OUTDOORS.

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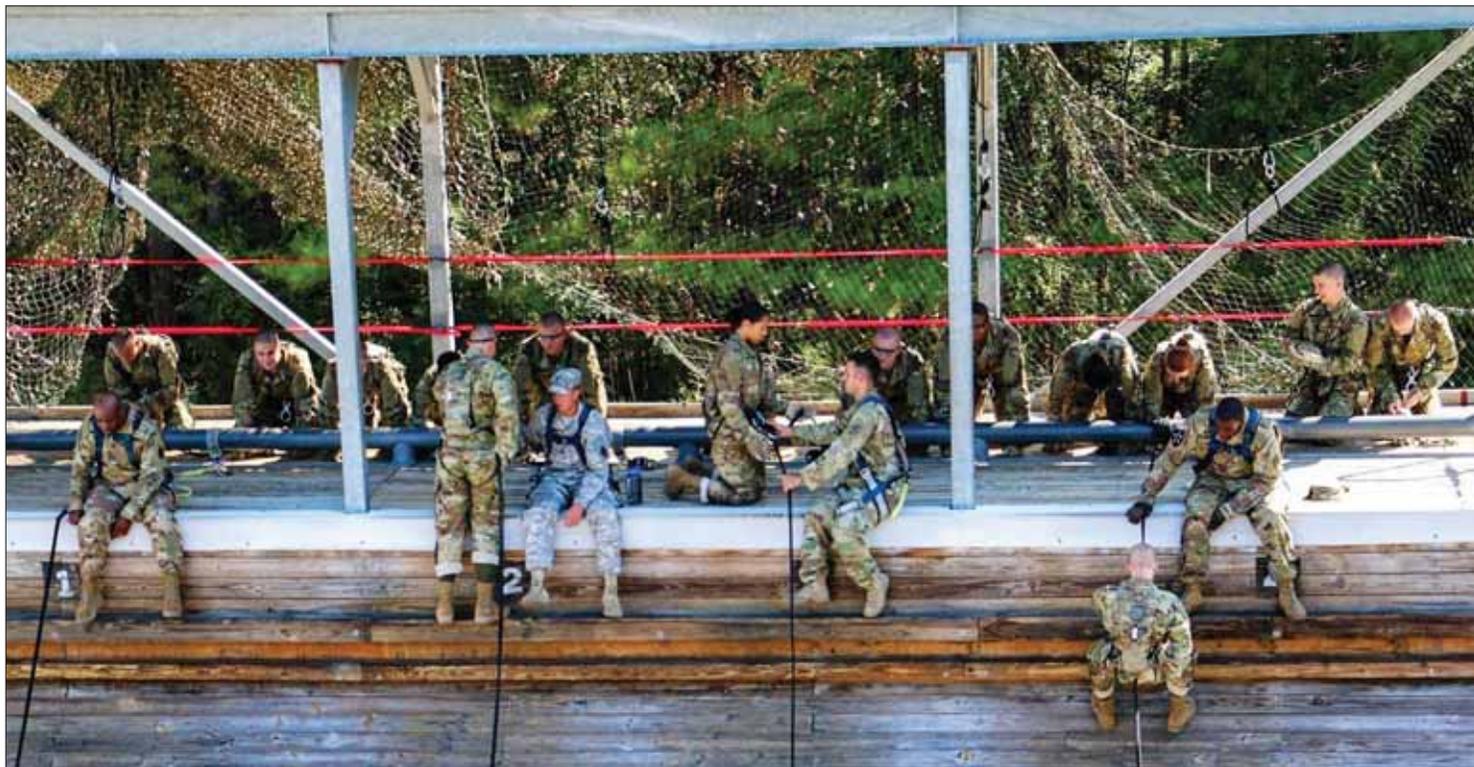
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ALWAYS USE A
PERSONAL REPELLANT CONTAINING:
★ DEET ★ IRS35 ★ PICARIDIN ★
ALWAYS FOLLOW
THE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS!

★ **KEEP POOLS CHLORINATED** ★ **DRILL HOLES IN TRASHCANS AND RECYCLING BINS** ★ **FIX LEAKY FAUCETS** ★

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RAIN GUTTERS ★ GUTTER DOWNSPOUT TUBE ★ CAVITIES IN TREES ★ OLD TIRES ★ TRASHCANS



Photos by 1ST LT. TROY PRESTON

Soldiers of Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment descend the mini wall as part of their training at the Victory Tower complex on Aug. 23. The training is part of the Army's Basic Combat Training program instructed by reserve and active duty drill sergeants on Fort Jackson.

From civilian to Soldier

Reserve drill sergeants enhance training

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

Drill sergeants of the 1st Battalion, 518th Regiment, 98th Training Division, are currently in charge of 214 recruits as they conduct a cycle of basic combat training in support of the Foxtrot Company mission from Aug. 10-Oct. 27 as part of the U.S. Army Reserve.

The Foxtrot Company mission is a combined effort by active duty Army and Reserve drill sergeants to enhance capabilities and exchange experience between the two components. The mission is simple, extra recruits are diverted to form another company and dubbed "Foxtrot Company" due to it being the next unit in the naming scheme. Reserve drill sergeants work hand in hand with a select few active duty drill sergeants to maintain continuity as the Reserve drill sergeants rotate every phase.

Currently the drill sergeants of the 1-518 are in what is called red phase, which according to Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Thompson, a Columbia native, is the phase when you really see the transi-

tion from civilian to Soldier. Red phase is the first three weeks of basic training, followed by white phase and finally blue phase.

The Foxtrot Company mission has many benefits, according to Staff Sgt. Giovanni Rubio, an active duty drill sergeant who works with the reserve during this mission. Reserve Soldiers get the opportunity to do what they love and keep their skills fresh. The active side gets support and the ability to take a little time off when needed.

Sgt. Larry Davis, a Greenville, South Carolina native and Reserve drill sergeant, said, "If I can come down on my time and get on orders and help the active duty drill sergeants out, give them some time off to see his kids ... that's what it's about."

During the course of the Foxtrot Company mission, the Soldiers being trained have no idea if their drill sergeant is a Reserve Soldier, active duty or National Guard, and most don't care. The quality of the training is all that matters, and to the drill sergeants themselves, that is all they care about as well.

Regardless of the person under the iconic hat, the goal is still to train Soldiers and have them ready and proficient



Soldiers of Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment prepare to descend the 40 foot wall known as Victory Tower at Fort Jackson. The Soldiers of Foxtrot Company are being trained by both U.S. Army Reserve and active duty drill sergeants.

in their field. That is one thing that all the drill sergeants have in common. They are all here because they want to influence the future of the Army and give back to the organization that they love.

As long as there are Soldiers to train and part time civilians that step up to wear the uniform, there will be drill sergeants in the U.S. Army Reserve ready and willing to train them.

Lt. Gen. John Bruce Blount, Fort Jackson commander 1977-1979

Lt. Gen. John Bruce Blount died Aug. 23 at the age of 88.

John Bruce Blount was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on April 22, 1928, the son of Joseph Hagen Blount and Loretta Moody Blount. He played basketball in high school and set a school record that still stands, scoring 66 points in a single game. During his collegiate years at the University of Rhode Island, Blount excelled in sports, scoring more than 1,000 points in basketball and serving as captain of both the basketball and baseball teams. He was selected for the All Yanks Conference and the All East Team, and was named ROTC Cadet Colonel in his senior year.

In June 1950 he received a B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island, and later earned an MBA in Management from the University of Miami, Florida, in 1961.

As a Distinguished Military Graduate, in June of 1950 Blount was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Infantry. On June 17, 1950, he married Joan Adele Garrett of Belmont, Massachusetts.

Blount's long career was distinguished by progressive promotions through the ranks of the U.S. Army, with distinguished tours in Korea and Vietnam during those conflicts. He earned his jump wings at Fort Benning in 1955. Among the many highlights of his career were his compelling testimony at the Army-McCarthy hearings, and his command

of Fort Jackson from 1977 until 1979.

Blount earned his first promotion to brigadier general on Sept. 1, 1974. His wife, Joan, called it the finest birthday present he could ever have given her. He was promoted to major general in October of 1977. On June 30, 1983, Blount was promoted to lieutenant general and became Chief of Staff of the Allied Forces South, a large NATO command consisting of units from five countries, including Greece, Italy, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

Upon completion of this appointment, Blount retired from active service in Columbia, South Carolina, near Fort Jackson, but did not discontinue his service to the Army that he loved. From 1985 to 1988 he served as Director of Defense Study Programs at the University of South Carolina. From 1988 to 1994 he served as Chairman of the Army Retiree Council. For many years he served as National Vice President of the Association of the U. S. Army and as the retiree representative on the Board of Directors of the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Association and headed the National Military Retirees Golf Tournament at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He served as President of the South Carolina Korean Veterans War Memorial Committee and was instrumental in establishing the memorial in downtown Columbia.

In recognition of his integrity, exemplary leadership and outstanding service, the Uni-

versity of Rhode Island proudly conferred upon General Blount the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in June 2000.

Blount is a highly decorated Soldier whose awards include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Silver Star and Purple Heart earned in Vietnam and Korea, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Korean Campaign Service Medal with Four Campaign Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Campaign Stars, and others too numerous to mention. In a rare distinction, he was twice awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in South Carolina, first by Governor James Edwards and again by Governor Carroll Campbell.

Blount is survived by his wife and beloved partner of 66 years, Joan Adele Garrett Blount; by his children, Gail Leslie Blount of South Florida, Carol Linell Blount of Columbia, John Bruce Blount Jr. of Washington D.C., and Garrett Christopher Blount and his wife Martha Ivey Blount of Chicago; and by his grandchildren, John Bruce Blount III, Elizabeth Blount, Christopher Blount, Frances Blount and Caroline Blount.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Aug. 30 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Blount was buried among his fellow Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Eid-Al-Adha

Monday, 9-11 a.m., Main Post Chapel. At the end of the Hajj, Muslims throughout the world celebrate the holiday of Eid al-Adha, or "Festival of Sacrifice."

Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 3-4, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Rosh Hashanah occurs on the first and second days of Tishri. In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means "head of the year" or "first of the year." Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year.

Yom Kippur

Oct. 12, 6-8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Yom Kippur is a Jewish high holy day observed on the 10th day of the month of Tishri by abstinence from food and drink and by the day long recitation of prayers of repentance in the synagogue.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 2ND BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. JOSEPH JONES, 18

Baltimore

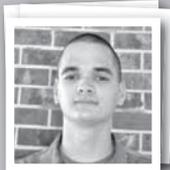
"I joined the Army to better my life in the long run."

"The mental and physical training" is what's best about basic training.

"I am a 14T – Patriot Missile Operator and Maintainer. It was the most interesting MOS available."

My Family "is very supportive and happy for my decision."

"I see myself being in the Army for a long time and hopefully becoming a non-commissioned officer one day."



PFC. COLE H. WINES, 18

Charleston, West Virginia

"I joined the Army because my Family members served and I wanted to take advantage of the educational benefits."

I enjoyed "being with and training with the individuals I never would have met under any other circumstances, and the new friendships I made."

"I am a 91E - Allied Trade Specialist. I picked this MOS because it will better my skills in both the military and civilian world."



PFC. ZHAREIA M. SMITH, 18

Forsyth, Georgia

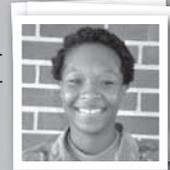
"I joined the Army to pay for college and to gain more leadership skills and discipline."

I liked "learning the tactical skills."

"I am a 42A – Human Resource Specialist because I love working with people."

"My Family is very proud of me and they want me to go as far as I can go."

"I look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead in the military. I am honored to serve my country."



PVT. JAMAL ALLAN, 20

Wilson, North Carolina

I joined the Army "for my brother who wanted to join but passed away. Also I wanted to better myself."

I like "doing great things like firing weapons and building on the brotherhood."

"My MOS is 92F – Petroleum Supply Specialist. My recruiter was a 92F and told me good things about it."

"At first (my Family) didn't like it, but as parents they respected my decision and now like it."



PVT. KARLA GONZALEZ, 17

San Diego

"I wanted a positive change in my life and I wanted a secure career. I've always loved the Army."

"The drill sergeants made my time in basic training a lot more interesting. Also all the different activities we've done here (are good)."

"My MOS is 92A – Automated Logistics Specialist. I love organizing things and keeping inventory. I also wanted to go to college and I'd spend most of my time in an office."



PFC. JENNY ZHANG, 18

Jersey City, New Jersey

"I joined the Army because it has always been my dream as a child to be in the military."

"The good thing about basic training is that you get to experience things you never get to experience as a civilian. For example, throwing live grenades, shooting multiple different weapons, and doing push-ups every five minutes."

"My MOS is 92A – Automated Logistics Specialist. I picked this MOS because I feel as though I would benefit from this after I retire from the military."





Photo by SPC. COREY FOREMAN

Serving Up excellence

Chief Warrant Officer Three Jeremy Deck, right, an installation food advisor with 406th Army Field Support Brigade from Fort Jackson, explains food preparation tips to Staff Sgt. Elijah Ross, left, a member of the Spartan Dining Facility, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division August 25, 2016 at Fort Stewart, Ga. Deck was also sent to judge 2nd IBCT's DFAC for this year's Philip A. Connelly Award.

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.

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Left, Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, flips the coin as Livingstone College Blue Bears team captain Jarius Richardson and Benedict College Tigers running back George Myers Jr., look on. The Tigers beat the Blue Bears 5-3 during the 2016 Palmetto Capital City Classic football game played at Charles W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia. Below, Benedict College Tigers football players rush the field prior to kickoff.

GRIDIRON DAYS

POST KICKS OFF BENEDICT FOOTBALL SEASON Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS



Above, Tigers running back George Myers, Jr. tries to evade Livingstone Blue Bears tacklers during first quarter action of the 2016 Palmetto Capital City Classic at Charles W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia, S.C. Sept. 3. The Tigers, who went 0-10 and had not won a game since 2014, beat the Blue Bears 5-3. Right, Sgt. 1st Class Luke Jefferson, the 282nd Army Band drum major salutes during the National Anthem before the 2016 Palmetto Capital City Classic football game.

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All in the family



Photo by 1ST LT. JESSICA DONNELLY

The South Carolina National Guard recognized the promotion of Capt. Michelle Roberts to major and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Roberts to chief warrant officer 4 during a ceremony held at the Army Aviation Support Facility on McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.

Siblings share promotion ceremony

By 1ST LT. JESSICA DONNELLY
108th Public Affairs Detachment

The National Guard is often considered to be a family. Serving your state and nation together creates a special, lasting bond and the Soldiers and Airmen you see at drill weekend turn into brothers and sisters. In some instances, they really are your sibling.

As brother and sister, U.S. Army Capt. Michelle Roberts and U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Roberts share many things – parents, last name, and dedication to serving in the military. As of Aug. 26, they shared one more common bond – their promotion ceremony.

The South Carolina National Guard recognized the promotion of Michelle Roberts to major and Michael Roberts to chief warrant officer 4 during a ceremony held at the Army Aviation Support Facility on McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.

“I haven’t worked with more professional individuals than Michelle and

Mike,” said U.S. Army Lt. Col. John McElveen, 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion commander. “It’s a very special day to get to see Michelle promoted to field grade and Mike put on CW4.”

Michelle and Michael were surrounded by Family during the promotion ceremony as their mother and father pinned Michelle and Michael’s wife did the honors for him. Both siblings thanked their parents for the support they’ve given throughout their military careers.

“The only way Mikey and I are able to do what we do is because we have parents that support us and put up with our crazy ideas,” said Michelle. “I have to give them credit for Mikey and me. They’ve supported us through over four years of combined deployment time.”

Combined, the siblings have nearly 30 years of service in the South Carolina National Guard, Michelle with nearly 16 years and Michael coming in at 13 years.

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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Sgt. 1st Class
Avonelle Brown**
Alpha Company
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment



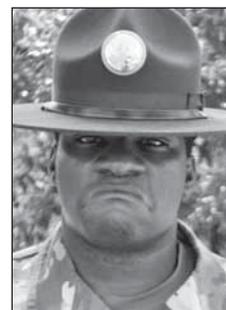
**Staff Sgt.
Andrew Noxelle**
Bravo Company
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment



**Sgt. 1st Class
Blake Isbell**
Charlie Company
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Tiffany Brown**
Delta Company
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Derrick Randall**
Echo Company
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Adrian Craig**
Delta Company
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Demikeyal Yow

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Bryce Bouman

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Jeremy Leach

**HONOR GRADUATE
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Pvt. Kailey Cotton

**HONOR GRADUATE
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Pvt. Karla Gonzalez

**HONOR GRADUATE
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Pfc. Catherine Zembrodt

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Donald Sujack

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Mikeal Burns

**SOLDIER LEADER
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Pvt. Abigail Austin

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Pvt. Christopher Buchanan

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Pvt. Philip Straniere

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Pfc. Elizabeth Cecchett

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Pvt. Hunter Degruy

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Quiles Otero

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Pfc. Jose Martinez

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Payton Tucker

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Nathan Darnold

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Garrett Boggess

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Maurice James

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Yvonne Guzman

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Ibarra Alexandro

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Jamal Allen

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Pvt. Valerie Jennings

HIGH APFT
Pfc. Catherine Zembrodt

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Rodriguez will also be hosting a special training session in conjunction with the 81st Regional Support Command on Sept. 26 and 27.

"We're both going to provide training but this year it's going to be different," she said. "There's going to be a lot of interaction, a lot of reeducation. The goal is to have more participation."

In 2014, there were 269 deaths by suicide among active component service members, up from the 259 deaths by suicide in 2013. There were 169 deaths by suicide among the selected reserve component in 2014, 80 in the reserve and 89 in the National Guard.

According to the Defense Department's fourth-quarter suicide report for 2015, 266 active-duty service members committed suicide that year.

The stigma associated with suicide is believed to be one of leading reasons people do not seek help. Personal relationships, money and work are the most common stressors, Rodriguez said.

"Unfortunately, problems are not going to stop," she said. "Most likely you're going to have stressors. But, if you learn resiliency, how to deal with those issues, I'm sure the numbers will

be less."

So far, she said, our culture has a long way to go toward eliminating the stigma associated with mental health issues.

"I want to say yes, it's getting better," she said. "But whenever I ask one of my classes, they say no ... it's not changing. They don't feel comfortable enough to go to their commander and say 'I don't feel right. I need to go an get help.' When I brief the first sergeant and commander, I always tell them that it's imperative they promote mental health."

The Army has a number of suicide prevention programs available to Soldiers, civilians and family members through Military OneSource, Army Community Service and military family and life counselors.

For more information about suicide prevention, contact the Suicide Prevention Office at 751-7294.

People in crisis should call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255). Press 1 for the Military Crisis Line.

ACE program materials include tip cards, right, which list risk factors and warning signs for suicide.

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- Never leave your buddy alone
- Escort to chain of command, Chaplain, behavioral health professional, or primary care provider
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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Leader file photo

Spc. Andrew Oxford, Spc. Summer Hickerson and Sgt. Francheska Cooley of the 193rd Infantry Brigade volunteered last October at Sam's Club, accepting, sorting and distributing donations of clothing, food and water to those needing relief following last year's historic floods in the Columbia area.

Do You Have a Plan?

September is National Preparedness Month

By KEVIN L. ROBINSON
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

Planning for the worst is a no-brainer when you consider the recent weather events such as the historic flooding in southeast Louisiana.

National Preparedness Month in September draws attention to the wisdom of making an emergency plan for any crisis, said Defense Commissary Agency Sales Director Tracie Russ.

"Whether it's natural or manmade, a crisis doesn't conveniently occur on schedule," Russ said. "So during National Preparedness Month we remind our patrons that they can use their commissary benefit and save money to prepare their survival kits."

Since April 1, DeCA's severe weather preparedness promotional package is offering various items at reduced prices until Oct. 31. This package includes: beef jerky and other assorted meat snacks, soup and chili mixes, canned goods, powdered milk, cereals, batteries, airtight bags, weather-ready flashlights, tape (all-weather, heavy-duty shipping and duct), first-aid kits, lighters, matches, lanterns, candles, hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes. Specific promotional items may vary from store to store.

"The flooding in Louisiana has displaced thousands of people and emphasizes to us all the importance of being ready for the unexpected," Russ said. "Thanks to our industry

partners, commissaries are offering savings on many of the items our patrons need in an emergency."

National Preparedness Month coincides with the peak activity for hurricanes in the United States. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, covering the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

The emphasis on being prepared is echoed by the theme, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," which encourages people to create an emergency plan and share it with their loved ones.

Commissary patrons can go to https://commissaries.com/disaster_prep.cfm to learn more about specific disaster preparedness resources for emergencies.

Generally, emergency preparedness officials suggest having a disaster supply kit that includes the following items:

- Water – at least one gallon daily, per person (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
- Nonperishable foods – canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, cereal, crackers, cookies, energy bars, granola, peanut butter, and foods for infants and the elderly (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
- Paper goods – writing paper, paper plates, paper towels and toilet paper
- Cooking items – pots, pans, baking sheets, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and

a manual can opener

- First-aid kit – including bandages, medicines and prescription medications
- Cleaning materials – bleach, sanitizing spray, and hand and laundry soap
- Specialty foods – diet and low-calorie foods and drinks
- Toiletries – personal hygiene items and moisture wipes
- Pet care items – food, water, muzzle, leash, carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags
- Lighting accessories – flashlight, batteries, candles and matches
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Duct tape, scissors
- Multipurpose tool
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates and insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Maps of the area
- Blankets or sleeping bags

For more information about National Preparedness Month, go to www.ready.gov/September and www.ready.gov/considerations/military-family-preparedness.

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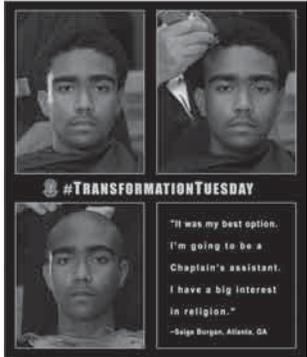
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August retirees

The monthly retirement ceremony was held Aug. 31 at the post theater to recognize the service of nine members. August's retirees are: Master Sgt. Melanie E. Burnette, 13th ESC, Fort Hood; Master Sgt. Thomas Brailsford, 108th Training Command (IET), Charlotte, N.C.; Sgt. 1st Class Niyonde O. Tillman, MSCoE, Fort Leonard Wood; Sgt. 1st Class Timothy D. Gonzales; Special Troops Battalion, Fort Jackson; Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Lyons, U.S. Embassy, Monrovia Liberia; Sgt. 1st Class Regina M. Edwards, 369th AG BN, Fort Jackson; Staff Sgt. Randy L. Kramer, Special Troops Battalion; Staff Sgt. Cecile A. Nelson, Fort Polk Warrior Transition Unit; and Staff Sgt. Thomas L. Robbins, 2-39th IN BN, Fort Jackson.



**Transformation
Thursday**

'I grew up on a farm and can't afford college I joined for school and to serve; every man on my Dad's side served.'

— **Travis Barker,**
Hagerman, New Mexico

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Siblings

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Currently, Michelle serves as an intelligence officer with the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade on drill weekends, as well as a full time Intel Operations specialist with the SCNG Intelligence office. Michael serves as the Aviation Mission Survivability Officer for the 1-151st ARB, as well as an AH-64D Apache instructor pilot.

While the siblings are currently commissioned officers, they both started out in the enlisted ranks before Michelle completed ROTC and Michael attended Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

"We were both enlisted first," said Michelle. "Once we were both on track to become officers, it was a race to see who would have to salute who first. He won."

Michael explained he initially enlisted as an Aviation Operations specialist, but after talking to an aviation recruiter he knew that becoming a warrant officer was the path for him to be able to continue flying helicopters.

Michelle is the younger sibling and joined the South Carolina National Guard because she saw it as a good challenge, she explained. After serving a couple years, she realized how much she loved the Na-

tional Guard as an organization and wanted to be a bigger part of it, which is how she made the decision to commission. She said when she first joined her dream job was to be a drill sergeant. Even though that goal was never fulfilled, she served her company command time with Foxtrot Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina as an Army Basic Training company commander.

"Shelly had a very large influence in my decision to join the Guard," said Michael. "She always spoke very highly of being in the Guard and the fun she had at drill. She was a specialist at the time and pushed me to join and become an officer as soon as possible."

While both Michelle and Michael have chosen different career paths within the SCNG, there is still a hint of sibling rivalry between them.

"There has always been a healthy competition between my sister and me," said Michael. "Since we are so close in age, I think competition was inevitable. Our military competition is a little different since we are on the same team. Every now and then I like to remind her how I'm an attack

aviator and she's combat support, but this is just how a big brother teases his little sister."

During the promotion ceremony, Michael added, "Welcome to field grade ... I've been here for a few years now."

Michelle explained she is able to hold her own as the more "hooah Soldier" between them, stating she was the first female to complete the Expert Infantry Badge test and has even climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. However, he one-upped her by getting married and having a daughter, she added.

Behind the natural rivalry, they are still proud of each other's accomplishments.

"He was meant to be a pilot and he is a heck of a good pilot ... He cares about what he's doing and is a great asset to the SCNG," said Michelle. "Mikey has been a big influence in me staying in the Guard."

Michael added, "She's very, very good at what she does. No matter what unit she is in, they will be more successful in their mission set because of the experience in military intelligence that Shelly brings."

Michelle and Michael have not served

together in the same unit in South Carolina. However, in 2012 Michael was deployed with the 1-151st ARB when he was asked to extend. As his unit was leaving, Michelle's unit was arriving at Camp Buerling, Kuwait, where Michael was currently stationed while waiting to transfer to Qatar, he explained. For about a month, they were stationed together as part of the 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment.

Even though both siblings have made a career in the South Carolina National Guard, they did not have many Family members who served in the military prior to them, besides their grandfathers, one being Army and one being Navy, explained Michelle. She added that while her parents were not initially excited for their children to join the military they support Michelle and Michael fully and her mother is currently the president of the Blue Star Mothers Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Both Michelle and Michael agree that the support of their families, both serving in the South Carolina National Guard and outside of it, has been the biggest influencer and impact of their service in the military.

"Our parents have always been more than supportive in anything we have done in the military. Neither Shelly nor myself would have been as successful without their support," said Michael. "I couldn't imagine going through all the training away from home and the deployments without the unconditional support of our family."

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