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Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Blaisdell, senior enlisted leader for the Leader Training Brigade, lights a candle during Fort Jackson's Days of Remembrance Observance April 10 at the NCO Club.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY

Tin Man Reverse Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon/Sharp 5K

8 a.m., starting at Knight Pool with the 5k. Open to all DOD ID Card holders over the age of 18. Players can participate in the triathlon (5K run/15K bike/150 Meter Swim) or a Duathlon (two of the three events) or the 5K. For questions or more information, call 751-5896 or 751-5817.

TUESDAY

Tax Day 5K Run

6 a.m. Twin Lakes Park. Come join us for the Tax Day 5K Run. The run is open to all, but minors must be accompanied by an adult. Civilian attire with reflective gear can be worn. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. the day of the event. For more information contact Capt. Lauren Strebel at lauren.a.strebel.mil@mail.mil, or call 751-4287.

Keys to Wealth Management

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bldg. 9810 Lee Road, Rm. 119. Army Community Service will host a "Lunch & Learn" Investment Basics Seminar. Seminar will discuss topics and strategies to achieve your long-term financial goals (estate planning, retirement planning, insurance, etc.). The planning you do today will determine your retirement lifestyle in the future. A financial advisor will be on hand to answer your questions. Feel free to bring your lunch with you, lunch is not provided. Please call 751-5256 to RSVP.

APRIL 19

Employer and Career Day

The Fort Jackson Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program and the Army Continuing Education Systems are co-hosting an Employer and Career Day on at the Army Education Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Fifteen Employers from various industries and Educational Institutions will be participating. This event is free and open to the Fort Jackson community. For more information, contact Carolyn Andrews, transition services manager, at Carolyn.b.andrews.civ@mail.mil, or Veronica Fields-Cox, education services officer at veronica.l.fields-cox.civ@mail.mil or call 803-751-1723.

APRIL 21

2018 USA Powerlifting Event

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21 at the National Guard Army, 1225 Bluff Road in Columbia. The South Carolina National Guard's Warrior Fitness Team will be hosting the 2018 USA Powerlifting's "Power lifters

against bullying: Words have weight" competition. For more information call 803-508-9003 or email Ron Dorian, director of the Warrior Fitness Program at ron.l.doiron.ctr@mail.mil.

APRIL 23

Alcohol Awareness Month Training

Session 1: 9-10:30 a.m. Session 2: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Solomon Center. Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be the guest.

Social Security Benefits

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 9810 Lee Road, Rm. 119. Army Community Service (ACS) will host a "Lunch & Learn" Social Security Benefits Seminar. Seminar provides information on how social security affects your retirement income. A representative from the Social Security Administration will be on hand to answer your questions. Feel free to bring your lunch with you, lunch is not provided. Please call 751-5256 to RSVP.

APRIL 23-27

Unit Prevention Leader Class

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ASAP Classroom, Building 4310 Magruder Ave. The Army Substance Abuse Program will offer a Unit Prevention Leader Class, a rigorous five-day curriculum with a required final test to achieve UPL certification. Class size is limited to 28 people and registration is recommended at least one week prior to the class. For more information, call 751-5007 or 751-7066.

APRIL 27

Alcohol Awareness Month Training

Session 1: 9-10:30 a.m. Session 2: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Solomon Center. Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be the guest.

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO FJLeader@gmail.com

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

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

Questions? Call 751-7045.

SPORTSMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Are you interested in learning more about the Fort Jackson Sportsman Club? Come to a meeting of the Sportsman Advisory Council Working Groups.

The Cycling working group meets May at Magruder's Pub. The group leader Maj. Stephen McKinney can be contacted at 751-1041 or stephen.r.mckinney.mil@mail.mil.

Maj. Matthew Hintz is the lead for the Run/Adventure and Shooting Working Groups, and can be contacted at 751-7629 or matthew.r.hintz.mil@mail.mil. The next meeting is 6 p.m. April 24 at Magruder's Pub.

The next Hunting and Angling Working Group meeting will take place 6 p.m. April 19 at Alpine Lodge. The group leader Command Sgt. Maj. Curtis Wesson can be contacted at 751-8037 or curtis.w.wesson.mil@mail.mil.

Beagle is Fort Jackson's next commander

The Chief of Staff of the Army announced April 4 that Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander has been named the next Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Johnson will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., the 10th Mountain Division's Deputy Commanding General for support in a ceremony tentatively scheduled for June 22. Beagle isn't new to Fort Jackson as he commanded the 193rd Infantry Brigade from June 2014 to June 2016.



Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr.



Army News Service photo

Handle with care

Fort Jackson's firearms policy applies to everyone

Fort Jackson has regulations in place to assist everyone who might need to bring a weapon to Fort Jackson. While there is a process to allow Soldiers, retirees and civilian employees to bring weapons on post, no concealed weapons are allowed on the installation.

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

If you're thinking about bringing a weapon to Fort Jackson, you might first want to familiarize yourself with the installation's rules and regulations governing firearms. What applies outside of the gates doesn't always apply on post, warns Lt. Col. Johnny Sellers, Provost Marshall and director of Fort Jackson's Directorate of Emergency Services.

While traffic at the gates brings a variety of people to the installation from all over the world, this traffic can be broken down into three essential categories: people who work here, people who live here, and temporary visitors.

Post officials said regulations are in place to assist everyone who might need to bring a weapon to Fort Jackson. These policies require diligence on the part of the weapons owner and the guards at the gates.

"The guard must be told that there are weapons being brought inside the installation," said Sgt. Maj. Hermes Acevedo, with the Directorate of Emergency Services. Soldiers, employees and "residents of the installation, including Department of Defense retirees, must register their weapons."

And this registration must be presented at the time of entry, he said.

"If you decide to hunt on Fort Jackson, you need to make sure whatever weapons you're using are registered with the provost marshal," Sellers said.

If you don't live on Fort Jackson, there's no reason to register your weapon unless you intend to bring it on post, said Chief of Physical Security Fred Vasquez. Concealed weapons, though, are another matter entirely.

"Essentially, there are no concealed weapons allowed on the installation, with the exception of military and federal law enforcement, who have the authority to carry in the performance of their duties," Sellers said.

Still, even weapons being brought onto the installation that are already authorized by the Department of Defense must be declared at entry points, Acevedo said. Just because you have a concealed carry permit does not mean that permit is valid on Fort Jackson.

"Bringing a weapon into a federal building or onto a federal installation is against the law," Vasquez said.

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U.S. Army photo by GERTRUD ZACH

Paratroopers with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade conduct a Platoon Level Live Fire Exercise March 19 at the 7th Army Training Command's Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The Army is looking to extend infantry one-station unit training from 14 to 21 weeks under a pilot program beginning in July.

Army to extend infantry OSUT to bolster Soldier lethality

By **DEVON L. SUITS**
Army News Service

The Army will extend infantry one-station unit training from 14 to 21 weeks under a pilot program beginning in July.

The expanded OSUT will add a combatives course, combat lifesavers course, more day and night land navigation, and different weapons qualifications.

The improved training for new Infantry troops is just one way that the Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team is looking to maintain superiority against the nation's adversaries, said Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. He spoke during the Association of the U.S. Army's Global Force Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama.

Soldier lethality is one of the Army's top six modernization priorities, and in addition to expanding initial-entry training, the Soldier Lethality CFT is looking at combining synthetic and real-time training. The team announced a new goggle that combines improved thermal and night-vision technology with a heads-up display that can overlay simulated enemy forces on real terrain.

The Soldier Lethality CFT identifies the Soldier as a "platform" –

similar to any piece of Army equipment, but considered the Army's most valuable asset.

Although the Army has made improvements to body armor, aiming sights, and night vision devices, today's Soldier still uses equipment and technology that has not changed much in the past several decades, Townsend said. The Soldier Lethality CFT is looking to change that.

Physical fitness, superior training, and combined arms have all played a key role in keeping the Army in the fight, Townsend added. However, the Army must increase lethality, mobility, survivability, and its ability to counter emerging threats, or risk being overmatched on the future battlefield.

Soldier Lethality is especially looking at enhancements for the "close 100K," defined by the Cross-Functional Team as active-duty, Guard and Reserve personnel that engage with and destroy the enemy.

To help establish a strong foundation for the "close 100K," the Army is slated to pilot the improved OSUT for Infantry in July, announced Brig. Gen. Christopher Donahue, Maneuver Center of Excellence Infantry School commandant and Soldier Lethality CFT director. The new training initiative will add seven weeks to the current 14 weeks of OSUT training.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

- Tomb Raider (PG-13) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Studio appreciation advance screening, free admission.
- Tomb Raider (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

- 7 Days In Entebbe (PG-13) 1 p.m.
- Tomb Raider (PG-13) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- 7 Days In Entebbe (PG-13) 1 p.m.
- Tomb Raider (PG-13) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

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

3-D TICKETS

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

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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Adult Group Swim Lessons

at Knight Swimming Pool
3396 Magruder Ave.

April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays;
Fridays are makeup days.

Two class options: 12 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

No classes on federal holidays.

Cost \$45/participant, for 18 yrs old and older.
Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>



For more info call (803)751-4796



Community Family Fun Fair

Friday, April 13, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Patriots Park

(Next to the Solomon Center, 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd.)

Come out and help support our Month of the Military Child. We will have a Bounce House, Creation Station, information booths, snow cones, music, recycle art, sensory play, drawings for prizes, and more!



For more information call (803)751-4824



Fort Jackson TIN MAN

REVERSE SPRINT TRIATHLON

April 14 at 8 a.m., Knight Pool

5k Run/15k Bike/150m Swim

Free event to all ID card holders. Participants must be 18 years of age or older for the duathlon or triathlon.

To register, go to www.fortjacksonmwr.com and click on the tin man reverse sprint triathlon ad. Online registration ends April 13 at 12 p.m.



For more details, contact Cindi Keene at (803)751-5896 or (803)751-5817



YOUTH FISHING DERBY

April 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Heise Pond
(Next to the game check station and Alpine Lodge)

Open to All Youth in the Ft Jackson Community State fishing license and post fishing permits are not required for youth 15 years of age and under

Free Loaner Fishing Poles Are Available
For The First 50 To Sign Up Before April 16

Bait will be available for purchase at the event



For more information call (803)751-3484



Spring Flea Market

Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(In front of the Solomon Center, 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd.)

Registration required and can be placed at the Solomon Center front desk or by calling (803)751-4056. Set up time 7 a.m. to be ready for customers by 8 a.m. Tables can be requested at the time of registration.

No Food Vendors allowed.



For more information call (803)751-4056

VICTORY BELLES CONCERT & LUNCHEON

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at the Joe E. Mann Ballroom, 3392 Magruder Ave
Friday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Chris Souweine, trainer for the Federal Retirement Thrift Assessments Board, speaks to a group of Fort Jackson community members April 10 about the Thrift Savings Plan during a briefing titled, 'TSP A-to-Z.'

Post helps chart courses toward blended retirement

By Leader Staff Reports

Learning how to save money for retirement can be a difficult road to navigate, but Blended Retirement Workshops held on post April 10-11 helped Fort Jackson community members pick their way through a sometimes confusing Thrift Savings Plan.

Chris Souweine, trainer for the Federal Retirement Thrift Assessments Board, said knowing the TSP "is really important especially with other retirement benefits are kind of done for us."

TSP is different he said.

"With TSP it is up to us where we want to invest and how much we want to contribute," he said April 10 during a short break in a session titled, "TSP A-to-Z Workshop."

That workshop was one of three sessions held. Session two was held April 11 and covered training for mid-career civilians, while the third session was aimed at civilians later in their careers.

Souweine said the best advice he could give to federal employees was to "contribute enough" to get the maximum matching funds of 'at least five percent if you can afford to do so.'

Post plans events for National Volunteer Week

Fort Jackson will honor and show appreciation to our volunteers for their many commitment, contributions and sacrifices to the Fort Jackson community during National Volunteer Week April 15 -21.

■ April 13: **Community Family Fun Fair.** Explore volunteer opportunities, Patriots Park, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

■ April 15: **Movie Madness.** Fort Jackson volunteers enjoy a free movie with a small popcorn and small drink, Post Theater, 5 p.m., Movie Title: Tomb Raider

■ April 18: **"Volunteer Time Counts."** Learn the benefits of tracking volunteer hours and developing volunteer experience into work experience on a resume from 9 – 11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Rm. 166 Bldg, 9810, Lee Road.

■ April 19: **Volunteer Celebration.** Fort Jackson volunteers/VIPs will enjoy a delicious hot buffet breakfast from 8 – 9:30 a.m. at the NCO Club

■ April 21: **Installation Awards Ceremony.** Second quarter Commanding General Helping Hand Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Hall of Fame award presentation. The ceremony starts at 3:15 p.m. at the NCO Club followed by Stable Call (open to the Fort Jackson community)

For more information contact Marilyn Baily, Fort Jackson's Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at 751-5444, or via email at Marilynn.s.bailey.civ@mail.mil.

Pinckney re-registration opening April 16

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students will be bringing re-registration paperwork for students returning for the 2018 -2019 school year, Pinckney officials said.

The date for re-registration is April 16 – 27. Forms needed for the re-registrations are a Do-DEA Form 600 with any corrections and additional information added to it. The form must also include sponsor's duty phone number and unit. Parents are asked not to forget to sign the form. Students will also need a completed and signed returning health history.

Rising fourth grade students must sign the internet agreement as well.

Students can earn two homework passes if their completed packets are returned April 16-20. Those returning the packet April 23-27 can earn one homework pass.

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Fort Jackson: HOUSING NOTES

Updates from Housing Services

■ **Yard of The Month Program:** The annual Yard of the Month Program will begin with the first presentation on May 8. Judging of nominated yards will be conducted 9-11 a.m., April 22. Be sure to visit the self help center and check out lawn and garden tools that will assist you in beautifying your yard and become a Yard of the Month contender. Winners will receive recognition in the Fort Jackson Leader, featured on the Balfour Beatty Communities website and Housing and Mayors Facebook pages. This year's grand prize winner will also receive a \$25 gift card courtesy of the Commissary. The self help center is located on Ivy Road and is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

■ **Family Housing Community Yard Sale:** Housing residents are you ready to make some extra money, declutter your home/garage, or prepare for your upcoming PCS move? If so, visit Balfour Beatty Community Center to register your home for the Community Yard Sale to be held Saturday starting at 7:30 a.m. For additional information contact Balfour Beatty Community Center, 803-738-8275.

■ **Mayors Needed:** The Mayoral Council is looking for energetic volunteers to serve as Mayors for the Fort Jackson Housing Communities. Being a part of the Council allows you to be a voice for your community. Your voice can bring ideas and suggestions for improving the quality of life while residing on Fort Jackson. In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, you will meet new people and receive valuable training. Child care is provided at no cost while performing mayoral duties. Positions are currently available in PT1 thru PT 4, PT 6 and Howie Village housing areas. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at: Vickie.d.grier.civ@mail.mil.



Photo by CHAP. (MAJ.) BRIAN TUNG

Immersive learning

Chaplain School students pray over a 'casualty' during recent training. Chaplain (Maj.) Brad Godding, course manager of the Chaplain Basic Officer Leaders Course, leveraged his clinical pastoral education expertise to immerse CHBOLC chaplains into battlefield trauma ministry, above. The students were exposed to topics on battlefield death, dying, trauma and grief ministry.

Fort Jackson commander proclaims April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized during April of each year. Child abuse is never OK. No one deserves to be abused and anyone can be a victim. Any time an Army Family member suffers from abuse, we fall short of our goals for readiness.

I am calling on all of us – military and civilian, parents and non-parents – to unite for a common goal: to end child abuse. We must make a commitment to this prevention effort in partnership with the Family Advocacy Program here at the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson.

Children are the future of our nation. It is our job to assure they grow up with a strong supportive system. Therefore, this year's theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month is: Strong Communities Strengthen Families.

Be informed: Stay a step ahead, build your parenting skills.

Be attentive: Consistent care and supervision

help kids thrive.

Be supportive: Caring words and small actions make a big difference,

Child abuse prevention is not a one-month assignment. It goes on every day of every year. Without every one of us doing our part, we cannot say our Army is fully ready to build a strong and resilient community.

As Commander of the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, I am committed to ending child abuse and educating our community on prevention methods. Our Family advocacy program is here to help you. Contact the Fort Jackson Family Advocacy Program Office at 803-751-5256 to help end child abuse.

John P. Johnson
JOHN P. JOHNSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding



Maj. Gen. John P. Johnson

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NEWS

FORT JACKSON SCHOOL MENUS, April 12-18

Thursday

Breakfast: Assorted cold cereal, biscuit, fruit cocktail/100 percent juice cup, assorted milk.

Lunch entree: Grilled chicken strips, rice pilaf. **Sides:** Black-eyed peas/mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail/100 percent juice cup, assorted milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Assorted yogurt, assorted muffins, fresh banana/mandarin oranges, assorted milk.

Lunch entree: Sloppy joe. **Sides:** Seasoned spinach/seasoned corn, fresh bananas/mandarin oranges, assorted milk.

Monday

Breakfast: Donut holes, pineapple chunks/orange wedges, assorted milk.

Lunch entree: Grilled cheese sandwich. **Sides:** French fries/seasoned brussels sprouts, pineapple chunks/orange wedges, assorted milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Waffle sticks with syrup, 100 percent apple juice/apple sauce, assorted milk.

Lunch entree: Tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomato, and Spanish rice. **Sides:** Refried beans/Mexican corn, apple sauce/100 percent juice cup, assorted milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with cheese, biscuit with jelly, mandarin oranges/apple wedges, assorted milk.

Lunch entree: Fish sticks. **Sides:** Baby carrots with dip, green peas, mandarin oranges/apple wedges, assorted milk.

Menu subject to change without notice.

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LUNCH PRICES

Month: \$57 / Per day: \$2.85
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Protecting our people

The Fort Jackson Directorate of Public Works employees show off their support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month by wearing teal April 10. The employees are Antonio Pugh, Alexander Wilson, DPW Director Ann Garner, Barbara Golden, Jazel Cook. In the back row are Milena Jackson, Michelle Malone, Dekota Campbell, Khalil Al-Amin, Anthony McNair, Gloria Glover and Xavier Terrell.

Commentary: Maintaining readiness vital to Army success

By 1LT CHARLES HOLBROOK
2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

The world today is a constantly shifting environment where many threats can accumulate at any time and in any place. ISIS is a perfect example of how quickly a threat can materialize and require immediate action. This means the Army must be ready to deploy and destroy any threat at a moment's notice.

Readiness can be defined as "the state of being fully prepared for something," or arguably one of the most important interpretations "the willingness to do something."

How can readiness be maintained within an organization? There is no single solution to this question. This is due to every organization being different and having a different climate and culture. Basic Combat Training units affect readiness by producing Soldiers who are disciplined and capable of deploying

when they graduate. The ability to have Soldiers arrive to their first units ready to deploy and win the nation's wars is vital to the overall success of the Army.

Leaders in BCT units are responsible for ensuring trainees meet all expectations and standards laid out in TR 350-6. It is also important for leaders in BCT units to instill the discipline and professionalism that is expected of them in the operational environment.

It is the responsibility of leaders to scrutinize the willingness of Soldiers within their organizations. This is important because Soldiers personal investment and morale play a critical role in sustaining readiness within a unit. The success and readiness of an organization is directly credited to the investment of its members.

Shortage of warrant officers in Army Reserves

By LAURA LEVERING
Special to the Leader

Service members who are transitioning from the military to civilian life have a multitude of decisions to make. One includes whether or not to continue serving in uniform on a part-time basis or completely ending one's service. If you find yourself contemplating the former, you might want to explore the possibility of becoming a warrant officer.

According to Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Pawlik, there is a critical shortage of warrant officers in the U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard.

"The Army is going through a phase right now," Pawlik said. "It's all about readiness and numbers and there is a critical shortage in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve of warrant officers."

Pawlik, 09W Warrant Officer Accessions, Army Reserve Careers Division, is on a mission to reach out to service members who

are within six months of their expiration of term of service, but he prefers to talk to them sooner when possible.

"My goal is to talk to them and tell them the advantages of becoming a warrant officer in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard," Pawlik said.

Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-3 describes warrant officers as "highly specialized officers" who are "self-aware and adaptive combat leaders, trainers, staff officers, and advisors." They are "competent and confident warriors, innovative integrators of emerging technologies, dynamic teachers, and developers of specialized teams of Soldiers."

About 95 percent of warrant officers were previously enlisted; the remaining commissioned officers.

Pawlik said the ideal candidate under the 09W/09S program for which he is recruiting are E-5 through E-7 personnel who are in good standing with the military. Candidates need to have a General Technician score of

110 or higher, high school diploma or GED certificate, and secret security clearance upon entrance to Warrant Officer Candidate School. Additional eligibility requirements will be discussed upon meeting.

All enlisted military occupational specialties are eligible for WOCS. The Service-member's MOS largely determines what the Soldier will do as a warrant officer.

"For example, if you're doing IT on the enlisted side, you might have two or three choices to go into, but you're not going to be able to go tanks," Pawlik said.

Eligible Soldiers must create a packet and await approval. Once approved, the candidate will go before a board. If selected, the Soldier will attend WOCS in Fort Rucker, Alabama, then go on to learn their chosen specialty. Soldiers receive warrant officer 1 rank upon successful completion of the course.

Some of the benefits of becoming a warrant officer is the pay and promotion trends. An estimated 97 percent of warrant officers

get promoted to chief warrant officer 2. And about six years later, two-thirds of them get promoted to chief warrant officer 3. Another five to six years later, 63 percent make chief warrant officer 4. Additionally, they can stay serve until age 62 if they choose; longer than their enlisted and commissioned counterparts. As enticing as the pay may be, some of the benefits are not counted in money.

"There is a lot of camaraderie and you get to specialize in one area ... and not have to do a lot of the miscellaneous tasks that Soldiers in the enlisted and officer ranks get tasked to do," Pawlik said. "If you are an E-5, E-6, or E-7 that's going to be transitioning out of the Army in the near future - or if you know someone - please have them call."

Pawlik oversees Fort Gordon; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. For more information, contact Pawlik at (706) 791-4978.

Editor's note: Laura Levering works for the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office.

FORT JACKSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CATHOLIC

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m., IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m., CCD, Education Center
- 9:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, First Friday

11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday

10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Sunday

9 a.m., Worship and Liturgy, Hospital Chapel

JEWISH

Sunday

- 9:15 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel
- 10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sunday

10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

Friday

12:45 p.m., Jumah Services, Main Post Chapel

Sunday

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

PAGAN

Sunday

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

HISPANIC PROTESTANT

Sunday

9 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

PROTESTANT

Sunday

- 8 a.m., Worship Service, Main Post Chapel
- 8:30 a.m., Anglican/Liturgical, Lightning Chapel
- 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Chapel

■ 9:15 a.m., Adult Bible Study, Main Post Chapel

■ 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

■ 10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service, Daniel Circle Chapel

■ 11 a.m., Service, Main Post Chapel

■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Lightning Chapel

■ 5 p.m., Aspire! Protestant Youth, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday

■ 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Woman's Bible Study, Lightning Chapel

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

Tuesday

■ 9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday

■ Noon, Protestant Bible Study, SSI Library

■ 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle chapel

Thursday

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

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- Lightning Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542
- Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg 5460, 751-4961
- Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave., 751-5341
- Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain and Religious Support Office, 4356 Hardee St., 751-3121/6318
- McCrady Chapel, 3820 McCrady Road at McCrady Training Center, 751-7324
- Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681
- Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

NEWS

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...'

**1ST BATTALION,
13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

PVT. JOSHUA COOPER, 26
Patchogue, New York



"I joined the Army to support my son, myself, my state and my country. I'm training to be a better person."

"For the most part, the Army is what I imagined it would be before I joined. I've always wanted to join and researched it a lot. Some aspects were different and caught me off guard."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training is the differences in maturity of your battle buddies and learning to work together as a team."

"My MOS is 25U, Signal Support Systems specialist. I chose it because I think I'd be a bigger asset to the Army in that field and for the civilian opportunities that coincide with it."

"I enjoyed Fort Jackson. I enjoyed Basic Combat Training and I think I'll miss it."

SPC. WILLIAM GRIFFIN, 35
Memphis, Tennessee



"I joined the Army because time stops for no one. I've always wanted to join the armed services. At work, two recruiters came in and I jumped at the opportunity."

"In some ways joining the Army is what I imagined it would be and it has met my expectations. In others, there's a lot more structure and waiting than I could've imagined."

"Being older, I found the different personalities of my fellow trainees to be the most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training."

"My MOS is 15U, Chinook Helicopter Repairman. I have a passion for aeronautics and flying and my hope is to become a warrant officer and get my pilot's license."

"Mentally I found the field exercise is to be quite achievable and the physical requirements, while perhaps tougher for someone my age, to be well within the reaches of anyone with a drive for success. Moving on I hope to contribute to the welfare of my nation through living the Army values."

SPC. DOUGLAS ALDRICH, 25
Prospect, Connecticut



"I joined the Army to fulfil the promise I made to myself at a young age. The National Guard allows me to serve while still maintaining my job and supporting my Family."

"I have experience going to a regimented college previous to the National Guard, so I was familiar with some of what the Army was about. There were good and bad moments but I enjoyed much of it."

"The thing that was the most challenging about Basic Combat Training was the age difference; it was definitely a challenge. As much as I enjoyed the leadership experience, keeping the discipline and communication consistent for 60 people was something I had not dealt with before."

"My MOS is 09S, Officer Candidate. I chose it because of previous supervisory experience – I have and the ability to have a positive influence on those in my command."

Basic Combat Training "was a great experience for me and I'm glad I filled my goals."

SPC. EMANDI OPPONG-AGYARE, 22
Stone Mountain, Georgia



"I was influenced to join the Army because of my brother who is a sergeant in the Army. He's always been one of my role models."

"I knew the Army would be a challenge and I knew I would be pushed to my limits. I am thankful that I was up to the challenge."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was all of the different attitudes and personalities. The training was challenging but conquerable."

"My MOS is 94F, Computer/Detection Systems Repairer. I see the world becoming more technological and I would like to be at the front of it."

"I look forward to the brotherhood that I am stepping into. My training here Fort Jackson taught me the value of my battle buddies. I would not have made it without them."

SPC. BROOK BERARD, 27
Boise, Idaho



"Seeing my cousin in the Montana National Guard influenced me to join the Idaho National Guard. Watching him serve his community and country inspired me."

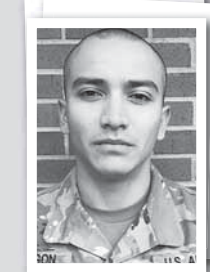
"There are many things I did not anticipate about Basic Combat Training. I know Soldiers looked out for one another, but I did not fully understand the camaraderie that exists in the Army."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was the separation from my family. Although I expected that aspect to be difficult, it was much more challenging than I anticipated."

"My MOS is 09S, Officer Candidate. I chose that job in the hopes to better lead and serve my community."

"I look forward to officer school and Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course after that. I know there will be many challenges ahead but I look forward to meeting the challenges with the support of my fellow Soldiers, Family and friends."

PVT. ISAAC ARAGON, 19
Gallup, New Mexico



"My grandfather joined the Army when he was young and he had a big impact in my life. I want to follow in his footsteps."

"I knew the Army was disciplined and hard, but I didn't imagine that it would truly test me physically and mentally like it did."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was finding the strength within. Pushing yourself beyond your comfort zone and giving it 100 percent when it's tough."

"My MOS is 91J, Quartermaster and Chemical Equipment Repairer."

"I look forward to growing in the Army and experiencing all the great things that it has to offer."

Around post

■ Summer Hire Applications are now available for all military card holding youth ages 16 to 21. They may be picked up at the thrift shop or on line. All applications are due back to the thrift shop by May 24.

■ The Fort Jackson Homeschoolers meet from noon until 2 p.m. every Tuesday through the end of May at the CYS middle school gym on Chestnut Road. For more information, find the group on Facebook at Ft (Fort) Jackson Homeschool Connection, or call Bethany at 803-873-7455.

What does a suspicious package look like?

By Leader Staff Reports

Suspicious packages can come in all shapes and sizes. A suspicious package is any backpack, bag, box or other item left unattended or that otherwise seems out of place. For instance a package you're expecting from UPS may not raise suspicions, but an unexpected package, with or without markings, left on your door step or porch may be cause for alarm. One of the best defense against suspicious packages is awareness of your surroundings, know what is normal for your surroundings. If you see something that does not look right, report it. Remember, "See something, say something."

If you receive a suspicious package what should you do?

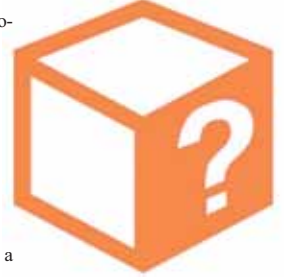
■ Report suspicious unattended packages, or a potential bomb threat to authorities immediately, follow instructions, and evacuate the area – Call 911.

■ Provide as much detail as possible to authorities.

■ Seek distance and cover – they are the best means to reduce the risk.

■ Do not approach or inspect suspicious items or unattended packages.

■ Do not congregate near the incident scene – it may impede first responders and there could be a risk of secondary attacks.



NEWS

A 'LEGACY OF PERSEVERANCE'

Post observes Holocaust Days of Remembrance

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson and religious leaders from Columbia, South Carolina honored the memories of Holocaust victims and survivors April 10 during a Days of Remembrance Observance at the NCO Club on post.

"While we cannot bring the dead back to life, we can make sure their memories survive and their deaths were not in vain," said Rabbi Hesh Epstein, with the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia, S.C., during the observance's invocation.

Yom Hashoah, or Day of Remembrance, is held each year to remember and memorialize the victims, and survivors of the Holocaust that took the lives of six million Jews. This year it is held April 11-12.

The Days of Remembrance Observance teaches us a "legacy of perseverance," said Col. Fernando Guadalupe, commander of Fort Jackson's Leader Training Brigade.

Guadalupe welcomed attendees to event by quoting President Ronald Reagan's 1983 speech to Holocaust survivors. The world should "never close their eyes to evil; never ignore the suffering of innocents and must never be silent in times of moral crises," Guadalupe said.

Dr. Lilly Filler, daughter of Holocaust Survivors and secretary for the S.C. Council of the Holocaust, was the guest speaker. She shared a short documentary about American Soldiers taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge, who came together to resist German attempts to separate American Jews from other POWs. She also shared a video of interviews with Holocaust survivors including her parents, Jadzia and Ben Stern.

In her speech Filler highlighted the struggles of her father who was split from his family to never see many of them again. She also quoted General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower's letter to Army Chief of Staff, General of the Army George C. Marshall, to rebut those in society who deny the Holocaust existed.

In Eisenhower's letter to Marshall he wrote:
"The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick. In one room, where they were piled up 20 or 30 naked men, killed by starvation, George Patton would not even enter. He said he would get sick if he did so. I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to "propaganda.""



Photos by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Dr. Lilly Filler, secretary of the S.C. Council of the Holocaust and daughter of Holocaust survivors, speaks during Fort Jackson's Days of Remembrance Observance April 10 at the NCO Club.

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Rabbi Eric Mollo lights a candle symbolizing 'the old and young, for countless good-byes filled with emotion' during Fort Jackson's Day of Remembrance Observance April 10 at the NCO Club.

Remembrance

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Filler said she thought “those words are appropriate because in society today there is a will to deny the Holocaust existed or to diminish the magnitude of it.”

During the observance six candles were also lit symbolizing:

- Silence of death, silence of life and silence after destruction
- This child, by now gone, for dreams that ended before they started
- The old and the young, for countless good-byes filled with emotion
- For a mother in pain clutching a child during selection day
- The Jewish culture that lived and flourished in Warsaw, Poland for long
- For six million Jews who vanished in smoke without a trace.



Dr. Lilly Filler, secretary of the S.C. Council of the Holocaust and daughter of Holocaust survivors, speaks during Fort Jackson's Days of Remembrance Observance April 10 at the NCO Club.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

NEWS

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Austin Dagenais
Alpha Company
1st Battalion, 13th
Infantry Regiment

Soldier Leader of the Cycle
Pfc. Ashley Bonilla

Soldier of the Cycle
Pvt. Joshua Cooper

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Kervin Kernizant

HIGH APFT
Pfc. Ashley Bonilla

DAGENAIS



Staff Sgt. Erica A. Oliver
Charlie Company
1st Battalion, 13th
Infantry Regiment

Soldier Leader of the Cycle
SpC. William Griffin

Soldier of the Cycle
SpC. Douglas Aldrich

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Tyler Strong

HIGH APFT
SpC. Jean Snider

OLIVER



Sgt. 1st Class Jayna Bryant
Delta Company
1st Battalion, 13th
Infantry Regiment

Soldier Leader of the Cycle
Pvt. Jessica Reed

Soldier of the Cycle
Pvt. Nicholas Day

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Alejandro Uribe

HIGH APFT
Pvt. David Chae

BRYANT



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Edwards
Echo Company
1st Battalion, 13th
Infantry Regiment

Soldier Leader of the Cycle
Pvt. Isaac Aragon

Soldier of the Cycle
SpC. Brook Berard

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Ethan Smith

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Zachary Melke

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Vital

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If Soldiers simply do not care, you cannot enforce standards, motivation will begin to slip, and toxicity will spread throughout the organization. This is why instilling the right state of mind in new trainees is so important.

The goal of BCT units should be to graduate Soldiers who are motivated and who are self-disciplined. Leaders can effectively fight lack of motivation and promote readiness in their units by setting the example. Soldiers are more likely to follow a leader that stays motivated and sets an example to follow.

Sustained readiness will continue to be a part of the Army for the foresee-

“The goal of BCT units should be to graduate Soldiers who are **motivated** and who are **self-disciplined**.

able future. With conflicts in the Middle East, tensions rising in Eastern Europe and in the South China Sea, the need for an adaptable and deployable force may continue to become more important in the eyes of the Army. Basic training units should continue to focus on creating disciplined and professional Soldiers who are prepared to fight and win our nation's wars.



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NEWS

WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A...

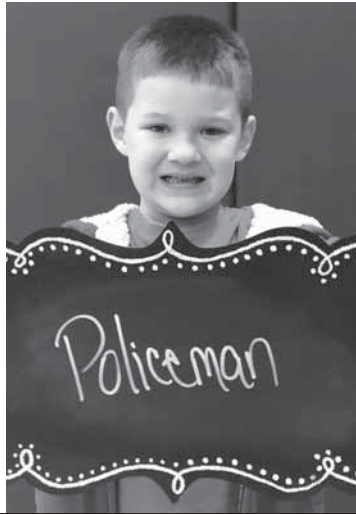
Featuring the students of Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Photos by LaTrice Langston.



MASYN, 6



LOVELY, 6



MICAH, 6

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 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.
- Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Open 4 to 6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.
- Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Weapons

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“My office gets between 12 and 15 calls a month from people who are travelling, either from law enforcement or people with concealed carry permits, which ask about the policies,” he added.

There is no place on Fort Jackson to temporarily store firearms brought onto the installation.

“Most folks understand that things are a little bit different when you come onto a federal installation,” Sellers said, “and they’ll call ahead. Some will just elect not to take the weapon with them. There are strict security measures in place.”

Weapons and ammunition must also be separated when entering the installation, he said. It’s not simply a matter of making sure the weapon isn’t loaded, either.

“The weapon and ammunition must be in two separate places of the vehicle,” he said. “For example, the weapon could be in the (trunk) of the vehicle you’re in, and the ammunition can be in the center console or the back of the vehicle. When you get to your residence, you need to secure that weapon in a proper

location, which is usually a lock box, safe or some kind of trigger lock.”

Weapons should be stored in the trunk of a vehicle, Acevedo said. For vehicles without a trunk, they need to be stored in a container other than glove box and carried in such a manner that they won’t be readily available to either the driver or passengers.

Weapons are rarely confiscated by Fort Jackson, unless criminal activity is involved, they said.

“We try not to confiscate weapons,” Sellers said. “Every weapon we find at the gates or during a traffic stop, we run the serial numbers to make sure it’s not stolen or has been used in a crime. Otherwise, we try to turn it back over to the owner and let them take it (home.)

“We’re not here to hem people up for something that might have been a mistake,” he said. “But we also have a responsibility to secure the installation and ensure that everyone here is protected. That’s the reasons we have these rules in place.”

The Visitor Control Centers at Gates 2 and 4 have the ability to register weapons, Sellers said.

Weapons registration is conducted Monday through Friday at the Fort Jackson Physical Security Office, Bldg. 4394, Strom Thurmond Blvd. For more information, contact Chief Physical Security Fred Vasquez at 803-751-2005.

Thrift Shop Prom Dress Sale

Need a prom dress or formal gown? The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop will be open 2-5 p.m. April 14. There are lots of sizes and styles of dresses, shoes, purses and more to make that special day even more special. The store is open to everyone during these special hours. Service members in pay grades E-5 and below may be able to receive a free dress with their military ID. Stop in for more details and ask about our Golden Carriage Program.



OSUT

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The new OSUT program is designed to better prepare trainees for the physical and mental rigors of being an infantry Soldier, according to Donahue.

Under the pilot, trainees must complete the basic combatatives course level one, the combat lifesavers course, and be proficient in day and night land navigation. Furthermore, trainees will qualify on the M4 carbine and M249 Squad Automatic Weapon in both day and night operations.

In addition to the proposed changes to OSUT, all initial Army training is under review, Townsend added. On March 26, Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper announced the Army is looking to possibly extend basic combat training.

“TRADOC has got a big mission of trying to

build the Army and bring in the 80,000 Soldiers we need to meet end-strength requirements,” said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey.

However, since the Army is in the process of growing the force, the Army Secretary and Army senior leadership were opposed to extending BCT at this time, Townsend said. Until then, TRADOC is working to maximize their current allocated training time.

The Army is also close to releasing a new physical fitness test. TRADOC will start by piloting the program before an Army-wide rollout. A launch date for the new program has yet to be announced.

The new test will provide “enough rigor and relevance” to ensure Soldiers are prepared for the “complex demands of each of the environments the Army operates in,” Dailey said.

In addition to the proposed changes to initial training, the Soldier lethality CFT announced the launch of heads-up display 3.0. The first prototype is scheduled to be released in the next 18 months, Donahue said.

Before the AUSA symposium, the CFT announced HUD 1.0 – a goggle that combines a heads-up display and built-in reticle, with “double-tubed” thermal and night-vision technology. The new ENVG can also capture and monitor waypoints and share that information with other Soldiers in the field. HUD 1.0 is slated for release before FY 2019.

“There have been tremendous improvements in night fighting advantage that come from successive generations of image intensifiers and thermal sensors through science and technology,” said Donald Reago, director of Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate with the Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center.

“We see that science technology has helped maintain overmatch in complex environments and contested spaces,” he added. “This technology has helped Soldiers understand and act quicker.” To help tie the real and synthetic training environments together, HUD 3.0 will provide Soldiers with an improved ability to

train, rehearse, and fight. For instance, a Soldier could maneuver around a physical training environment using 3.0, while engaging with virtual force projected inside the goggle’s display.

“With technology, we don’t want multiple sets of hardware,” Reago said. “We want one hardware set that supports everything from the training rehearsal, to the actual execution of the fight.” Currently, the Army lacks a “semi-immersive training capability to fulfill the critical path in close combat training,” said Maj. Gen. Maria R. Gervais, deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.

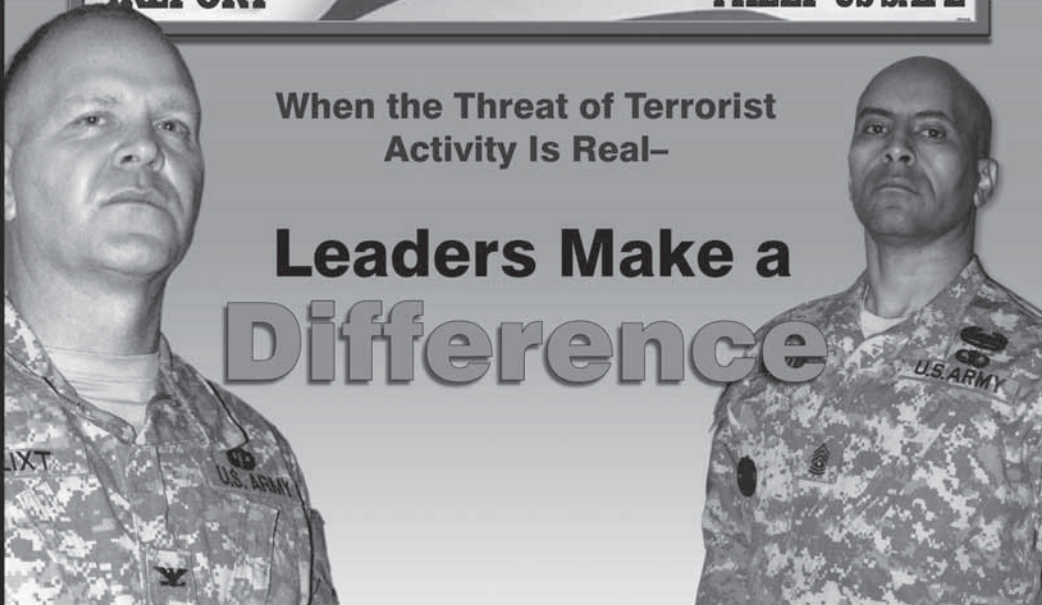
Even though the Synthetic Training Environment is in its initial stages, the STE team is working to leverage the technological advancements being made in the “\$5.2 billion virtual and gaming industry,” Gervais said.

“Our efforts are focused on providing (the Army with) the ability to have hundreds of simulating reps before they have to do it live,” Gervais said.

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Leaders Make a Difference

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- Your unit's responsibility?
- What to tell your soldiers, DA civilians and families?
- What individuals can do to prevent terrorist acts?
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- The indicators of high-risk behavior?
- Where you can find antiterrorism information?



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