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# Community Calendar



## ON THE COVER

Staff Sgt. Joachim Henkel and Staff Sgt. Johnny Esperon, range cadre and members of the post honor guard, help position the U.S. flag seconds before raising it over the S.C. State Fairgrounds Oct. 20 during Fort Jackson Day. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS



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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.

## FRIDAY

### Fall Festival

7 - 9 p.m., Solomon Center. Hosted by Child, Youth & School Services. All activities, games, prizes and treats are Free! Transportation will be provided from the Solomon Center to the Haunted Room at the Youth Center for those brave enough to tackle the ghouls and goblins that reside within. For more information, call 803-751-4865 or 803-751-4824.

## SATURDAY

### '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.

## WEDNESDAY

### National Infantry Association

5 p.m., NCO Club. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month come join the LTG James C Dozier Chapter of the National Infantry Association.

### Bible Study

Noon, 4580 Scales Ave. POC is Gloria Dawkins at [gloriaddawkins@gmail.com](mailto:gloriaddawkins@gmail.com). Please include "Bible

study" in the message's subject line.

## NOV. 3

### Post Newcomer Orientation

8 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for all Soldiers arriving to Fort Jackson and will include attendance at BCT graduation. All newly arriving civilian employees are invited to attend. Soldiers who bring their spouses will receive a 3 day pass through their chain of command. A 50 percent discount coupon for the NCO Club lunch buffet will be provided to all attendees.

## NOV. 5

### Family History

10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4440 Jackson Blvd. The Columbia Family History Center will host a family history activity centered on preserving stories and photos onto your family tree using [familySearch.org](http://familySearch.org). There is no charge for this activity. Bring your own laptops and any photos you may wish to add to your family tree. For more information, contact Charles Walton at 803-782-7141 or 803-319-4072

## NOV. 8

### Investment Seminar

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Education Center, Rm B303. Army Community Service will host an investment seminar with guest instructor Col. retired Jamie Houston. The seminar

will discuss various investment options, investment pyramids, individual retirement accounts and more. Feel free to bring your lunch. Please call 751- 5256 for more information or to RSVP.

## SIGN UP!

### Winter Sports Registration

Fort Jackson Youth Sports and Fitness registration ends Nov. 18.

### Basketball

Ages 3 to 4: \$25, Ages 5- 15: \$45,

### Cheerleading

Ages 3-4: \$25, Ages: 5-12: 45.

For more information call 1 (803)751-5040



By Demetria Mosley

# Surprise!

## Children get unexpected visit from father at school

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**  
Fort Jackson Leader

After snapping his bookbag off and plopping a black binder onto the table, Kaleb Dial prepares for the beginning of his 6th grade Social Studies class, just like any other day.

Despite the crew of cameramen that had crammed into his classroom at Summit Parkway Middle School Oct. 20, nothing seemed unusual to him.

Kaleb opened up his binder, like always, and started working on his warm up assignment. Nothing seemed abnormal or out of place about this particular day.

"They have no clue what's really going on," said Christian Brown, Kaleb's teacher. "I told the class that we were going to be filmed for a TV show."

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It's been eight long months since I've seen them.

— 1st Sgt.  
Matthew Dial

”

But pretty soon they all would know what was going on.

Ten minutes into the class, the side door swings open and in walks a tall brown haired man sporting green camouflage.

It took Kaleb a few seconds to process who the visitor was before quickly jumping up out of his seat to greet him with a big hug.

It was his dad. "I didn't want to cry," said Kaleb. "I was trying hard to hold back tears and not crying."

Unknowingly to his two children, 1st Sgt. Matthew Dial requested mid tour leave from Korea to come back and surprise his kids at school. He will be here for two weeks before having to go back.

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Photo by **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**

'I was trying to hold back tears and not cry,' said Kaleb Dial, left, after his father, 1st Sgt. Matthew Dial, surprised him in class at Summit Parkway Middle School. Matthew is currently serving in Korea and hasn't seen his children in eight months.





Photo by SGT. VICTOR EVERHART JR.

Lt. Gen. Michael Garrett, left) U.S. Army Central commanding general, and Col. Oscar Doward Jr., commander of 2503rd Digital Liaison Detachment, uncasing the 2503rd DLD colors during an activation and assumption of command ceremony Oct. 21 at Patton Hall on Shaw Air Force Base.

# U.S. Army Central Reactivates Digital Liaison Detachment

By LETICIA HOPKINS  
USARCENT Public Affairs

U.S. Army Central formally welcomed and reactivated a Digital Liaison Detachment during an activation and assumption of command ceremony at Patton Hall Oct. 21.

Col. Oscar W. Doward Jr., officially assumed command of the 2503rd Digital Liaison Detachment, the first stateside all active-duty detachment of this type.

During Doward's remarks, he expressed how blessed he is and how much of a privilege it was to be selected as the 2503rd DLD commander. He added he was humble and grateful for the opportunity and ready to meet the challenges ahead.

The detachment, originally activated in Korea July 2013, and deactivated in December 2014, was reorganized and reactivated at USARCENT Oct. 16.

"We're reactivating it here with ARCENT because ARCENT really has the mission forward," said Lt. Col. Robert Rowe, 2503rd DLD executive officer.

Rowe said the DLD is a small 30-man detachment with a lot of capabilities that will help USARCENT communicate between units. He added it is similar to a communications unit, but it also performs more technical capabilities, which is why the word digital is included in the

detachment name.

Doward explained that each DLD is composed of functional cells that replicate warfighting functions, and each of those cells complements an Army battle command system.

The detachment will serve a unique mission for USARCENT by providing liaison efforts through its detachment headquarters to joint, allied and coalition partners. It will also send teams to carry out tasks associated with operations and maneuver, intelligence, fire support, logistics, air and missile defense, and signal warfighting functions.

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...we're basically the only game in town in the continental United States.

— Col. Oscar W. Doward Jr.,  
2503rd Digital Liaison Detachment commander

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According to Rowe, additional benefits the DLD will offer USARCENT is the ability to deploy and set up communications cells in a short time period, flexibility and adaptability, and the ability to build and maintain relationships with partner nations.

As of now, both Doward and Rowe agreed that in the short term they're going to primarily focus on manning, equipping and training the DLD. They also said the DLD will play an important role in helping USARCENT accomplish its mission.

"We're active; we're in CONUS, and we're basically the only game in town in the continental United States," said Doward. "We can shape this in terms of how DLDs are perceived ... how they are manned and equipped in the future."

## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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### FRIDAY

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
The Magnificent Seven (R) 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
The Magnificent Seven (R) 7 p.m.

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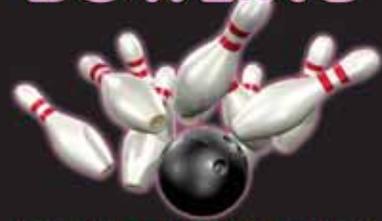
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All-you-care-to-eat Soul food buffet menu includes fried chicken, ox tails, pigs feet, macaroni & cheese, collard greens and more!

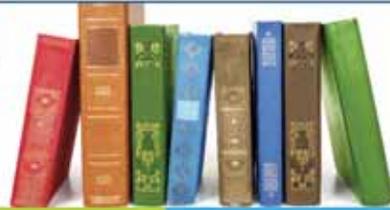
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Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Around his neck, Dale Wells sports one of the five bullets his ex-girlfriend used when attempting to take his life in 2007. After 15 surgeries and having numerous organs removed and replaced, Wells survived the near-fatal gunshot wounds. He wears the bullet to remind him of his good luck.

# Men are victims, too

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY  
Fort Jackson Leader

Less than half a cup of blood was left in his body when Dale Wells finally arrived to the emergency room after an ex-girlfriend shot him five times.

With a .357 magnum, her first shot landed in the center of his chest. He took the next one to the shoulder, two more in the back. She laid the bridge of the gun on his neck to make her last shot.

Wells spent the next 40 days recovering in the hospital. The doctor explained that people generally don't those kind of gunshot wounds, and he was lucky.

That was in 2007. Now, almost 10 years later, Wells uses his personal experience to help put an end to domestic violence. He shared his story during the Domestic Violence Awareness luncheon Oct. 24 at Fort Jackson.

"We think because we are men we can't be abused, but it works both ways," Wells told the audience at the NCO Club. "A man shouldn't put his hands on a woman just like a woman shouldn't put their

hands on a man out of anger."

"Domestic Violence isn't just a woman's problem, it's everybody problem," said Garrison Commander Col. James Ellerson Jr. "Mr. Wells has given us a perspective we don't always get to see."

One in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. One in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point of feeling fearful or believing that they would harm or kill them.

"Before this happen to me I didn't think men could be affected by domestic violence, we were raised to not touch women or hit them and we take that knowledge into relationships," Well said.

There had been signs that his ex was violent, but Wells said he ignored them. She mention to him numerous times that she was going to kill him, but since she lived out of town he didn't take the threats too serious.

It was when he walked outside and saw her standing at his door pointing a gun at



'She told the officer, 'Sir, I'm going to come back here and kill him and then myself, Dale Wells explains during the Domestic Violence Awareness luncheon Oct. 24 at Fort Jackson. Wells, who is a survivor of domestic violence, was shot five times by an ex-girlfriend.

him, he knew she wasn't joking.

"Men are too embarrassed or too proud to talk about domestic violence, we don't tell the group we go out with or play bas-

ketball with 'Hey, my wife hit me,'" he said. "A lot of times even when we call the police, we are the ones that get taken away."



Photos by Spc. Tynisha L. Daniel, 108th Training Command

Above, Basic Combat Training Soldiers from Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, complete the five walls obstacle at the confidence course during their fifth week of training at Fort Jackson. The confidence course promotes team building and confidence in soldiers individually. Below, Basic Combat Training Soldiers complete the confidence climb at the confidence course.

## BCT overcomes fears and builds confidence

By **SPC. TYNISHA DANIEL**  
108th Training Command

Army Basic Combat Training transforms civilians to Soldiers from day one. It embodies the definition of a Soldier. BCT instills discipline, self-confidence, teamwork and the Warrior Ethos. For 100 years Fort Jackson, the largest of the four BCT locations in TRADOC, has given Soldiers their first taste of Army life. This life-changing experience is one no Soldier will ever forget.

BCT provides Soldiers with the opportunity to overcome their fears and build confidence over a course of 10 weeks. During training, Soldiers are tested physically and mentally both in and out of the classroom.

Training events such as the Confidence Course unifies Soldiers by making them work together as a team.

"I think the most challenging obstacle (during the Confidence course) is the Skyscraper because it tackles their (Soldiers) fear of heights and you have to be a team to accomplish it. You can't accomplish it by yourself," said Staff Sgt. Elease Jones, a drill sergeant with Alpha-

Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment.

The 12 to 13-hour training days can be exhausting, but motivating and supporting each other throughout is key.

Drill sergeants motivate Soldiers with 'tough love' encouraging them to push through no matter how challenging an obstacle is. "We instill the motto 'one team, one fight.' They (Soldiers) learn that working as a team cohesively is essential to surviving," said Jones. The confidence course familiarizes Soldiers with the kind of tactical movements they will use throughout their military careers.

"The most challenging obstacle today would have to be the 5 walls," said Army Reserve Pvt. Alexis Rosas, Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. The five walls force Soldiers to use their upper body strength while working as a team to complete the course. "It would definitely be a struggle if I had to climb them on my own without my (fellow Soldiers) help," he said.

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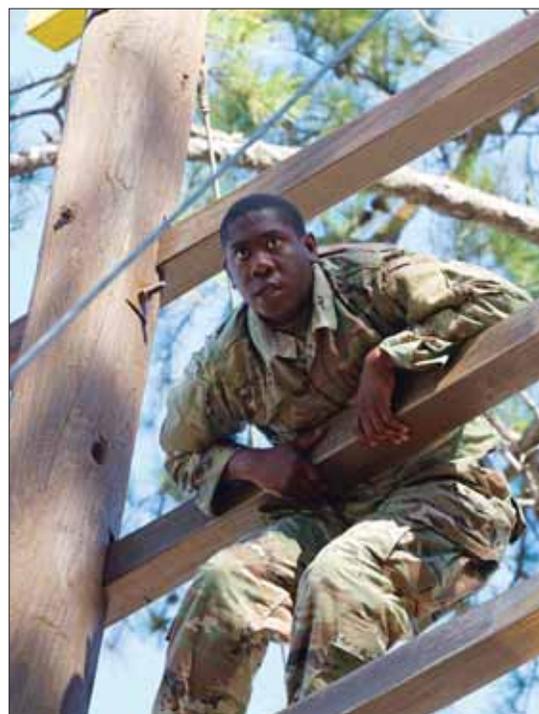




Photo by Spc. Tynisha L. Daniel

Basic Combat Training Soldiers from Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, complete the five walls obstacle at the confidence course during their fifth week of training at Fort Jackson.

## BCT

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With a total of 22 obstacles, the course requires Soldiers to be selfless and work together, it provides them with a new level of confidence in themselves and other Soldiers. Motivating each other and shouting, 'you can do it, push through,' encourages Soldiers to push on when they see their peers struggling.

Pvt. Anthony Batten, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, who admittedly has a fear of heights, said, "I have made friendships here that I hope to keep. We get on each other's nerves but at times like this we motivate each other to face our fears."

Though tired, after a typical day of training one can easily see the sense of accomplishment in each and every one of the Soldiers faces. BCT provides Soldiers with the ability to develop that sense of confidence in themselves and the country they serve.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

## Helping Hand

MAJ. GEN. JOHN 'PETE' JOHNSON, Fort Jackson commander awards Spc. Rebecca Beesley, a health care specialist with Fort Jackson's Medical Activity, a certificate during the 4th quarter 2016 Commanding General's Helping Hand awards ceremony Oct. 19. The awards program was created to acknowledge those who volunteered during the past four months. Also at the ceremony, Johnson handed out awards for various events such as hurricane clean-up and the University of South Carolina football team-building event earlier this year.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

## Got drugs?

**CAPT. ZACHARY LEFTWICH, of Moncrief Army Health Clinic Pharmacy, mans his station Oct. 21 outside the Exchange as part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The community was invited to dispose of unneeded and expired drugs as part of the event.**

## Give blood and help save lives

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to help stock the shelves before the busy holiday season.

Many regular donors delay giving between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day because of holiday activities. This often causes a drop in donated blood available for patients. Therefore, more donations are needed in the weeks leading up to the holidays to help ensure the blood supply is sufficient through the winter months.

For blood donor Katie Osorio, giving a little bit of time is worth it because she's giving someone a chance at life. "Someone's mother, brother, sister, father or the love of someone's life has been given back to their loved ones all because I gave something that I could. It takes so little from me and gives a world back to another."

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at [redcrossblood.org/rapid-pass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapid-pass) to save time when donating.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.





## Lightning challenge

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

**A TEAM FROM** 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment transitions to the run portion of the 165th Infantry Brigade's lightning challenge Oct. 21. The challenge saw various teams of four Soldiers conduct a relay that included a 3 mile run, an 11-mile bike ride, another short run, a swim at Knight Pool, and a run back to the finish line.

## Army medics to compete in Best Medic Competition

Army News Service

Army medics from across the Army will compete in a grueling 72-hour competition at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Bullis, Texas, to be the Army's best medic team.

The Army's Best Medic Competition is hosted by Army Medical Command and conducted by the Army Medical Department Center and School. The competition, which takes place Oct. 24-28, involves several teams consisting of two Soldiers and is designed to physically and intellectually challenge the Army's medics in a simulated operational environment.

Last year, Spc. Jesus Romero and his teammate Spc. Collin O'Donnell represented the 173rd Airborne Brigade and took the honor of the first place winners in the Army Best Medic Competition.

"Whether you come in first or last, the experience you gain from this competition will go with you through your whole career," Romero said. "It was a great experience interacting with and meeting people from all over the Army."

The competition is designed to test the Soldier's tactical medical proficiency and leadership skills while working together as a team.

# 'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 1ST BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**PVT. LASHANYA DUDLEY, 18**

*Aurora, North Carolina*

"I joined the Army to make a better life for myself."

"Basic training has taught me to never give up and to push myself harder."

"I am a 91C – Utilities Equipment Repairer, I love to repair things."

"My Family is proud that I chose to join the Army."

"Basic training may be challenging, but it's not impossible because, you're only as strong as your weakest person."



**PVT. DEZHANE RODRIGUEZ, 18**

*Hamilton, Ohio*

"I joined the Army for discipline, better opportunities, and financial support."

"I liked meeting great drill sergeants, Soldiers, and receiving awesome training."

I am a "92G – Culinary Specialist. I love to eat, try new things and learn to improve my cooking skills."

"My Family loves that I joined. They know it's for the better. They have supported me every step. I'm beyond blessed to be part of the Army today."



**PVT. GUNNAR LIVINGSTON, 19**

*Pueblo West, Colorado*

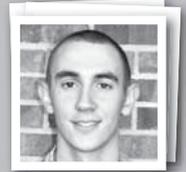
"My father influenced me the most into joining the Army because he was in the Army most of my childhood."

"The Army was not what I thought it would be before I joined. It is a lot better than I thought it would be."

"The most challenging part of basic training was my drill sergeant."

"In 10 years I plan on being a warrant officer."

"My experience here at basic training has made me into a leader and I'm looking forward to Advanced Individual Training."



**PVT. BRETT A. NASUTA, 19**

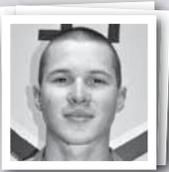
*Messillon, Ohio*

"I wanted to follow in my grandfather's footsteps by joining the Army and bettering myself as a person."

"The most challenging aspect of basic training is the vast amount we have to learn in a short period of time."

In 10 years, "I hopefully will be a sergeant or staff sergeant in the Army."

"My time in the Army so far has turned me into a smarter more fit part of society. I look forward to learning more and moving up in my career."



**PVT. LATRELL T. TURNER, 18**

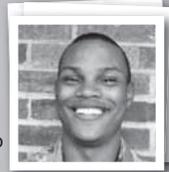
*Milwaukee*

"My Family and friends influenced me the most to join because I wanted to make a better life for them and me, but to also serve my country and keep others safe."

"I thought basic training would be relaxing, but I soon found out that I had to stay alert. It showed me that my battle buddies are like Family."

"I found getting along with different lifestyles the most difficult part of basic training."

"I see myself becoming a drill sergeant in 10 years."



**SPC. VESELIN HRISTOV, 30**

*Bonita Springs, Florida*

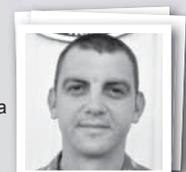
"I always wanted to challenge myself to the limit and to participate in something great that has a cause and meaning."

"I found the strongest and weakest sides of my character" during basic training.

"I am a 92A – Logistics Specialist because it is the closest to my education."

My Family thinks "I am doing the right thing and think the Army will be a great opportunity for me."

"I'd like to go as far as possible in the Army. I want to become an officer and serve the best I can."





Photos by EARL JONES

## Stop *domestic violence*

**FORT JACKSON COMMUNITY MEMBERS**, as part of the domestic violence awareness month, took part in a bike-a-thon at the Solomon Center Oct. 22. The event was one of many planned on Fort Jackson in order to raise awareness of domestic violence.

# Fair PLAY

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

*Going to the state fair is supposed to be all fun and games – and greasy, comfort food.*

*The South Carolina State Fair was that and more during Fort Jackson Day Oct. 20 as the 282nd Army Band serenaded visitors after a group of Soldiers unfurled a large U.S. flag.*

"It was awesome and I enjoyed it," said Staff Sgt. Chris Fairley, who with the 282nd Army Band, moments after singing the National Anthem as the flag was raised. "I always enjoy any opportunity I can be a part of something with patriotic elements such as this."

"Obviously this is a bit different than a (basic training graduation) opening ceremony," said Fairley, who sings with the band during many different events such as graduations and the Basketball Madness put on by the University of South Carolina and Fort Jackson earlier this month. "This is a community effort to come out and be a part of something outside of the gate. I would have to admit that this is a bit more special."

"That's a big flag," said Staff Sgt. Johnny Esperon, a range cadre at Fort Jackson who is a member of the honor guard that raised the flag. "Usually we have a flag that is folded so we would be unfolding the flag as we go. But this flag was (so big) it was laid out in a box."

Fort Jackson Day at the fair is "a great experience" that gave Soldiers something different than the normal routine, Esperon said. It is great for not only the non-commissioned officers and Soldiers to go to the fair, but for Soldiers in Training to see how the community supports them.

"It's kind of a break from normal duty," he said about raising the flag. After all the hard work "we get to have a

little time with our Families and enjoy all the stuff the city provides."

For newly graduated Soldiers in Training, going to the fair was especially meaningful as it was their first act since marching across Hilton Field.

Some Soldiers took their newfound freedom and went straight for the corn dog stand.

"It's exciting," said Pvt. Ezekiel Rosiles, as he sat down with his parents to eat corn dogs. Rosiles would have two – both without mustard for fear he might spill some on his dress shirt.

After graduation, Rosiles was able to spend the day at the fair with his mother, Karen, and Michael his father, before heading to Fort Lee, Virginia for Advanced Individual Training.

"We love it, look at how proud he is," said Karen, about her son. His Family hadn't seen him in two months and didn't know what to expect, but they said they loved what they saw.

"When we saw him yesterday for Family Day I broke into tears," she said. "I started taking pictures and sending them back home through Facebook and I started getting emails and instant messages because everyone has been waiting to hear about Ezekiel. It has been incredible."

The Rosiles, who are from San Jose, California, were part of more than 450,000 people who visited the fair this year. The fair closed Sunday.

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When we saw him yesterday for Family Day I broke into tears.

— **Karen Rosiles,**  
Army Family member

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Photos by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

**Above:** Sgt. Skyler Enger, a medic who works at Fort Jackson's Medical Simulation Treatment Facility and member of the post honor guard, prepares to raise the flag during Fort Jackson Day at the S.C. State Fair Oct. 20. **Below left:** Members of the South Carolina Army National Guard salute as the U.S. flag is raised over the S.C. State Fairgrounds. **Below center:** Soldiers walk past a myriad of food establishments serving such things as corn dogs and French fries. **Below right:** Spc. Jamie Edwards, a saxophone player with the 282nd Army Band's Victory Brass Band, rocks out a solo.



# No. 2 — and proud of it

## USC student ranks high on Army's order-of-merit

By **CHRIS HORN**

University of South Carolina

The grueling fitness test started at 8 p.m., didn't end until the next morning and the temperature never rose above freezing. But after that 12-hour ordeal, called the GORUCK challenge, Daniel Keenen made up his mind to become an Army ROTC cadet.

That was between the first and second semester of his freshman year. Now a senior geography/Russian major at Carolina, Keenen has tackled the rigors of college and ROTC service with the same gusto as that all-nighter fitness challenge — he has a 4.0 GPA and he was recently ranked the No. 2 ROTC cadet among more than 5,000 cadets in the country. Not bad for a guy who wasn't even sure he wanted to be in ROTC when he started college.

The Army ranks its cadets based on several variables, including academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership and physical fitness. Along with his perfect GPA, Keenen has been president of both the ROTC Club and the Russian Club and nailed a perfect score on his physical fitness test.

Keenen knew his scores probably placed him in the top 10 among cadets, but even he was surprised to learn he had made No. 2. Being second best in this crowd is an accomplishment to be proud of.



**Daniel Keenen**

"A VMI guy is the No. 1-ranked cadet," says Keenen, a Cumming, Georgia, native who came to Carolina because of its acclaimed geography program. "Props to him to get on the top of the list because your time at a military academy is much more regimented than it is in a regular university."

After graduation in May, Keenen plans to join the U.S. Army Reserve and hopes to work in military intelligence. He's also planning to start seminary in the fall, possibly at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas, with the goal of working in pastoral care and counseling.

### The top-ranking Army ROTC cadets for 2017 are:

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| 1. John Phillips,<br>Virginia Military<br>Institute     | 6. Samantha<br>McNicholas,<br>Washington State<br>University |
| 2. Daniel Keenen,<br>University of South<br>Carolina    | 7. Sarah Koch,<br>University of Virginia                     |
| 3. Charlotte Levine,<br>Cornell University              | 8. Motoyuki<br>Yoshihara,<br>San Diego State<br>University   |
| 4. Samantha<br>Decapua,<br>Widener University           | 9. Dustin Dykes,<br>University of<br>Mississippi             |
| 5. Blaise Boullianne,<br>Virginia Military<br>Institute | 10. Jacob Knox,<br>Campbell University                       |





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## Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Clayton**  
Alpha Company  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Elisha Dean

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Jake Watkins

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Tyler Kotarski

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. David Mercadante



**Staff Sgt. Patrick Ullrich**  
Bravo Company  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Kyana Villalobos

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Tyler Parrot

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Jacob Halsema

**HIGH APFT**  
Spc. Alexis Pickett



**Staff Sgt. Fatima Shaw**  
Charlie Company  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Alejandro Carrasco

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Thad Rudd

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Jimmy Kelley

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Devin Rodriguez



**Staff Sgt. Andrea Warren**  
Delta Company  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. James Ward

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Corey Garrett

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Joseph Green

**HIGH APFT**  
Pfc. Oyola Wilanie



**Staff Sgt. Desirae Delarosa**  
Foxtrot Company  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Zachery Lewit

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Gavin Peterson

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Dominick Spadonni

**HIGH APFT**  
Pfc. Spencer Adolphson

# Surprise

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"It's been eight long months since I've seen them," he said. "It was just time to see them and I really missed them."

After completing four previous overseas tours – two in Korea, one in Iraq and another in Africa – and with plans to retire next year, Matthew thought this was a good enough time to do it.

"This is my fifth and final tour and I didn't do a surprise visit for any of my other deployments," he said. "They deserved this."

Matthew's wife, Kristina Dial, said that the kids thought she was out of town at a conference.

"They spend the night at a friend's house and didn't know I was really going to go pick up their dad at 1 a.m. this morning," she said.

Kristina got the idea to surprise the kids because their daughter Kaycee Dial mentioned how she always wanted that to happen to her. Matthew went on his first tour when Kaycee was about two years old and Kaleb one week old.

"The plan is when I retired to have more time with the family. That's what it's all about," said Matthew.

After surprising Kaleb at his school, the group went to Spring Valley High School to surprise Kaycee.

They hid within her drama class. Matthew sat in a desk while Kristina and Kaleb sat on the floor behind some students.

It took Kaycee a couple of minutes to notice her father within the crowd of high school students.

"It took everything in me not to run up to her and hug her," said Matthew.

When she finally did notice him, she ran into his arms. "I am just shocked. Wow!" she said.

This was not any old regular day.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

**Kaycee Dial, left, is surprised at school Oct. 20 by her father, 1st Sgt. Matthew Dial, who has served in Korea for the last eight months. 'I am just shocked,' she said.**



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

## 2017 leaders

**ERICA PARKS**, left, president of the Professional Mentorship Network Female Forum, introduces the five Soldiers that will serve as the group's senior mentors for 2017: Senior mentors Sandra Barnes, Lt. Col Paula Barfield-Hughes, Maj. Laurel Cofell Rashti, Sgt Maj. Jacqueline Isaac and Master Sgt. Kelley Harris. 'I want you guys to be like a sponge and absorb all of our energies,' Parks said. 'We have a lot to learn from each other.' The Female Forum is a network that serves as a place to empower, educate and mentor all women of the Fort Jackson community. The next meeting will be in January.

# Sexual assault survivors have a new advocate: the special victims' counsel

By **KRISTIN ELLIS**  
Army News Service

The U.S. military continues to expand on the progress it has made in serving the needs of thousands of sexual assault victims. Now it's giving them a voice in the criminal investigation and prosecutorial systems.

As part of the Army's efforts to combat sexual assault in the ranks, it has developed the Special Victim Counsel Program to protect the rights of sexual assault victims. Special victims' counsels are specially trained military attorneys, duty-bound to work for no one but the victim.

Working with a robust support system of victim advocates and victim witness liaisons, a special victims' counsel ensures that victims fully understand their rights throughout the military investigative, judicial and legal administrative processes.

"It can be difficult to prosecute sex crimes in the military because of the fear of retribution and the stress of the judicial process; it can be too long and traumatic," said Capt. Renee Darville, Northern Law Center client services chief.

"So the Army said, 'Let's give the victim an attorney. [Let's] give them a voice and agency to determine what level they want to participate in and help them feel more in control in the process.'"

According to the Department of Defense, victims must be confident that, should they report a sexual assault, they will be treated fairly. Part of that fair treatment is ensuring they know and can exercise their rights.

"I am an attorney specifically for the victim," Darville said. "I have 100 percent confidentiality. I am the victim's buffer and voice. I am here to help them heal, but also by building victims' trust in the system, we hope they'll be more willing to report offenders."

Last year, the Department of Defense received a total of 6,083 reports of sexual assault for allegations involving service members, according to the fiscal year 2015 Department of Defense annual report on sexual assault in the military.

Despite a substantial increase in reporting over the past 10 years, a significant number of sexual assaults still go unreported each year. Just 23 percent of the estimated 20,300 service member victims who indicated experiencing a sexual assault reported the crime.

Reasons for not reporting an incident of sexual assault that were cited by focus group participants included: negative reactions from peers, impact on reputation, and concerns for possible repercussions for collateral misconduct.

In response, the military now requires that victims reporting an assault be notified of their right to consult with a special victims' counsel and of the availability of other legal assistance. Victims must receive this explanation at the time they report a sexual assault. In addition, no one in a victim's chain of command or the accused's chain of command may influence a special victims' counsel in providing legal support to a victim.

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## October retirees

The monthly retirement ceremony was held Oct. 25 at the post theater to recognize the service of nine members. October's retirees are: Col. Charles E. Reynolds, USACHCS, Fort Jackson; Maj. George Troncoso, 411th Contracting Support Brigade, Camp Coiner, Korea; Capt. Agnes D. Kirkman-Bey, USARCENT, Shaw Air Force Base; CW3 Susan J. Kennedy, NCCA, Fort Jackson, Command Sgt. Maj. Melvin E. Rutledge, USARCENT, Shaw AFB; 1st Sgt. Sean D. Sellars, 2-39 Infantry Battalion, 165th Infantry Brigade; Staff Sgt. Frank C. Thayer, USAG, Fort Jackson, Staff Sgt. John G. Copado II, Special Troops Battalion, Fort Jackson; Staff Sgt. Carl S. Douglas, Jr., HQ, 1-34 Infantry Battalion, Fort Jackson.

# Avoid the REAL MONSTERS at HALLOWEEN

By COL. GEORGIA ROGERS,  
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It's that time of year again, for dressing up in a costume, trick-or-treating and attending Halloween festivities. While being scared by pretend monsters and ghouls at Halloween is all in fun, the treats consumed at Halloween time could be feeding some real monsters – the germs in your mouth that cause tooth decay. Hard candies and sticky candies are usually the worst, because they stay in the mouth longer, and promote the growth of the acid-producing bacteria that cause tooth decay. Plus, the American Heart Association now recommends that children have less than 6 teaspoons (25 grams) of sugar a day for a healthy heart.

Many dentists in the US have started Halloween candy buyback programs, where they offer money or toys in exchange for Halloween candy, in an effort to reduce potential tooth decay in children. They often send collected candy to Soldiers stationed

overseas. Deployed Soldiers don't need that extra sugar, either, though! Pain, infection and damage from tooth decay is the number one cause of dental emergencies in deployed Soldiers. Worse yet, well-meaning Soldiers may pass the candy out as treats to the children in the countries where they're stationed. Children in war-torn countries usually do not have access to a dentist when they develop pain or infections from tooth decay.

There are some things that parents can do to limit the risk Halloween candy poses to their kid's dental health.

Brushing before bedtime with fluoride toothpaste is the most important way to fight decay. Children 2-6 years only need a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste, or a small smear across the center of the brush. An adult should always assist with tooth brushing for children under the age of 8. Don't rinse with water after brushing! Just spit several times to remove the excess toothpaste. Have small children say "Patooney!" very forcefully if they have difficulty spitting. (Do

**HEALTHY KIDS ARE SWEET ENOUGH**

Kids age 2-18 should have **LESS THAN 25 GRAMS** or **SIX TEASPOONS** of **ADDED SUGARS DAILY** for a healthy heart.

Less than six...

Source: American Heart Association statement, Added Sugars and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Children

American Heart Association

not use toothpaste for children under 2 years unless a dentist or physician determines that your toddler is at increased risk for cavities.)

Parents can limit Halloween candy to follow mealtimes, and set some aside for later.

The American Dental Association teamed up with PopCap Games in 2012 to create the Stop Zombie Mouth game to help children understand how to prevent tooth decay. You can help your child play the game at [www.stopzombiemouth.com](http://www.stopzombiemouth.com).

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

For young children, Halloween night is one of the best of the year. But trick-or-treating can be dangerous if kids and parents aren't careful. The Fort Jackson Police Department would like for you to take a look at some vital trick-or-treating tips before you accompany your child in the housing areas on Oct. 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## WHEN IT COMES TO COSTUME SAFETY, CHILDREN SHOULD:

- ☹️ Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and short which will help to prevent tripping.
- ☹️ Wear sneakers or comfortable shoes.
- ☹️ Avoid wearing floppy hats or wigs that can slide over the eyes.
- ☹️ Wear a face mask that allows you to see well through and does not obstruct your child's vision
- ☹️ Try to avoid toy weapons. If desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- ☹️ Stay away from pets. Pets might not recognize the child and become frightened.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY!

- ☹️ Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings. Parents should establish a route for children.
- ☹️ Children should use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- ☹️ Children should cross the street at corners / crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- ☹️ Motorists should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.

## GENERAL SAFETY!

- ☹️ Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by parents or an authorized adult chaperone
- ☹️ Children should never go into homes – stay on the porch or stoop when asking for treats.
- ☹️ Children should avoid homes that don't have their outside lights turned on.
- ☹️ Children should never talk to strangers or get into strangers' cars.
- ☹️ Children should bring home treats before eating them so parents can inspect them. When children get home, parents should inspect all candy and other treats before they are eaten. Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy or fruit.
- ☹️ Parents should cut into fruit, such as apples, to make sure they do not contain foreign objects.

