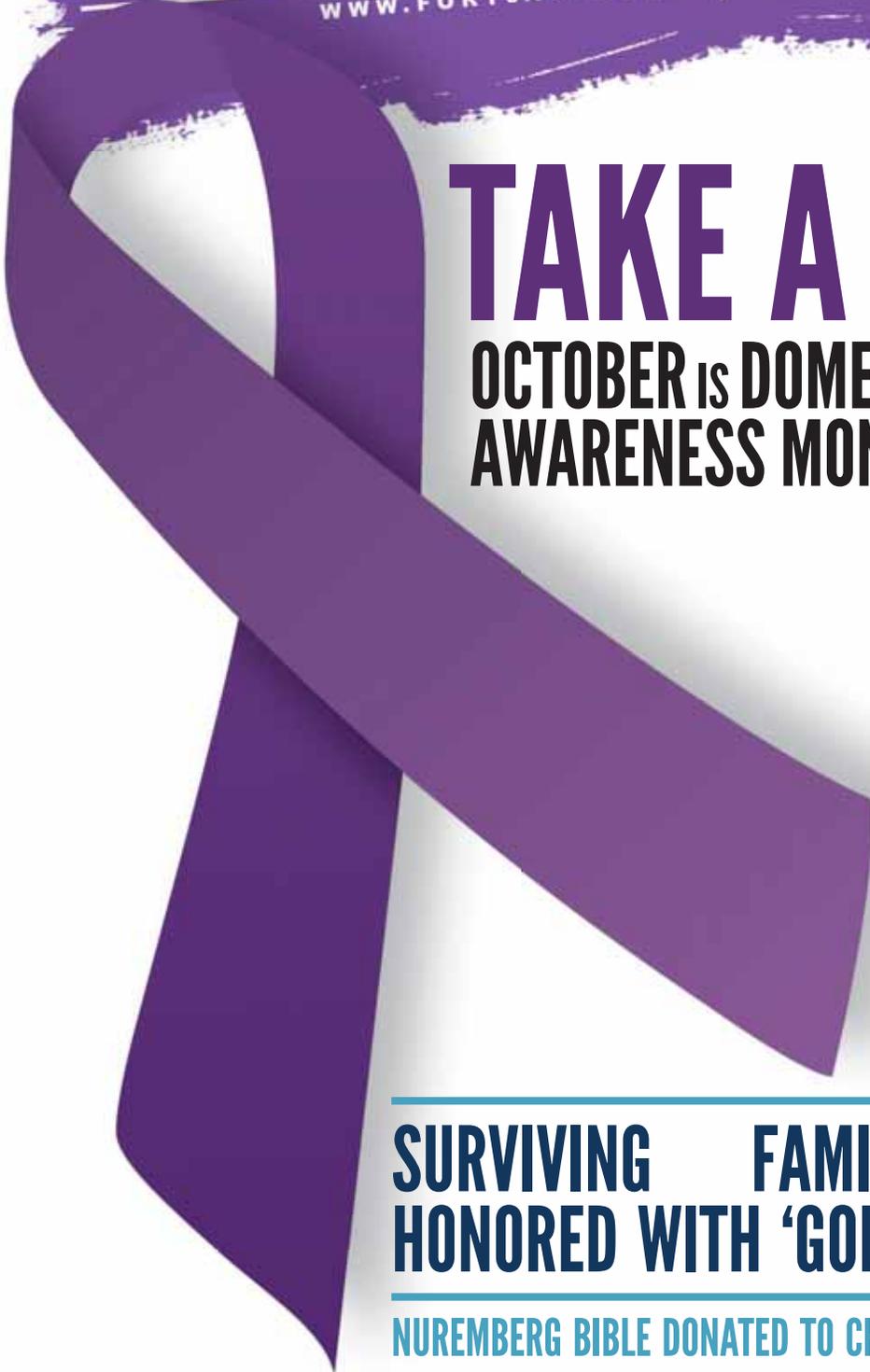


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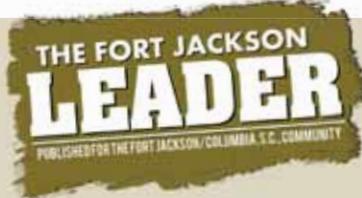
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ON THE COVER

The display of purple ribbons conveys the message that there's no place for domestic violence in our community. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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Community Calendar

TODAY

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

FRIDAY

Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon
11:30 a.m., NCO Club. The theme for this year's event is "Embracing, Enriching and Enabling America" and includes a musical performance by the Palmetto Latin Orchestra. Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Escobedo, NCO Academy commandant, is the guest speaker.

SATURDAY

Stomping Out Cancer 5k Run/Walk

8 a.m., Moncrief Army Hospital Parking Lot. This event is to raise awareness for breast cancer. Complimentary gift bags will be given to first 250 pre-registered participants. To pre-register, call 751-5200 or visit <http://jackson.armymwr.com/us/jackson>.

TUESDAY

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.

Facebook Town Hall Meeting

Noon-1p.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 tousarmy.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.

OCT. 14

University of South Carolina Fort Jackson Open House

11:00 am - 2:00 pm, room B-205, Fort Jackson Education Center (4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd). The Fort Jackson community will have an opportunity to learn about the University of South Carolina's on-post programs, ask questions about admissions, financial aid, veterans benefits, Federal Tuition Assistance, meet with faculty, former and current students, enjoy

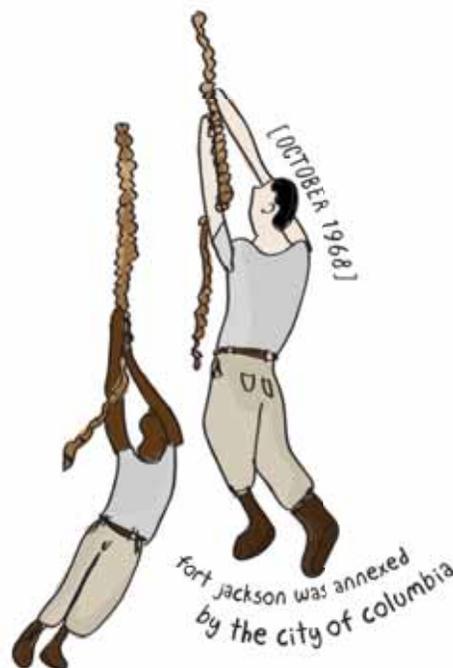
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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.
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refreshments and door prizes. Targeted to active duty and their spouses, DOD civilians, veterans, National Guardsmen and reservists. For more information, call 803-782-8810, or email uscfortjackson@sc.edu.

OCT. 18

Helping Hand Awards

4 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. USAG and Fort Jackson will host the 4th QTR CG Helping Hand award presentation. Award nomination deadline is Friday. Hand carry nomination to Marilyn Bailey, AVCC, Bldg 4512, Stuart St., Room 106 or email Marilynn.s.Bailey.civ@mail.mil.



Domestic violence hurts everyone ...

Take a stand in October

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Cultivating and building healthy loving relationships is the key to putting a stop to domestic violence.

About 20 people per minute in the United States are abused by an intimate partner, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). Domestic violence includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence and emotional abuse.

October kicks off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme is **Speak up: Be a part of the Solution!** In order to take action against Domestic Violence we must speak out and up against it.

To help with nourishing healthy relationships, which eventually helps with eliminating domestic violent situations, Fort Jackson's Family Advocacy programs holds a healthy relationship class every first Tuesday of the month.

"This is really the important thing," said Kamala Henley, Family Advocacy Program victim advocate at Fort Jackson. "Having healthy relationships is what's going to help people stay out of bad relationships."

The class discusses open communication, handling conflict, the role of independence and respect and how to recognize and grow healthy relationships.

"Although we offer this class, no one ever really shows up," said Henley.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence lists these warning signs of unhealthy relationships:

- Telling the victim that they can never do anything right
- Accusing the victim of cheating
- Keeping or discouraging the victim from seeing friends or family members

- Embarrassing or shaming the victim with put-downs
- Controlling every penny spent in the household
- Taking the victim's money or refusing to give them money for expenses
- Looking at or acting in ways that scare the person they are abusing
- Controlling who the victim sees, where they go, or what they do
- Dictating how the victim dresses, wears their hair, etc.
- Stalking the victim or monitoring their victim's every move (in person or also via the internet and/or other devices such as GPS tracking or the victim's phone)

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Although we offer this class, no one ever really shows up.

— **Kamala Henley**
Family Advocacy Program
victim advocate

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lines nationwide. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.

On Oct. 24, Fort Jackson will hold a Domestic Violence Awareness Month luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NCO Club. Guest speaker Dale Wells will talk about his story surviving an abusive relationship.

For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).



October events highlight domestic violence awareness

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

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

Oct. 4 Silent Witness

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

Oct. 4 Purple Up

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

Oct. 4 Gate campaign

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

Oct. 8 Mayor's Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

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

Oct. 11 Outreach

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

Oct. 22 Annual Bike-a-Thon

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



Photo by STEPHEN HOOVER

The Rev. Carl Fisher, of Charlotte, N.C., tells the story about how a German-language Bible, featuring the signatures of 17 Nazi defendants of the Nuremberg War Crime Trials, became part of his family. The Fisher's donated that Bible to the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Museum.

A Bible story

Bible signed by Nuremberg defendants donated to Chaplain Corps Museum

By **STEPHEN HOOVER**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

The family of a former U.S. Army chaplain, who while stationed in Germany was presented with a German-language New Testament featuring the names of 17 Nazi defendants of the Nuremberg War Crime Trials, donated that Bible to the Chaplain Corps Museum during a Sept. 19 ceremony at Fort Jackson.

Following the end of World War II, Chap. (then Capt.) Roy L. Fisher, a Lutheran minister from North Carolina, was stationed in Bayreuth, Germany, with the 120th Station Hospital. Fisher was asked by Chap. (Maj.) Henry Gerecke to find and provide German language Scriptures for the 24 Nazi prisoners.

According to the Frederick Grossmith book, "The Cross and the Swastika," in 1945, Gerecke, who was fluent in German, had been assigned to be the chaplain for those 24 men. Included in the group was Hermann Göring, commander-in-chief of the Luftwaffe and, at one time, Adolph Hitler's hand-picked successor. The tribunal also prosecuted Rudolph Hess, the deputy Führer until 1941, and Albert Speer, Hitler's war minister. In the end, 21 of the men stood trial.

Along with his chaplain assistant, James LaRue, Fisher delivered the Bibles to Gerecke on Nov. 30, 1945, 10 days after the Nuremberg Trials began. In appreciation for providing the New

Testaments, Gerecke had 17 of the defendants sign one, which he presented to Fisher.

Fisher died in 1975, and the Nuremberg Bible was passed down to his son, Rev. Dr. Carl Fisher, who is a Bishop Emeritus of the Lutheran Church. He, along with his two surviving sisters, Roselyn Misenheimer and Dr. Marjorie Matthews, decided recently that the USACHCS Museum was the best place for the historic New Testament to be displayed.

In thanking the Fisher's for donating the Bible, where it will be added to a museum display entitled "Chaplain Ministry at the Nuremberg Trial," Chap. (Col.) Peter R. Sniffin explained how a simple conversation got the ball rolling.

"I was speaking with Mr. (Bill) Dukes, South Carolina's Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, last spring, and he told me about his best friend, Carl Fisher, and the New Testament," Sniffin said. "From that initial conversation, we find ourselves here now adding this significant piece of history to the museum." Dukes also attended the ceremony.

Marcia McManus, the Chaplain Corps Museum director, ensured the detailed coordination with the Army's Center for Military History and the Fisher family, enabling USACHCS to take possession of the artifact.

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY
Mechanic Resurrection (R) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Hands of Stone (R) 1 p.m.
Mechanic Resurrection (R) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY
Hands of Stone (R) 1 p.m.
Mechanic Resurrection (R) 7 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.



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

FALL SPECIAL AT VICTORY BINGO

(Bldg -12500 Huger St. Fort Jackson, SC 29207)



Sunday, Oct 16

- » Doors open at 9:30 am
 - » Fun Games start at 11 a.m.
 - » Jackpots \$5,000 and \$2,000
 - » 8 Regular Games \$1,000
 - » Fun Games are Table Games
- For more info, call (803)751-3411.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



FALL FLEA MARKET

**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.

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- » Thursdays: 1/2 price appetizers from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- » Friday: End of the week social with House Liquor for only \$1.50!
- » Saturday : Sports network Saturday

HAPPY HOUR

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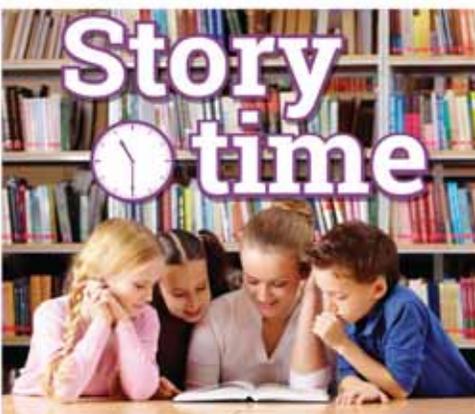
PRIVATE PARTIES

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CONTACT INFO & HOURS

3305 Daniel Circle - (803)790-0381
Monday - Friday doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday doors open at 5 p.m.

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Story time

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

Join us for Story Time at the Library!
Every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Every Thursday at our new time, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All Ages Welcome! Join us for exciting stories, fun songs, and arts & crafts.

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



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

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



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SOUL FOOD BUFFET

**Available every Thursday at the NCO Club
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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.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

Commissary expands deli department

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

If this had been just two weeks ago, Iyonna Stanley would have taken extra precautions to make sure she balanced the slices of meat in her hand while at the same time avoiding accidentally bumping into a co-worker.

In its old location, the deli in Fort Jackson's commissary was housed in a scanty dim corner. During its busy hours, employees resembled sardines in a can as they scurried around in the small space fulfilling people's orders.

"I had to basically dance around another person to not bump into them," said Stanley. "Now I don't have to worry about that."

Fort Jackson's commissary opened its new deli Sept. 20. With the wide open space it now provides, Stanley doesn't have to dance; she could do cartwheels if she really wanted to.

"The old deli was too small for the demand we were getting," said store

director of the commissary Bernard Ellison. "Everything is very modern, efficient and up to date now."

The deli, now located in the front of the store, offers some new features like serving hot food, a breakfast menu, a full service bakery and additional line food items. Customers have the opportunity to purchase party trays, promotional cakes and now even rotisserie chicken.

Ashley Virgie and Jill Brockavish, the district managers of the commissaries in Virginia, came down to assist South Carolina District Manager Holly Tomlinson with the deli's opening.

So far, customers have given positive feedback about the new location.

"This space is outstanding and a lot more open and friendlier," said Jerry Brinson, the mayor of Pierce Terrace.

Employee Gabriella Douangara agrees with him.

"It's definitely been an adjustment getting use to this space," she said. "It's a lot brighter and bigger in here."



Photo by **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**

Gabriella Douangara prepares salads in the new location of Fort Jackson's commissary deli which opened Sept. 20.

Moncrief rolls out outpatient survey system

By **NICK SPINELLI**
Moncrief Army Health Clinic

Patients at Moncrief Army Health Clinic can now report their experiences and satisfaction with their health care in a new survey. This outpatient survey program, launched by the Army June 20, is called the Joint Outpatient Experience Survey, or JOES. This survey is standardized across all services, and will enable the Department of Health Affairs to get an accurate picture of the state of military health care.

Approximately 72 hours after an appointment, a patient will receive a survey to complete and should respond within a month by mail or electronically. The survey takes five minutes to complete. It will give health care providers and Moncrief leadership the feedback necessary to improve quality of care, patient experience and satisfaction. Moncrief takes all comments and ratings seriously, and the surveys will be confidential.

According to Dr. Melissa Gliner, the JOES program lead for the U.S. Army Medical Command, "Patient satisfaction is everyone's responsibility within Army Medicine. JOES provides direct feedback to medical treatment facilities in order to improve the support and care provided to their patients."

Providing feedback helps Moncrief foster a partnership between patients and their primary care managers that enables Moncrief to continually improve and achieve excellent health care and patient satisfaction.

JOES surveys are now active, and being sent out to beneficiaries.

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WHAT YOU
THINK**

Take the
**JOINT
OUTPATIENT
EXPERIENCE
SURVEY**



Take a few minutes to fill out the **Joint Outpatient Experience Survey (JOES)** when you get it by mail or email. **JOES** is a survey that asks questions about your military health care experience. It's secure and we won't share your personal information. Your **JOES** responses tell us what we're doing right and what we can do better.

Citizenship event set 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 the Strom Thurmond Building. All Family members of our honorees are invited to attend this special occasion.

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 or Patricia Guillory at 751-9770, 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.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Gold Star Mothers and families release gold balloons with the names of their fallen loved ones Sept. 24 at the Governor's Mansion Complex in Columbia, S.C. during the 2016 Gold Star Mothers and Families Day. Gold Star Mothers and Families Day has been held the last Sunday of September since 1936.

Surviving family members honored with 'Gold Star' day

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

When President Barack Obama proclaimed Sept. 25, 2016 as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day, he wrote "less than one percent of our Nation wear the uniform, but all of us have an obligation to acknowledge the losses endured by Gold Star Mothers and Families and to fill the painful absence of their loved ones with our profound gratitude."

Fort Jackson and the South Carolina National Guard honored those families from across the Palmetto State with a solemn event at the Lace House in the S.C. Governor's Mansion Complex Sept. 24.

"We are honoring Gold Star family members, specifically mothers," said Leslie Smith, Fort Jackson's Survivor Outreach Services coordinator. "This event is held nationally so we can show honor to our family members."

The event has taken place on the last Sunday of September since June 23, 1936, when the 74th U.S. Congress designated the day in honor of Gold Star Mothers. The day was expanded to include families since the loss of a loved one impacts the whole family.

The term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service.



Spc. Brandon Koehler, a trumpeter with the 282nd Army Band's Brass Quintet plays prior to the start of the 2016 Gold Star Mothers and Families Day at the S.C. Governor's Mansion Complex in Columbia, Sept. 24.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, in a state proclamation said, "By assisting veterans and Gold Star families, fostering patriotism and continued service and promoting peace and good will throughout the world, Gold Star mothers inspire us with deep devotion to family and country."

Smith said it's important for these families to know the Army hasn't forgotten about them.

"It's easy to do that as we go daily on and say, 'That's behind us,'" Smith said. "But what we don't want our families to think is that we forgot about them. They are Service members who have served this country and we should continue to honor them at all costs.

"We owe them that honor, we owe them that respect. They deserve to be remembered for the simple fact that their son or daughter or husband lost their life serving our country."

While the South Carolina Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston was unable to attend the event, his wife, Barbara, said the sacrifices of Gold Star families are constantly on their minds.

"Your sacrifices are what makes our country great," she said. "I can't tell you how much you mean to me and my husband.

"I think of you when I look up at the stars. I think of you as I go about the day. I think of all military and the great things they've done for our country."

For Lt. Col. Kenneth Snow, with the South Carolina Army National Guard, the day held special significance because two Soldiers under his command were killed in Afghanistan. He spoke to the families about how the losses of Staff Sgt. James Bullard and Spc. David Leimbach profoundly affected his life.

Moncrief to host Breast Cancer Awareness 5K

By **NICK SPINNELI**

Moncrief Army Health Clinic

Moncrief Army Health Clinic will host a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Moncrief Parking Lot.

“We’re using the route near the museum, traveling up Jackson Boulevard,” said Maj. Gerald Bracete, from Moncrief Preventive Medicine. “It will be a very scenic run.”

According to Bracete, the purpose of the event is to bring awareness not just to the disease but to the importance of preventive screenings.

“People for the most part are aware of breast cancer in that they know it exists; but for some reason people are still hesitant to get screenings when they are needed,” he said. “Early detection saves lives.”

In addition to the run, the event will also include testimonials by breast cancer survivors as well as a mini-health fair.

“We will have subject matter experts on hand to discuss services available to beneficiaries including topics such as Performance Triad, pharmacy, HEDIS, radiology, and Tricare. We will also have flu shots available after the run,” Bracete said.

To participate in the Breast Cancer Awareness 5k, sign up at www.jackson.armymwr.com/us/jackson or call 803-751-5200. Late registration will be held on site from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m.

Fitness Studio to be renovated

From FMWR

In order to provide the very best experience to customers of our popular fitness classes, the entire Fitness Studio’s floor in the Solomon Center will be completely renovated Oct. 3, 2016 - Jan. 3, 2017. All group Fitness classes will be relocated to other fitness centers during the renovation.

As planned, classes will return to the Fitness Studio in the Solomon Center once the floor renovation is complete. Please check “The Leader,” our MWR and community calendars, and the fitness webpage at <http://jackson.armymwr.com/us/jackson/programs/fitness> for all fitness class locations. For more information or questions call Pam Long at 751-3700.



Photos by EARL JONES/FMWR

Do it in Pink

Participants in Fort Jackson’s fourth annual Do it in Pink aerobathon show up in pink clothes, ready to raise awareness for breast cancer Sept. 24 at the Solomon Center. The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation event drew 50-65 men, women and children of all ages who showed their support for the cause.



Army issues new guidance on rolling, cuffing sleeves

Army News Service

Uniform sleeves can now be rolled either with camouflage facing in or out, depending on the preference of commanders down to the company level.

In addition to the new guidance on rolling sleeves of the Army Combat Uniform in garrison, commanders in the field can now authorize Soldiers to cuff ACU sleeves either with the camouflage facing in or out.

The changes are effective immediately, according to a memorandum signed Sept. 27 by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, the Army’s deputy chief of staff, G-1.

For the past three months, sleeves had to be rolled or cuffed with the camouflage facing out. The new guidance gives commanders more flexibility.

“These changes enhance individual readiness and morale and give greater flexibility to commanders in determining the needs of their Soldiers in performance of

their mission,” said Lt. Col. Jerry Pionk, spokesman for the Army G-1.

The original G-1 memorandum authorizing Soldiers to roll ACU sleeves with camo facing out was issued June 28 of this year. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley decided on the uniform change, following requests from Soldiers throughout the force made through Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey. The decision followed a month-long trial with Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, rolling their ACU sleeves.

Until then, sleeves had not been rolled since the Battle Dress Uniforms or BDUs were phased out almost a decade ago.

The guidance on rolling and cuffing ACU sleeves pertains to those of the Universal Camouflage Pattern, or UCP; Operational Camouflage Pattern, known as OCP; and the Operation Enduring Freedom Pattern.

The decision on how to roll or cuff sleeves can be made by company com-

manders of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve as well as the active component. During a battalion, brigade or higher formation, the most senior commander will decide how the uniform will be worn, according to the guidance.

Sleeves can only be rolled in garrison, and despite whether the camouflage is exposed or rolled inside out, the sleeves must be rolled neatly above the elbow, but no more than three inches above the elbow. Sleeves of the Army Aircrew Combat Uniform, or A2CU, will not be rolled under any circumstances, the guidance states.

During field training or when deployed, commanders may authorize Soldiers to cuff their ACU sleeves one or two times, either inside or out.

The changes are an exception to Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1, Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, until a new pamphlet is issued.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

From left: Project manager Brad Gunther, facility director James Andrews, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Daniel Ahern, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond, Garrison Commander Col. James Ellerson, a Fort Jackson youth and Mr. Scott Nahrwold, deputy Garrison commander toss the first shovel loads of dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony of a new youth multipurpose sports court at the Fort Jackson Youth Services Sports Complex Sept. 23.

Post breaks ground for new youth court

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson youth will soon have another place to play as the post broke ground Sept. 23 on a new Youth Multipurpose Sports Court at the Youth Services Sports Complex on post.

“This shows our commitment,” to the youths of Fort Jackson, said Col. James W. Ellerson, commander of the post’s garrison, before he and other officials tossed the first loads of dirt with their shovels. “And how important it is for the post to support the youth of Fort Jackson. It’s really about you all. All the good things you are doing, and our continued support of you all as a whole.”

James Andrews, director of the youth services facility, said those children are “the super kids in our community.”

The multipurpose court can be configured for basketball, volleyball and badminton, and double as a volleyball court as well. It is scheduled to be completed in December, said Brad Gunther, the project manager for the court’s construction.

It will take that long because trees have to be removed, land cleared, and concrete poured.

The process to remove the 50 or so trees around the site of the court began Monday.

After pouring the concrete pad, “it must sit 30 days before we can put the top coating on it,” Gunther added.

When the project is complete the court will have fencing, lighting and bleachers; and end a project which began nearly two years ago.

“This is a great addition to the sports complex and be used by a lot of children,” Gunther added. The gym inside the complex, “stays really busy every day.”



Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond, holds a construction helmet, moments before participating in the groundbreaking ceremony.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' **3RD BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

PVT. AMSI ORTIZ, 18

Fort Pierce, Florida

"I wanted to become the first child to do something out of my comfort zone. Also, I am the first female in my Family who joined the military."

"The discipline, respect and bonding between drill sergeants and Soldiers made basic training a good experience."

I am a "12N – Horizontal Construction Engineer. I picked it because I'm familiar with it and it takes patience to continue with my MOS."

"My Family is nothing but proud of me. My father tells me, 'You are braver than I ever will be.'"



SGT. ERIC PORTER, 39

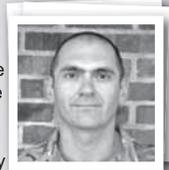
Charleston, South Carolina

I joined the Army "to serve the people of South Carolina and the United States as a signal officer in the S.C. National Guard."

"Getting to know how the Army works, and getting physically fit" was what I liked about basic training.

"I am a 09S – Officer Candidate. I chose to become an officer because it has been a goal of mine for many years."

"My Family is very supportive. I could not have done this without their help."



PFC. CALLI E. SWEETLAND, 22

Kalamazoo, Michigan

"I joined to better myself and serve my country."

The best part of training was "learning what it takes to be a great Soldier and getting in shape."

I am a "42A – Human Resource Specialist because I am majoring in that in college."

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

"I hope to retire from the Army and make it my career."



SPC. DORIA R. HASTINGS, 29

Puyallup, Washington

"I joined the Army because I wanted to give back to my community and country. I have been blessed with many opportunities and privileges because I am an American and I want to repay that. It is also setting a good example for future generations."

"I have enjoyed the challenge of basic training. It has pushed me way out of my comfort zone, but also proven to me that I can do way more than I thought possible."



PVT. ALEXA TUCKWELL

Houston

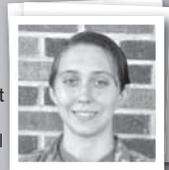
"I joined the Army for the experience and to make something out of myself after high school."

"The training, such as (physical training) and rifle ranges, have been very fun."

"My MOS is 92R – Parachute Rigger. I picked my MOS because it is stepping out of my comfort zone with being airborne."

"My Family is very supportive about my enlistment."

"I look forward to becoming a higher ranking officer in the Army and also getting to explore different parts of the world throughout my career."

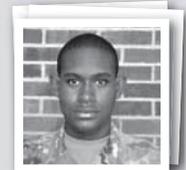


PVT. JERRY B. WIGGINS, 18

Portsmouth, Virginia

"I joined the Army because I wanted to make a difference in the world, as well as a positive difference on myself. I knew school wasn't for me, but I'd need education to move forward in life. I knew the Army would help to discipline me as well as push me to always better myself."

"Meeting people of all different types, and all coming together for the same purpose," has been interesting. "I've made all types of different battle buddies."



Commissary serves case lot sale

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Todd Dakers drags a steel platform cart filled with paper towels behind him through the warehouse of Fort Jackson's commissary. The 20 cases, stacked almost high enough to reach the ceiling, form a large white paper wall, separating him and his father, retired Sgt. Maj. John L. Dakers, from the other customers running around.

"We shop like this all the time because we are shopping for four different households," said Todd. "This is how you get the savings."

Fort Jackson's Commissary held its biannual case lot sale on Sept. 22 – 24. A case lot sale gives customers the opportunity to buy items in bulk and also at an discounted price.

Todd and his father saved about \$100 buying paper towels in bulk during the sale.

Yvonne Monroe, the grocery manager for the commissary said that this is one of the best times for people to come shop.

"It really benefits the community to be able to get these savings," said Monroe. "Things are 30 percent and up off."

The key to getting good savings during the sale, according to Monroe, is to get to the sale early.

"The early bird gets the worm. I seen people in line at 6 a.m. to get in and the sale started at 9 a.m.," she said.

Peggy Fenger, one of the customers who made it to the sale during the morning of the first day, says she comes to the sale every time. She was able to buy four 16 pounds bags of dry cat food for just \$2, with the help of having coupons and the already cheap sales price.

"I have three outside cats and a racoon I feed so this was a good deal," she said.

Store Director Bernard Ellison says that next time the sale will be bigger.

"With the construction taking place we did not have the space to have as much stuff as we usually have ,but next time things will be full scale," he said.



Photo by *DEMETRIA MOSLEY*

Peggy Fenger waits in line with coupons during Fort Jackson's Commissary biannual case lot sale, which ended Sept. 24.

Not your usual DRILL

Soldiers mentor high school students at JROTC competition

By **VERAN HILL**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

It was not the typical day of training for Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Williams, the senior drill sergeant leader from the 2nd platoon of the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy. Williams, three drill sergeant leaders, and 10 drill sergeant candidates served as judges for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Competition hosted at W.J. Keenan High School on Sept. 25.

Before the judges were given the rules of the competition, they were welcomed by retired Master Sgt. John Roberts, Keenan High's Army JROTC instructor and advisor in charge of drill events.

"It's critical that the drill sergeant and candidates assist with this event," Roberts said. "We have relations between the schools, the community and the Army. The drill sergeants help mentor and guide the young men and women who may in the future join the military."

While this was the first time that many of the DSCs had served as judges, they had a few questions about the scoring sheet but were eager and ready to evaluate the various drill events.

This was Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Perez's first time judging a JROTC drill competition, but he was confident that drill meets correlate with the duties he will have as a drill sergeant.

"This (drill competition) goes into the customs and courtesy," Perez said. "This goes into drill and ceremony. Taking what I've learned at the academy and applying it here will enable me to judge and to critique new and upcoming Soldiers."

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The things they are doing today are the same things they will have to teach basic training Soldiers.

— **Sgt. 1st Class Duane Austin**,
drill sergeant leader

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Photos by VERAN HILL

Sgt. Matthew Rainier, a drill sergeant candidate at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, grades a Junior ROTC drill team during the Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Competition hosted at W.J. Keenan High School on Sept. 25.



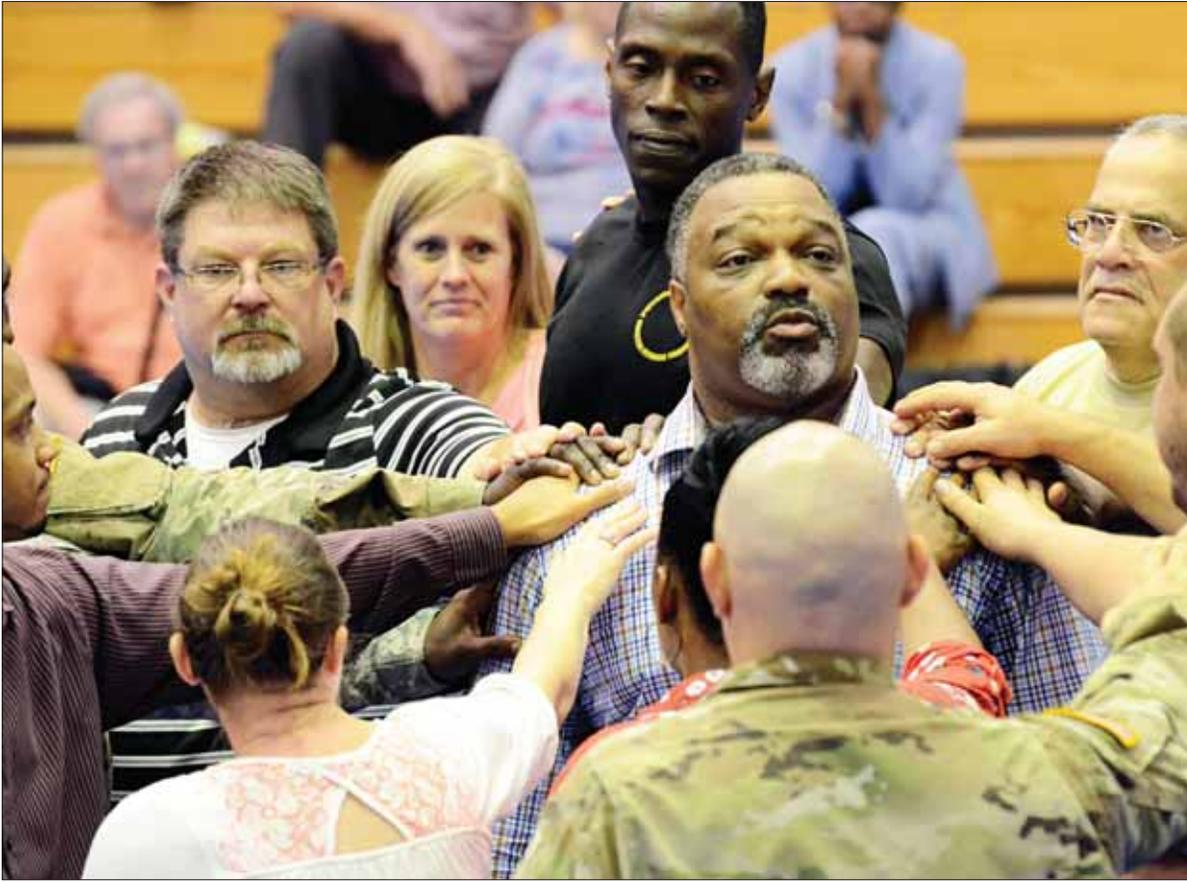
Staff Sgt. Gilbert Landtiser, a drill sergeant candidate at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, watches a Junior ROTC drill team march during the Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Competition hosted at W.J. Keenan High School on Sept. 25. Drill sergeant candidates and drill sergeant leaders from USADSA graded the cadets at the event.

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'Suicide affect everyone'

'Suicide affects more than just the person who commits it,' said A.J. Franklin, Suicide Prevention Program manager for the 81st Regional Support Command during suicide prevention training Sept. 26. To help visually display the indirect and direct impact of suicide, Franklin had some participants from the audience come up and place their hands on him. 'Suicide affects everyone,' he said.

Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Army making 'tough choices' about resources

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

This year, as part of a strategic portfolio analysis and review, or SPAR, the Army will "rank order" all 780 or so of its equipment programs – from helicopters to boots to rifles – in terms of their impact on warfighting.

The results of that analysis will be made available to Army leaders to help guide them in making decisions on how to allocate dwindling Army modernization funds better.

In the fiscal year 2017 budget request presented to Congress, about \$125 billion was allocated to the Army. Of that, about 18 percent, or \$23 billion, was earmarked for modernization, including research, development, testing and evaluation, as well as procurement of new equipment. That's about a 33 percent drop in modernization funding from 2011, said Lt. Gen. John M. Murray, deputy chief of staff, Army G-8.

That drop in funding comes because the Army doesn't expect to get an increase in its base budget, and it is prioritizing readiness and force structure over modernization.

"The priority is retaining force structure and readiness – nobody tells us to do that," Murray said. "That is a deliberate choice by the senior leaders of the Army. They understand the risk we have taken in modernization. And they understand it's a

compounding risk."

Still, Murray said, the Army must plan now to provide the Army of the future with the tools it will need to fight, and the Army must take action now to make that happen, despite an understanding that more money is probably not going to materialize.

"It would be irresponsible of the Army, of me in particular, to sit back here and say there's nothing we can do until we get more money," he said.

The idea of the SPAR, which is an idea that originated inside the G-8, is to take a look at all existing Army programs, as well as some concepts or ideas the Army might like to have, and prioritize them in a way that will allow Army senior leaders to make "some very tough choices" about what should be kept and what should be let go.

Working with Training and Doctrine Command, Forces Command, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and others, the G-8 will evaluate each of the Army's 780 or so equipment programs to determine their relative worth to the Army.

"[With modeling and simulations] we'll try to measure their contribution to what the chief has talked about, a decisive action, high-end warfight," Murray said. "[For instance] what does an M1 tank contribute to a high-end warfight?"

In this case of the M1 tank, Murray said they would run a simulation with the tank and measure the outcome of that scenario. They would then run the same simulation without the tank.

"When the capability is in, you are going to come to a certain outcome," Murray said. "If the capability is out, that end state should be different. If it's not, then you have to question the value that capability adds to that warfight."

Murray acknowledges that, when it comes to the fate of Army programs, "everything we're doing is important to somebody." Nevertheless, all equipment programs, regardless of their portfolio, will be evaluated as falling into one of four "buckets," that will determine recommendations for Army leaders on how limited modernization resources might be applied to them moving forward:

I: Accelerate or find a way to bring into the portfolio.

II: Sustain at current level of resources.

III: Reallocate resources to invest elsewhere.

IV: Divest most or all resources.

The SPAR process will be completed and the outcome of that process will be presented to the secretary of the Army and the chief of staff of the Army sometime before April of 2017, for use in the development of the 2019-2023 program objective memorandum.

Murray said the SPAR will not be the

final decision on the future of Army programs, but is instead meant to provide well-researched material upon which Army leaders can make those decisions.

"One of the intended outputs is to tee up some hard decisions for the senior leadership," Murray said. "And whether those decisions get made or not, that's not my purview but is well within their purview."

Another aspect of SPAR, Murray said, is that it will provide him with some support for the answers he often provides whenever he is asked what he believes the Army could do with additional funding.

"I've been asked 50 times, 'If you had more money what would you do?'" he said. "And when you give an answer, they say, 'Show me the analysis.' Well, this is the analysis. If we need to modernize, and we need to get ready for the next fight that is coming, then we need to start laying a mark on the table."

In addition to evaluating existing Army programs, SPAR will be used to evaluate concepts that the Army doesn't currently have as programs of record but might want to become involved in. One such example is directed energy weapons.

"We would make some assumptions of what it would perform like, what kind of vehicle it would be mounted on, and play it the same way in the model, and see if it makes a significant difference in the outcome of the scenario," Murray said.

Drill

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The competition featured five team events (Squad Unarmed, Platoon Unarmed, Squad Armed, Platoon Armed, and Color Guard) plus individual unarmed and armed knockout drills. The knockout drills were an opportunity for each cadet to hone in on their ability to follow basic drill commands. The best 10 within their division received an award.

The DSCs were paired to evaluate one of the five events and for the finale, they later rejoined the DSLs to conduct the knockout drills. In addition to evaluating every move of the cadets, the DSLs and DSCs gave some JROTC Cadets pointers on the proper wear of the Army uniform.

Sgt. 1st Class Duane Austin, a DSL at the USADSA, showed admiration with the performance of the DSCs.

"The things they are doing today are the same things they will have to teach basic training Soldiers," Austin said. "So, with them (DSCs) serving as evaluators for this drill and ceremony competition, it draws their attention to all the little things they have to knit-pick the trainees about. It will make them do things right."

The Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Team League was established in 1997 for Army JROTC Programs within the Columbia area. The league has two divisions and the schools compete four to five times before moving to the league's championship meet. The winners of the Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Team League will compete in Army Cadet Command's, 4th Brigade Best of the Best



Photo by VERAN HILL

Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Gonzalez Jr., a drill sergeant candidate at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy inspects a Junior ROTC drill team as they try to "dress right dress" Greater Midlands Drill and Rifle Competition hosted at W.J. Keenan High School on Sept. 25.

Drill Competition.

Senior Army JROTC Instructor for Blythwood High School, retired Lt. Col. Charles White states that the drill sergeants and candidate's participation in the meets are significant.

"To have qualified evaluators for the drill meets, drill sergeants and drill sergeant candidates are requested to support the competitions," said White. "They provide consistency and really understand drill and ceremony. Without them, we could not do this. We rely on their expertise."

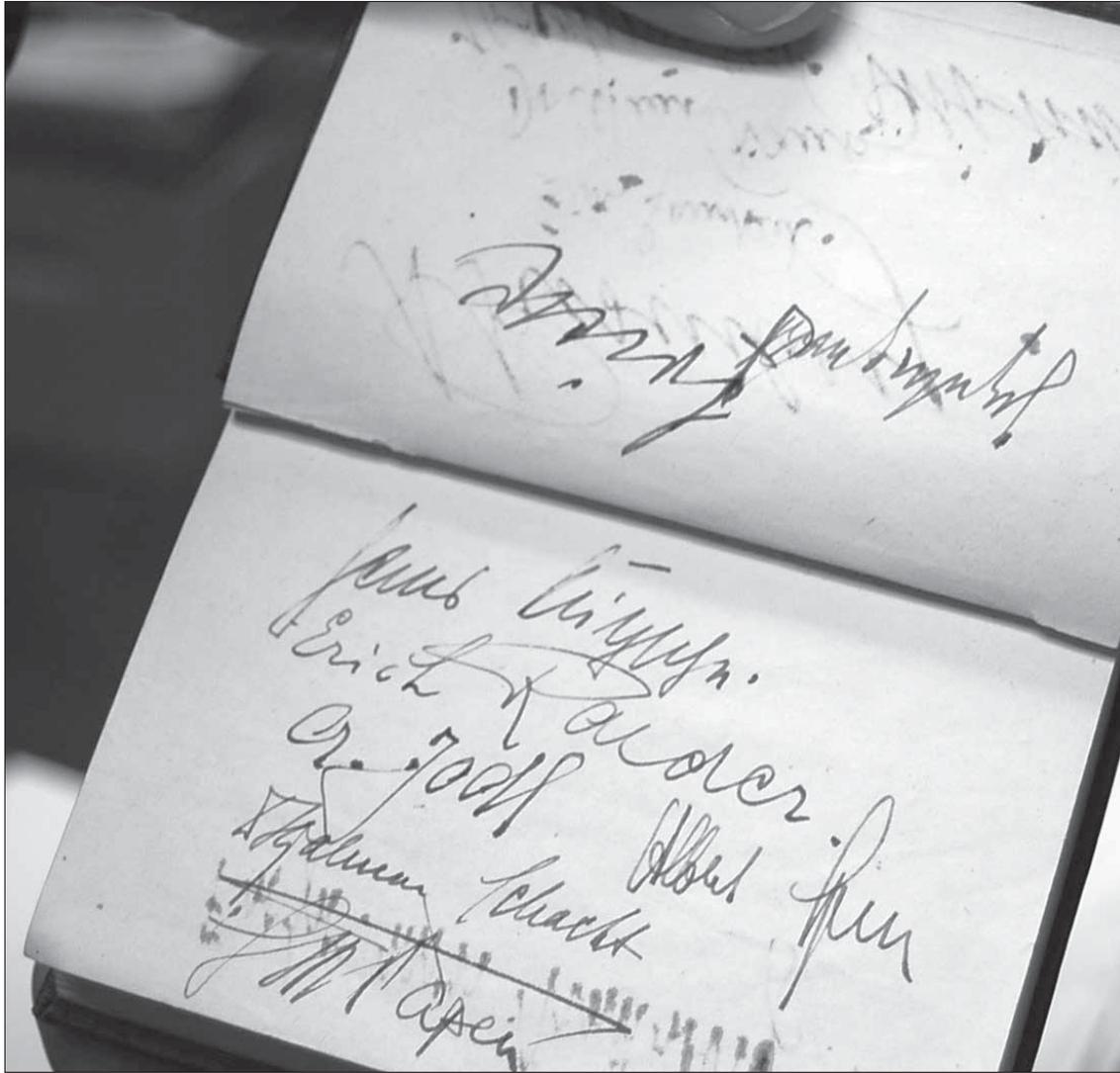


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The donated Bible features the signatures of 17 Nazi defendants of the Nuremberg War Crime Trials, including Hermann Göring, commander-in-chief of the Luftwaffe and, at one time, Adolph Hitler’s hand-picked successor; Rudolph Hess, the deputy Führer until 1941, when he became a British prisoner of war, and Albert Speer, Hitler’s war minister.

Bible

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During his remarks, Carl Fisher provided some background on the significance of the Bible.

“When I was young, somewhere around 10 years old, we were listening to Hitler on the radio. And, having a child’s sincere faith in the transformational power of scripture, I turned to my father and said, ‘Let’s send Hitler a Bible,’” he said.

Little did he know, that soon thereafter his father would volunteer to become an Army chaplain and eventually be assigned near the War Crime Trials, in Nuremberg.

Fisher concluded his remarks by reading a quote from his father (cited in Grossmith’s book).

“On their return to Bayreuth. Fisher told LaRue, ‘When I get back home, I’ll tell my

son I didn’t get there in time for Hitler, but I guess I did the next best thing.”

Following the ceremony, the Fisher family received a tour of the museum.

The Chaplain Corps Museum displays the history and evolution of the Army Chaplaincy since its inception July 29, 1775, through the present day. The museum is located at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road (on the corner of Lee and Benning Roads). Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed weekends and federal holidays). Admission is free.

The U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School serves as the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain’s institutional training base for Army Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants. The mission is to train Unit Ministry Teams – Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants – in safeguarding free exercise of religion for all Service Members and their Families, as well as the provision of religious support and religious accommodation.

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... I didn’t get there
in time for Hitler, but I
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best thing.

— Carl Fisher
Charlotte, N.C.

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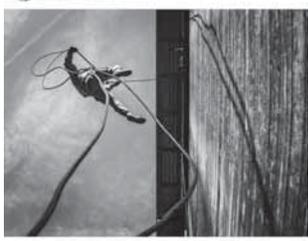
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FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Child Safety Awareness Initial Training

Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members. This two hour initial training workshop provides information on how to recognize, identify and report child abuse. It is a requirement for law enforcement, legal, chaplains, CYSS employees/volunteers, teachers and other installation personnel whose employment requires contact with children. A certificate of attendance is provided upon completion. The class is offered the first Monday of each month, 5-7 p.m. at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street Room 10. Please register at 751-6325.

Healthy Relationships

Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DOD civilians and qualified Family members. Healthy Relationships is an interactive discussion-based class, designed to encourage positive, emotionally healthy relationships. Topics discussed will include open communication, dealing with conflict, self-esteem, roles of independence and respect and how to recognize, grow and maintain healthy relationships. Your relationship with intimate partners, Family members, and friends is worth the time to attend the Healthy Relationships class. The class is offered the first Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street Room 10. Please register at 751-6325.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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Christopher Robinson**
Alpha Company
3rd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment



**Sgt.
Lauren Connelly**
Charlie Company
3rd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Krystal Perryman**
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**SOLDIER LEADER
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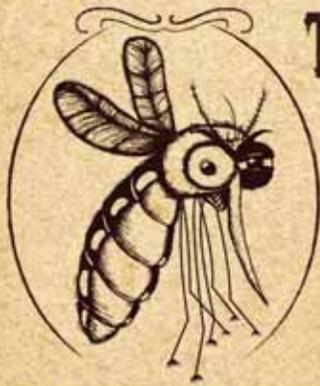
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September retirees

The monthly retirement ceremony was held Aug. 31 at the post theater to recognize the service of 11 members. September's retirees are: Maj. Cas-sius M. McRae, USARCENT, Shaw Air Force Base; Chaplain (Maj.) Nils Juarez Palma, USACHCS, Fort Jackson; Maj. Anjeliqua McNair, USAMEDDAC, Fort Jackson; CW3 Corey Sullivan, 406th AFSB; Chaplain (Capt.) Jose L. Serrano, 1/61 IN BN, Fort Jackson; 1st Sgt. Aaron D. Smith, 193rd Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson; Master Sgt. Theresa Y. Jones, Soldier Support Institute, Fort Jackson; Master Sgt. Taj L. Russell, ATC, Fort Jackson; Master Sgt. Fred L. Hernandez, USAG, Fort Jackson; Sgt. 1st Class John E. Sanders, USADSA, Fort Jackson; and Staff Sgt. Terry J. Huling, Jr., STB, Fort Jackson.

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BLOODBAGS MCSKEETER

AEDES AEGYPTI

FEEDS AT DAWN AND DUSK
SNEAKY BITER - WILL COME INDOORS!

THE BITE N' BANDITS

REWARD
SAFE AND HEALTHY
WORKPLACE



BLOODSUCKER TUCKER

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FEEDS DURING THE DAY
BITES MULTIPLE TIMES - AGGRESSIVE!

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★ **WEST NILE** ★
★ **YELLOW FEVER** ★

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DEFEND

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

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

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DRAIN STANDING WATER FROM
AROUND YOUR HOME SO
MOSQUITOS HAVE
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★ DEET ★ IRS35 ★ PICARIDIN ★
ALWAYS FOLLOW
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Courtesy photo

NCOs inducted

Five Soldiers joined the ranks of a professional noncommissioned officer corps on Sept. 15 at 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. Pictured, from left, are: Sgt. Quinton Williams, HQ/Alpha Co.; Sgt. Jeffrey Malone, HQ/Alpha Co.; Sgt. Derek Lee, HQ/Alpha Co.; Sgt. Jamar King, Echo Co. and Sgt. Tonay Allen, Delta Co.

Star

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The Soldiers were “typical of the dedication to their families, to the country and our way of life.”

Each Gold Star mother present had a yellow corsage pinned on them, while families were given a yellow flower during the event that included music by the 282nd Army Band’s Brass Quintet, and releasing of gold balloons.

“A lot of memories came back of my husband,” Gold Star family member Sheila Lemons said after receiving a corsage and releasing a gold balloon into the bright Carolina afternoon.

“I think it’s very special and very touching that this day is dedicated to” Gold Star families.

Fort Jackson and the SCNG work every day to help surviving family members.

Fort Jackson holds a “Run for the Fallen” each year that has Soldiers running for those “who have also served,” and the Gold Star Mothers event “specifically catered to the family members,” Smith said.

“Our program primarily does in the long term what casualty assistance does,” Smith said. “Once a casualty assistance officer has finished his job, SOS is assigned to that client.”

Survivor Outreach Services not only holds events to honor surviving family members, they offer financial support, and bereavement counseling and help surviving children get the entitlements they deserve.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Capt. Tracey Martin, the Survivor Outreach Services branch chief for the South Carolina National Guard, pins a corsage on a Gold Star Mother during the 2016 Gold Star Mothers and Families Day at the S.C. Governor’s Mansion Complex in Columbia, S.C., Sept. 24.



Road warriors



Top, almost 30 motorcyclists get ready to depart Fort Jackson early Friday morning for the Victory Armed Forces Ride, an event designed to promote safety and camaraderie among the joint Armed Forces. Left, 1st Sgt. Andre Green, from Headquarters & Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Training Center, leads riders in a discussion about the day's route, which later added additional motorcyclists from Shaw Air Force Base and McEntire Joint National Guard Base along the 86-mile trip. By the end of the ride, the total number of riders rose to almost 100 motorcyclists.

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

