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## ON THE COVER

Staff Sgt. Luis Lopez with the Task Force Marshall honor guard renders honors during the halftime celebration during a USC Gamecocks football game last year. **SEE PAGE 3.**

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# Community Calendar

## TODAY-SATURDAY

### Case Lot Sale

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

## FRIDAY

### Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9 a.m.-noon, Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. Information on civil service and NAF employment. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID card holders. To register, call 751-9460/5452 or email [Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil)

## TUESDAY

### Job Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

8:30-12:00 Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. Topics: Military spouse job searching skills, resume writing and interviewing. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID Card holders. To register, call 751-9460/5452 or [sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil)

## 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.

## SEPT. 30

### Are you Job Ready??

9 a.m.-noon, resume writing and interviewing skills workshop, Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. This workshop is designed to provide you with tools and knowledge useful in building your resume and improving your interviewing skills. Workshop is conducted by BlueCross BlueShield Human Resources Department. Many of our clients who attend this class have had success in being employed with SC BlueCross BlueShield. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID Card Holders. To register, call 751-9460/5256 or email [sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil)

## 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>.

## OCT. 28

### 'Monster Mash'

### 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk

8-10 a.m., Hilton Field Sports Complex, located at 3900-E Hampton Pkwy. The race begins at the Twin Lakes recreation area. Online registration ends noon Oct. 28. Costumes are welcome, but children will be in attendance so scary or inappropriate costumes will not be permitted.

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 SUBMISSIONS TO  
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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

Email questions to [usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.atzj-pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.atzj-pao@mail.mil). Emailed questions will be accepted starting Sept. 27. For more information, call Chris Fletcher, 751-3615.





Photo by JOHN MARTINEZ

Retired Col. Manuel F. Siverio of the 65th Infantry Division speaks to the crowd of assembled veterans, lawmakers and guests April 13 at the Capitol. The Congressional Gold Medal awarded to his unit is in front of Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

# HISPANICS IN THE U.S. ARMY

## Embracing, enriching and enabling America

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

The Army began celebrating the heritage of Hispanics in its ranks Sept. 15.

The Army values the contributions made by Hispanic American Soldiers. They have not flinched in defending the nation in many ways, but especially through military service.

President Barack Obama proclaimed on Sept. 14, 2016 that “Hispanic Americans have had a lasting impact on our history and have helped drive hard – won progress for all our people ... They are the brave men and women in uniform who commit themselves to defending our most cherished ideals at home and abroad. And their lasting achievements and devotion to our Nation exemplify the tenacity and perseverance embedded in our national character.”

Hispanics have been fighting in the Army for years and have received 44 Medals of Honor. Since 1985, the percentage of Hispanic Soldiers in the Army has grown from 3 percent of Active Duty Soldiers to 17 percent in 2015.

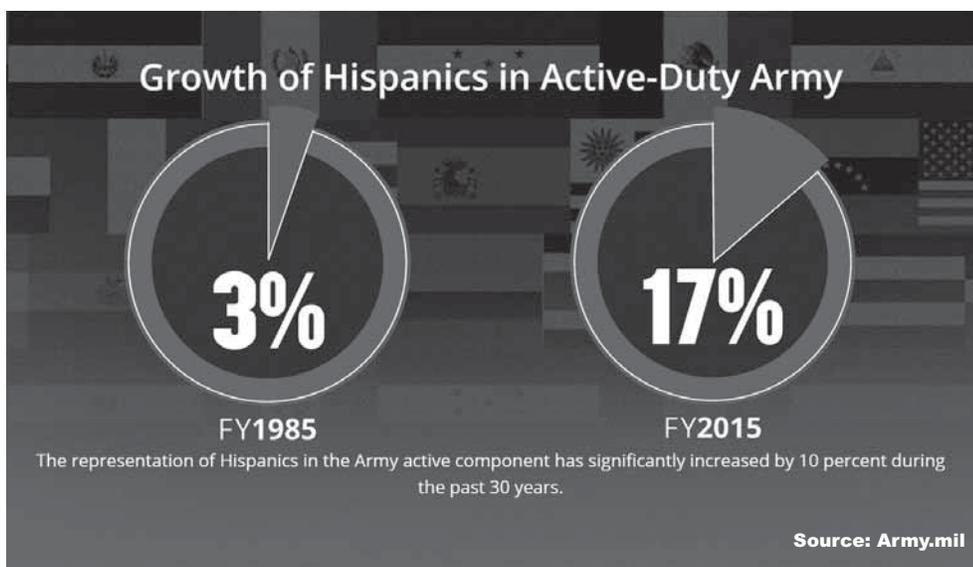




Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Maj. Gen. Greg Batts, the second highest-ranking officer in the S.C. National Guard, speaks during a Sept. 14 emergency preparedness seminar that involved civic and military emergency managers from across the state.

# Jackson flood response lauded during seminar

By ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Leader

Nearly a year after the “1,000 year” flood wreaked havoc across the Midlands, civic and military emergency managers from across South Carolina met at the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in West Columbia to hold a seminar to begin planning for the next disaster.

Officials praised the post’s response to the flooding as representatives from Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, and Navy and Marine bases throughout South Carolina met with their civilian counterparts at the seminar to build the rapport needed to react quickly to any emergency.

“The idea behind this seminar is to give government and military authorities the opportunity to discuss how military and local plans are integrated during responses to disasters and emergencies such as the historic flood event that affected South Carolina in October last year,” said Kim Stenson, director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in a press release. “Such an event can affect the entire state, including military installations, transportation assets and military personnel and their families.”

Maj. Gen. Greg Batts, the second highest-ranking officer in the South Carolina National Guard and senior leader at the seminar, lauded the groundwork laid in these types of seminars as being a major reason South Carolina was able to respond quickly to last year’s flood.

“Everyone understood the capabilities we bring to bear,” he

said.

The more training conducted with partnering agencies helps tremendously during emergencies.

“We have to continually identify who we are partnered with in these situations; who are those that you need to be maintaining relationships with,” said Brig. Gen. Roy McCarty, Assistant Adjutant General of South Carolina, responsible for the state’s readiness. “We had an opportunity last year early in the year to conduct a very large scale exercise where we had about 3,000 military personnel – not only from South Carolina, but from the federal side as well – along with about 5,000 civilian volunteers who came to support that exercise.”

“What we found in the exercise preparing for the event” were the same people the state worked with during the flood, he added.

In late 2014 to early 2015, exercises laid the groundwork for the relationships that were “brought to bear” during the flooding, Batts said.

Fort Jackson’s efforts to help the community were praised by Col. William Connor, the State Emergency Preparedness Officer for South Carolina during the seminar. Connor and his organization “focus the federal side” of state disaster relief by coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

During the floods last year Fort Jackson’s previous commander, Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, used immediate response authority under Department of Defense Directive 3025.18 to send boats to civic authorities to help in flood relief.

“We got the boats out, got them used to save lives, to save property.”

— Col. William Connor  
State Emergency Preparedness Officer for South Carolina

## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

### FRIDAY

Don't Breathe (R) 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Pete's Dragon (PG) 1 p.m.  
Ben Hur (PG) 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Pete's Dragon (PG) 1 p.m.  
Ben Hur (PG) 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Pete's Dragon (PG) 1 p.m.  
Ben Hur (PG) 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.



## MAGRUDERS CLUB & PUB

Friday Night



# KARAOKE PARTY

Friday, Sep 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.



## 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!



## 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.



AT THE SOLOMON CENTER  
Saturday, Sep 24 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

- Items for sale include:
- » Army memorabilia
  - » Hats
  - » Sculptures
  - » Drinkware
  - » T-shirts, polos, hoodies and more!



For more information, call Firehouse Productions at 751-4835.



## 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.

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SOUL FOOD BUFFET

Available every Thursday at the NCO Club  
5700 Lee Road, Fort Jackson, SC • 782-2218

Soul food buffet menu includes fried chicken, ox tails, pigs feet, collard greens, macaroni & cheese and more!  
Available Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for only \$8.75.



At the Solomon Center  
Saturday, Oct 15 (7 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Please call 751-4056 or 751-4058 to register for a space. Space includes two banquet tables and two chairs. This is a free event, open to all DoD ID Cardholders.

# 207th RSG changes leadership

By **STAFF SGT. TRACY KORFF**  
143d Sustainment Command

Great significance is placed on the fact that a unit is never without leadership, especially during a change of command ceremony. The Soldiers, Families, and other key personnel of the 207th Regional Support Group came together to conduct a Sept. 10 change of command ceremony at Fort Jackson.

Brig. Gen. Deborah L. Kotulich, the commanding general of the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) headquartered in Orlando, Florida, officiated the ceremony where Col. Timothy P. Bobroski relinquished command to Col. Robert A. Wojciechowski.

Bobroski leaves behind a successful command during his tenure from Sept. 2014 to Sept. 2016. The 207th has regularly been recognized as one of the top organizations under the 143d ESC in various readiness metrics. In addition, the unit has significantly improved in its tactical training. They survived as a leading organization managing the challenging Warrior Exercise 16-01 at Joint Base McQuire-Dix-Lakehurst during "Snowmageddon," where record breaking snowfall landed during the exercise.

"We had to change everything we had planned with no computer support and no

wi-fi," said Bobroski, "even without the automation, we came right back and made things happen."

During the ceremony Bobroski paid tribute to several members of his staff including his battle buddy, "Hickory 7," Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Lee, command sergeant major of the 207th.

"I could not ask for someone more dedicated and more interested in improving an organization," Bobroski said, "he is a driving force of this organization."

Bobroski entered the United States Military Academy in July 1983 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant infantry officer on May 27, 1987. Upon graduation he attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course followed by Ranger School. His first assignment was with Company A, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, where he served as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer. After several assignments he moved to the mainland in March 2000 and was assigned to the 362nd Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Supply) where he held many positions including battalion commander. In February 2003, he was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He will now transition as a staff officer with the 143d ESC.

Bobroski's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf



Photo by **STAFF SGT. TRACY KORFF**

**Col. Robert A. Wojciechowski, incoming commander of the 207th Regional Support Group hands the guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Earl E. Lee, command sergeant major of the 207th RSG during the change of command ceremony on Sept. 10.**

Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He has been awarded the Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Joint

Service Identification Badge.

Wojciechowski shared his enthusiasm for the opportunity to take command and work with the Soldiers and leaders of the 207th. He credited his preparation to the communication between him and Bobroski over the past several months.

## Picatinny develops next generation grenade

By **ERIC KOWAL**  
Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs

Engineers at Picatinny Arsenal are working on the first new lethal hand grenade in more than 40 years, which is designed to give greater flexibility to the warfighter.

The multi-purpose hand grenade design will provide both fragmentation and blast overpressure more effectively and safely than its legacy counterparts. Once fielded, Soldiers will be able to select and use a hand grenade with different effects simply by flipping a switch.

Over the past five years, Picatinny engineers have been collaborating with Infantry School representatives, hand grenade cadre, as well as active duty Soldiers and Marines, to determine warfighter needs regarding hand grenades.

Our warfighter lost the capability of using an alternate lethal hand grenade when the MK3A2 concussion grenade was taken out of service in 1975 due to an asbestos hazard, leaving the M67 fragmentation grenade.

The grenade development at Picatinny is being performed by engineers with the Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, or ARDEC.

Science and technology funding has allowed ARDEC to spearhead the design effort to develop the Enhanced Tactical Multi-Purpose hand grenade, the Army's next generation lethal hand grenade. The grenade will be designed to meet performance requirements for close combat engagements in which the effects must be lethal.

ARDEC is working in cooperation with the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, and the Program Manager for Close Combat Systems, to insert critical technologies with Soldier-centric designs to improve safety and ease of use.



Photo by **HERBERT WORTMANN**

**A Soldier at Fort Benning throws a prototype, inert grenade from the kneeling position**

### 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.usa-jobs.gov](http://www.usa-jobs.gov).

### Turn in excess, damaged fire extinguishers

The Fort Jackson Fire Department is accepting excess, damaged or unserviceable fire extinguishers that customers wish to turn in. Bring them to the Fort Jackson Fire Department, located at 5499 Jackson Blvd. This accommodation is for turn-in only, and not for exchanges. Fire extinguishers can also be turned in during the "America Recycles" event, which takes place from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Fort Jackson Recycling Center. Additionally, you may continue to get service for your facility fire extinguishers by contacting the fire prevention office at 751-5239/1787/9749. Any questions contact a fire prevention team member.



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Sgt.1st Class Eric Eller checks to make sure his simulated casualty is secured properly in an ambulance near the end of the Army Warrior Task Training.

# Brushin' up

## Moncrief Soldiers go back to basics

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY  
Fort Jackson Leader

The sounds of gunfire ring from the side of Moncrief Army Health Clinic as Soldiers from Fort Jackson lay in the prone position in the grass assessing the area.

As they lock onto their targets, Staff. Sgt. Caleb Nieves hovers over them and yells "I don't care how you do it, but I want to hear you go bang, bang!"

Obliging to his request, the group simulates hitting their targets with verbal ammo as a speaker plays the sounds of gunfire.

"Bang, bang, bang, bang," they repeat over and over.

Between Sept.13-16, about 350 Service members of Moncrief completed their annual Army Warrior Task Training. The training was to help reiterate and polish their warrior skills and consisted of scenarios that the Soldiers had to work through.

"As medics that work in the hospital, we don't

really get a chance to use these skills," said non-commissioned officer in charge Staff Sgt. Theodore Cieraszynski. "This refreshes basic Soldier skills and, although it is for everybody, this particularly helps the junior Soldiers the most. The senior soldiers have done these types of training a hundred times, but the junior Soldier, not so much."

The training started on the green trail beside Moncrief and ended at Semmes Lake. Soldiers had to navigate their way through different stations before completing the training.

Training touched on skills such as land navigation, weapons maintenance, 9 line medevac, addressing a casualty, reacting to an unexploded ordnance, medical and reacting to indirect fire

During the indirect fire exercise, Spc. Briana Scott acted as if she was the enemy. Dressed in bright blue civilian clothing, she ran through the trees while soldiers shot verbal bullets at her.



Soldiers of Moncrief Army Health Clinic completed their annual Army Warrior Task Training Sept. 13 to 15. Non-commissioned officer in charge Staff Sgt. Theodore Cieraszynski said he wanted the focus to be on medical skills.

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# Cousins meet for 1st time in BCT

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Like most initial entry Soldiers overjoyed about starting Basic Combat Training, Pvt. Roger Kendrick, of Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, used Facebook to share his excitement of being shipped off to Fort Jackson to start his career as a Soldier.

He expected he might get a few “likes” and a couple of comments from his post, but what Kendrick did not anticipate was connecting with an unknown relative.

“My dad got a message on Facebook from one of his cousin’s saying that her grandson was going to Fort Jackson too,” said Kendrick. “And I told my dad to tell her to have him add me as a friend.”

And that’s what Pvt. Michael Weese of Charlie Company did. He added Kendrick and the two cousins began to talk about their expectations.

“My grandma was like ‘you got a cousin that’s going to be there too’, and I was like ‘okay,’” said Weese. “He sent me a message and we started talking about Army stuff.”

They both arrived at Fort Jackson at the same time to the same battalion. Although their barracks and training area are in close proximity, the two cousins didn’t have a chance to actually meet in person until Sept. 4, four weeks before graduation.

“I told the chaplain I had a cousin I’ve never met here, and he set it up for us to meet in his office,” said Kendrick.

Weese, who’s from Florida, said that he had never heard of Kendrick until his grandmother, Judith Lipps, told him. Kendrick’s Family moved around a lot and his father is the nephew of Lipps’ mother.

Kendrick said the two of them talked for about 20 minutes in the chaplain’s office.

“I asked him how was Echo and he asked me how was Charlie,” Weese said. “We just talked about Army stuff.”

Lipps said that the Family plans on having a small reunion after the two men graduate Sept. 29 on Fort Jackson’s Hilton Field.

“I have never met little Roger and look forward to seeing him and Michael and reconnecting with family,” she said.



Photo by *DEMETRIA MOSLEY*

**Pvts. Roger Kendrick and Michael Weese, of Echo Company and Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, are cousins who met for the first time recently during Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson.**

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— **Pvt. Michael Weese**

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Photo by TERRANCE BELL

Pvts. Moises and Marcario Castillo – 19-year-olds from Merced, Calif. – are Water Treatment Specialist Course students assigned to the Quartermaster School. The two plan to pursue civil engineering and boxing in college. Both attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson.

# Former Fort Jackson trainees, twins learn to be independent

By **TERRENCE BELL**  
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Lee

Breaking some ties of brotherhood can be difficult, but it can be even harder when your brother is also your twin. Just ask the Castillo twins — Moises and Macario — Army privates assigned to Romeo Company, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion at Fort Lee, Virginia.

The Castillo brothers trained at Fort Jackson this past spring.

Growing up, the 19 year olds from Merced, California, lived the typical lives of twins -- dressing alike, participating in activities together and causing identify confusion in their schools and neighborhood. When they graduated high school, however, they parted ways for roughly a year and began to develop separate lives. Moises relocated to the Seattle area to attend college and Macario stayed behind in Merced.

The separation revealed some hard truths, Macario said. "To be honest, you are not used to living without that per-

son you've been living with your whole life," he said. "You have this sense of emptiness. You wake up and you're used to seeing that person and then one day, they're gone."

Moises said his experience being away from his brother was similar.

"When I moved out, I had to kind of do things on my own instead of talking to him and deciding what 'we're' going to do," he recalled of his new life.

## TOGETHER, APART

Realizing they needed more time together to navigate their transition, they began talking about joining the Army as a way to correct an abrupt parting.

"We both agreed to join together," Macario said. "It was an, 'If I do it, you do it,' kind of thing."

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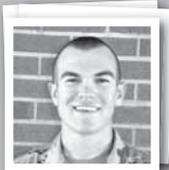
— Pvt. Macario Castillo

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## 'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**PVT. SAWYER T. ANDERSON, 19**  
*Lancaster, California*



"I joined the Army because I've always wanted to since I was a little kid."

"The drill sergeants have been awesome at guiding myself and the company through basic and at preparing us for the rest of our careers."

I am a "89D – Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist. My first choice when I enlisted was infantry, but when I saw EOD, I wanted to take the challenge because it is such an awesome opportunity."

"My Family is behind my decision to join 100 percent. I could not have done this without them."

**PVT. JASON D. PRICE, 18**  
*Richmond Hill, Georgia*



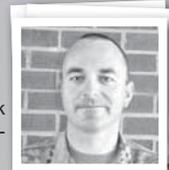
"I joined because serving my country to keep the citizens free is important. We are a country of freedom, and freedom isn't free."

In basic training I "became more mature as an adult and Soldier."

I am a "15U – Chinook Repairer. My goal is to learn mechanics and eventually make it to flight school to be a pilot."

"My Family supports me 100 percent as my father was in the Army for 23 years."

**SPC. MICHAEL J. HARRIS, 35**  
*St. Paul, Minnesota*



"I joined to serve my state and country as a member of the Minnesota National Guard. I work with Service members at my civilian job who inspired me to join before I turned 35."

I am a "27D – Paralegal. I chose this MOS to gain additional job skills to advance my civilian career as a correctional officer."

"My employer, spouse and friends have been extremely supportive, however, my parents were concerned about deployments and my health at my age."

**PVT. TIMOTHY J. EKBACK, 18**  
*Denver*



"I joined the Army to serve my country and use the Army as a stepping stone for the rest of my life."

"I've made lots of friends in basic training."

"I'm a 15N – Avionic Mechanic. I picked it to give me an opportunity to learn all I can about aviation and helicopters, since my goal is to fly for the Army one day."

"My Family is very proud, but also a little nervous. They feel I was born to be a Soldier."

**PVT. MARIA L. MUMMERT, 18**  
*Spring Grove Pennsylvania*



"I joined the Army to further my education and protect and serve my country."

"The friendships and everything I've learned and experienced is what I like most about basic training."

I am a "35F – Intelligence Analyst because I'm interested in intelligence-related jobs as a career."

My Family "is very proud of my decision to join and support me."



**Day for Kids at Fort Jackson**

*Photo by VERAN HILL*

The Fort Jackson Boys and Girls Club of America planned activities to celebrate Day for Kids on Sept. 17 at Legion Pool. The day is set aside every third Saturday in September for adults and children to spend meaningful time together.



U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 1050th Transportation Battalion, S.C. Army National Guard fire the M240B machine gun during night training Sept. 15 at Fort Jackson.



Above, U.S. Army Spc. Edward Carr, combat engineer assigned to the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, S.C. Army National Guard fires a M240B machine gun during the crew-served weapons familiarization night training at Fort Jackson. Carr is assisting in the training of 30 Soldiers from multiple transportation companies on dismounted security drills and crew-served weapons in preparation for their qualification next summer and to stay current with convoy security.



Soldiers conduct M2 machine gun night firing during crew-served weapons familiarization training last week.



Left, a Soldier helps prepare targets for last week's training exercise. Above, spent brass from the weapons is collected at the end of the event.



# IN THE FIRE NIGHT

National Guard conducts night firing during crew-served weapons familiarization training at Fort Jackson

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jorge Intriago

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“I think dressing up really helps the Soldiers think of this in a real life scenario,” she said. “I enjoyed playing the part of giving them the extra push in the training.”

The training course lasted about 30 minutes and Service members went in groups of 10 to 15. Cieraszynski said they wanted training to really focus on medical tasks. While completing the tasks, the Soldiers had to also travel with their wounded medical dummy.

“Since we are in the medical field, we wanted our training to focus on the addressing and caring of a casualty,” Cieraszynski said. “Because that’s what we would be doing if we were really out in the field, we would be taking care of people.”

Maj. Christopher Blacknall, chief of Resource Management for Moncrief, said that this course helps him brush up on his medical skills.

“I’m not a medic, but I work in the hospital,” Blacknall said. “I don’t get to exercise my medical skills often so this helped me remember and touch up on things about caring for patients.”



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

**As part of the training, Soldiers had to carry a casualty throughout the courses to help build medical skills. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Eller and Maj. Christopher Blacknall cross a bridge near Semmes Lake with their simulated casualty.**

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month luncheon set for Oct. 3**

A luncheon in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month is scheduled to take place 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Oct. 24 at the post NCO Club. The guest speaker for the event is domestic violence survivor Dale Wells.

Contact the post EOA at 751-2990 for tickets, which are \$10.50 per person.

Call 751-6235 for more information.

### **Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses**

Dedicated to information on civil service and NAF employment. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID card holders. The event takes place 9 a.m.-noon, Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222.

To register, call 751-9460/5452 or email [Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil)

## Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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# Heritage

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Cpl. Joseph DeCastro received the award during the Civil War for gallantry and heroism during Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg where he attacked a color bearer of the 1st Virginia Infantry with the staff of the 19th Massachusetts Infantry and seizing the colors.

In World War I, Pvt. David Barkeley Cantu, received the MOH after drowning during a scouting mission behind enemy lines Nov. 19, 1918. His citation read: "When information was desired as to the enemy's position on the opposite side of the Meuse River, Pvt. Barkeley, with another soldier, volunteered without hesitation and swam the river to reconnoiter the exact location. He succeeded in reaching the opposite bank, despite the evident determination of the enemy to prevent a crossing. Having obtained his information, he again entered the water for his return, but before his goal was reached, he was seized with cramps and drowned."

During World War II many Hispanic-Americans, such as Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams, would display extreme gallantry and be awarded America's highest military honor. Adams received the award after he personally attacked German positions near St. Die, France on Oct. 28, 1944 with a Browning Automatic Rifle. When his company's advance was stopped by intense German fire, he "charged forward dodging from tree to tree firing a borrowed BAR from the hip. Despite intense machinegun fire which the enemy directed at him and rifle grenades which struck the trees over his head showering him with broken twigs and branches." Adams would personally killed nine Germans, eliminate three enemy machineguns, and clear a wooded area of German forces.

On May 21, 1951, near Munye-ri, Korea, Pvt. Joseph C. Rodriguez helped de-



Photo by C. TODD LOPEZ

**65th Infantry Division veterans Raul Maldonado Peña and Benjamin Pagan Ayala in the nation's capital prior to receiving the Congressional Gold Medal. They were among the Puerto Rican Soldiers who fought with the 65th Infantry Regiment through America's conflicts going back to World War II who were presented the medal in April.**

feat a fanatical enemy by attacking fortified North Korean positions. According to the Center of Military History, "he "leaped to his feet, dashed 60 yards up the fire-swept slope, and, after lobbing grenades into the first foxhole with deadly accuracy, ran around the left flank, silenced an automatic weapon with two grenades and continued his whirlwind assault to the top of the peak, wiping out two more foxholes and then, reaching the right flank, he tossed grenades into the remaining emplacement, destroying the gun and annihilating its crew. Sgt. Rodriguez' intrepid actions exacted a toll of 15 enemy dead and, as a result of his incredible display of valor, the defense of the opposition was broken, and the enemy

routed, and the strategic strongpoint secured."

In Vietnam, Hispanic American Soldiers fought bravely and even gave the ultimate sacrifice to save their comrades like 1st Sgt. Maximo Yabes. Yabes was killed while defending against a Viet Cong attack on Feb. 26, 1967 near Phu Hoa Dong. During that battle, Yabes helped wounded, and ran through withering fire to get a grenade launcher from a nearby bunker. Lastly, he "dashed across the exposed area, assaulted the machinegun, killed the crew, destroyed the weapon, and fell mortally wounded."

Fort Jackson's Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 30 at the NCO Club on post.

dividual training in August. Macario is in his ninth week of the 12-week course while Moises is in his seventh.

## FUTURE PLANS

After graduating from training, Moises plans to attend community college in Washington and pursue a degree in civil engineering at the University of Washington. He also wants to pursue a spot on the school's boxing team. Macario also wants to pursue civil engineering, but has not decided upon a college. He plans to box as well.

Their plans seem to be essentially the same as they were before they joined the National Guard, but with one important difference -- they have come to terms with the realization that a lifetime of sharing cannot be undone with a few sudden decisions. It takes time, thought and an appreciation for history.

"It's hard because since we were kids, we've been together," Moises said. "Go-

ing to college will have a lot of responsibilities we need to take care of, so we won't be able to stay in touch like we used to. In high school, it was easy to just go home and talk about it. In college, you have to focus on passing and pursuing your own career."

Macario said he is somewhat torn by the transition but deems it necessary.

"In a way I think it's actually good but it's kind of bad," he said. "I realize you have to learn to let go and let the other person pursue his own life or else they can never pursue it as a person. It's a big step forward in our lives."

In starting their own lives and careers, the brothers still have much in common: They are National Guardsmen pursuing the same skill, the same college major and the same sport. In the latter, it is to their liking to one day face each other in the ring.

"Since we're in the same weight class (lightweight), maybe we can eventually fight each other," Moises said.

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# Twins

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The time apart had made the brothers wiser. Both gave more weight to making decisions based on what they wanted individually, not what they should do together simply because they were twins or had similar interests.

"I asked him, 'Are you sure you want to join?'" Macario recalled. Moises' collegiate opportunity had been troubled by financial issues. "You don't have to do it if you don't want to," and he said he still wanted to do it."

The Castillo twins joined the California Army National Guard roughly a week apart as water treatment specialists. They attended basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and arrived at their advanced in-

# Is your Family ready for flu season?

By **RONALD WOLFE**  
Army Medicine

Are you preparing your family to be safe from influenza?

The flu is coming. The most important step in preventing flu is for the entire family to get a flu vaccination each year.

All active duty Service members, Reserve Component personnel and DOD civilian health care personnel are required to be immunized against the influenza every year.

But the entire Army family -- spouses, children, retirees, and other Department of the Army civilians -- should plan to get vaccinated as well. In general, children need to be 6 months or older to be vaccinated, ask your physician.

The old adage -- an ounce of prevention -- never applied more than it does here.

No one wants to catch the flu if it can be avoided. Everyone who has had it knows about the muscle aches and pains, runny noses, sore throats, coughs, fever, and headaches. It is highly contagious and dangerous.

The Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention tracked data on the flu for more than 30 years from 1976 to 2007. In

those years, the number of deaths from flu in the United States ranged about 3,000 to a high of nearly 50,000 people.

Most deaths associated with the flu, between 80 percent and 90 percent, occur in people 65 years and older. That's why older retirees need the flu vaccination. Children must also be guarded from the flu, and that's what you are doing when you get yourself vaccinated. Reducing your risk for flu reduces their risk as well.

Although anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), some people are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications. In addition to people 65 years or older, this higher risk category includes people of any age with chronic medical conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), pregnant women, and young children.

Bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, and sinus infections are also possible consequences of the flu.

Vaccination is associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, and reduced hospitalizations for people with diabetes and chronic lung disease.

The CDC does not recommend this year's FluMist product. Concern exists

as to whether it protects against the expected flu for the winter of 2016-2017. DOD will only offer, and TRICARE will only cover, the injectable influenza vaccine for the 2016-2017 influenza season.

The DOD anticipates no shortage of influenza vaccine at military medical activities. Civilian TRICARE beneficiaries, including Family members and retirees, can get the influenza vaccine from military installations, but checking in advance to make sure the vaccine is available could save time.

This brings us right back to the most important point: the greater the number of people who get vaccinated against the flu, the lower the likelihood flu can spread through the community -- including to your family.

Flu vaccination also reduces the risk that someone in your family might need hospitalization. Flu vaccination reduces the risk for hospital admission for adults of all ages, but especially adults 50 or older, and for children.

Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.

Vaccination helps protect women during pregnancy and their babies for up to 6 months after they are born.

Preventive actions (staying away from

## WHAT'S NEW THIS FLU SEASON?

A few things are new this season:

- Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.
- There will be some new vaccines on the market this season.
- The recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent hand washing) help slow the spread of flu viruses and other illnesses. Hand sanitizers can help, too.

Flu season runs from October until May. If you or a Family member gets the flu, stay home, stay hydrated, stay safe.

And when flu shots are available, encourage your Family members to get vaccinated right away.

# Flood

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“Maj. Gen. Cloutier made the decision as he watched bolt cutters cut locks, we got the boats out, got them used to save lives, to save property,” Connor said. “Those assets were used for 72 hours.”

DODD 3025.18 outlines how the military can respond to domestic emergencies. Immediate response authority is for when there are imminently serious conditions and a request from civil authorities has been received; when there is no time to receive approval from higher authorities. The commander must immediately notify the chain of command and reassess the support within 72 hours.

Representing Fort Jackson at the seminar were Scottie Thomas, chief of the post’s protection division, and Ramon Domenech, post Emergency Manager. Domenech recently replaced R.J. Frazier, Fort Jackson’s long time emergency manager.

“Establishing relationships with other emergency management agencies such as city, county and State is critical to the success of emergency response operations at all levels,” Domenech said.

Fort Jackson and its partners routinely hold “mutually beneficial” training events to test responses in case of emergencies, he said.



Photo by NICHOLAS SALCIDO

## Living history

Jackson Boulevard has always been one of Fort Jackson’s busiest thoroughfares. Above, a photo contrasts traffic in 1941 to what the road looks like today. During World War II, Jackson Boulevard was unpaved and connected the much smaller installation to the city of Columbia at what is now Gate 1.



Courtesy photo

## Yard of the Month

Fort Jackson’s Yard of the Month grand prize winners for September are Sgt. 1st Class Joey Schuett and wife Melonie, center, pictured here with Col. James W. Ellerson Jr., left, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond. Also recognized this month were Melvin Crutchfield, Pierce Terrace 5, and Lt. Col. Michael Whitney and wife Laura, of Howie Village. This month’s winning Families close out the Yard of the Month Program for the spring and summer season.

## AG Corps is accepting award nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Adjutant General Corps Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, non-commissioned officer, Soldier, Civilian / Senior Civilian and Spouse of the Year Awards Program for 2017. An MOI is attached which contains eligibility requirements and nomination procedures for our Corps’ Regimental Awards Program.

Since 2014, the AG Corps recognizes two civilian employee categories: the Civilian Employee of the Year (GS-01 through GS-09, or NF-1 through NF-3), and Senior Civilian Employee of the Year (GS-10 through GS-15, or NF-4 through NF-6). The corps began recognizing the AG Corps Regimental Spouse of the Year in 2015. The awards program began in 2003, to honor of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, former Army G-1, and Sgt. Maj. Larry L. Strickland, Army G-1 senior enlisted leader, both killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the Pentagon. The Civilian Employee of the Year was implemented in 2001 to honor Mr. John Dinnien.

For more information visit <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-308380>, or contact Marcus Campbell at [marcus.a.campbell3.civ@mail.mil](mailto:marcus.a.campbell3.civ@mail.mil), or via phone at (803) 751-8300; or Bill Villnow at [william.c.villnow.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.c.villnow.civ@mail.mil) or via phone at 751-8368.

## BRIEFS

### Citizenship celebration scheduled for Oct. 14

The Relocation Readiness Program will host a celebratory luncheon in honor of all Family members who have taken the Oath of Allegiance during the period of October 2015 – September 2016.

The event will be held 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Chaplain Family Life Center, located behind Strom Thurmond Building. All Family members of our honorees are invited to attend this special occasion.

The process to become a U.S. citizen is extremely challenging and many military Family members have met and completed that challenge. Program coordinators want to celebrate this accomplishment, the time, determination, and willingness to become a U.S. citizen. This is also an opportunity to meet other spouses from various countries.

If you plan to attend you must sign-up no later than Oct. 3. For additional information contact Miranda Broadus at 751-1124, [miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil](mailto:miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil) or Patricia Guillory at 751-9770, [patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil](mailto:patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil).

### 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](http://www.usajobs.gov).

### Hall of Fame noms due Dec. 21

Nominations for the Adjutant General Corps Hall of Fame and Distinguished Member of the Regiment Class of 2017 are now being accepted. To find get more details on how to submit a nomination or get a nomination template visit <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-308376>.

HOF and DMOR selectees will be recognized at the AG Corps HOF and DMOR induction ceremony and National AG Ball, June 2, 2017. All HOF and DMOR inductees will also be recognized within the AG School's Hall of Honor. Nominations are due Dec. 21.

For more information contact Bob Ortiz at (803) 751-8305 or via email at [robert.ortiz-abreu.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:robert.ortiz-abreu.ctr@mail.mil) or Bill Villnow at (803) 751-8368, or via email [william.c.villnow.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.c.villnow.civ@mail.mil).

### Become a 911 dispatch operator

Troops to Firefighters is offering a free education opportunity to Soldiers and veterans.

Troops to Firefighters exists to provide transitioning Soldiers and veterans the training and mentoring they need to become certified firefighters or 9-1-1 emergency telecommunicators. A free course is being offered Oct. 3-20 to anyone interested in becoming a 911 emergency dispatch operator. The class takes place at 2611 Grant St., Columbia, SC, 29203.

For more information, contact [dave@troopstofirefighters.org](mailto:dave@troopstofirefighters.org).



Photo courtesy of Anderson University

A statue of Cpl. Freddie Stowers was dedicated Nov. 10, 2015 outside Anderson University's Thrift Library in Anderson, S.C. Stowers' military career began at Fort Jackson. In 1991, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor during World War I.

## Centennial profiles:

### Cpl. Freddie Stowers

Seventy-three years after his death, Cpl. Freddie Stowers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor during World War I. He was the first African American to receive this honor for service during this war.

"It's been said that the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge," said President George H.W. Bush at the posthumous presentation of the Medal of Honor in 1991. "On Sept. 28, 1918, Cpl. Freddie Stowers stood poised on the edge of such a challenge and summoned his mettle and his courage."

Stowers' military career began at Fort Jackson, where he joined the First Provisional Infantry Regiment (Colored) on Oct. 4, 1917. He was born and raised in Sandy Springs, South Carolina, and was part of the first military draft of World War I.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, on Sept. 28, 1918, while serving as squad leader of

Company C, 371st Infantry Regiment, 93rd Division, Stowers went above and beyond the call of duty when his company led the attack at Hill 188, Champagne Marne Sector, France.

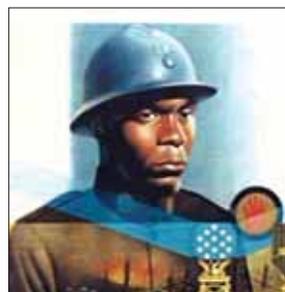
Shortly after the attack began, the enemy came out of the trenches leading Stowers and his company to believe they were surrendering. However, soon after the American forces came out of their trenches, the enemy resumed fire.

Stowers led his company to the enemy trench line to take out a machine gun post which was causing a majority of the casualties.

As Stowers and his men moved forward he was mortally wounded. He continued to go on with his company and encouraged his men to go forward without him.

The members of Stowers' squad pressed on, motivated by his heroism, they continued the attack; leading to the capture of Hill 188.

The Single Soldier Complex on Fort Jackson is named in his honor.



This image of Cpl. Freddie Stowers was generated by Army forensics from photos of his mother and sisters.



## Transformation Thursday

'I want to be a mechanic and I didn't have the funds to go to school. I thought of the Army; my grandfather served.'

— Christopher Black, Kennesaw, Georgia

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According to Jessica Perciballi, ARDEC project officer for ET-MP, Army, Grenades & Demolitions Division, ET-MP represents the first hand grenade that can be tailored to the mission. Soldiers will not need to carry as many types of hand grenades.

"They are currently carrying one M67 grenade that provides lethal fragmentation effects. With the new multi-purpose grenade, they can carry one ET-MP grenade and have the ability to choose either fragmentation or concussive effects desired for the situation," Perciballi said.

Another feature is that the grenades are designed for ambidextrous use, meaning that they can be thrown with either hand. Current grenades require a different arming procedure for left-handed users.

"Not only will ET-MP provide additional capabilities and lethality to the warfighter, it will also be the first Army Fuze Safety Review Board and Insensitive Munition-qualified lethal grenade in the Army's portfolio," Perciballi added.

According to Matthew Hall, Grenades Tech Base Development Lead, the request for a multi-purpose grenade came from the warfighter in 2010, and research began almost immediately. The science and technology funding to move forward with a project came in fiscal year 2013.

"We received direct input from the Army and Marine Corps early on, which was critical in ensuring the new arming and fuzing design was user friendly," Hall said.

"With these upgrades in the ET-MP, not only is the fuze timing completely electronic, but the detonation train is also out-of-line," Hall added. "Detonation time can now be narrowed down into milliseconds, and until armed, the hand grenade will not be able to detonate."

According to Hall, the current plan for ET-MP is to transition the new grenades to Project Manager Close Combat Systems in Fiscal Year 2020. That organization is also located at Picatinny Arsenal.



Photo by HERBERT WORTMANN

Soldiers, Marines and engineers gather to evaluate various grenade body and arming designs.