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Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, leads his Soldiers during last year's Veterans Day parade in downtown Columbia.

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Community Calendar

JUNE 15

Donuts for Dads

8 - 10 a.m., Army Community Service, Building 9810, Lee Road. In honor of Fathers' Day ACS is serving donuts and coffee to fathers. Take time out of your busy schedule and enjoy a sweet treat. For more information contact ACS at 751-5256.

193rd Change of Command

9 a.m. Victory Field. Col. Mike Katona will relinquish command of the 193rd Infantry Brigade to Col. John White during a ceremony at Victory Field.

Porkchop Productions presents "RAPunzel"

10 - 11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. A bored princess, her over protective mother, a rapping narrator, an awe-struck Prince, and endless "bad hair" days, highlight this one-of-a-kind adaptation that reinforces the idea that letting someone go, means letting someone grow. A free event.

JUNE 18-22

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon daily at the Main Post Chapel. Vacation Bible School is open to rising Pre-K-6th Grade. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at Main Post Chapel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. There are 150 slots available. For more information, call 751-4797.

JUNE 19

'Hiring our Heroes' transition summit

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. NCO Club. Fort Jackson community members are invited to attend the Fort Jackson 'Hiring our Heroes' Transition Summit where you can connect directly with HR experts and hiring managers via industry-specific employment briefs, attend our resume building and digital networking workshops to super-charge your transition to a civilian career, then network with dozens of companies at a free evening networking and hiring reception. This event is free and is open to active duty service members, Guard and Reserve, veterans, and military spouses. For more information and to register visit <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/fort-jackson-transition-summit> or call Carolyn Andrews, transition service manager with the post's Soldier for Life program, at 751-1723.

Home Buying Seminar

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NCO Club. Topics include: knowing your credit score, debt to credit ratio, pre-approvals, good faith estimates, types of mortgage, home inspections, closing the loan and more. To register call 751-5788/7537. The seminar is free and open to all ID card holders.

Thrift Savings Plan Seminar

Noon to 1 p.m., Bldg. 9810 Lee Rd, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will host a "Lunch & Learn" Thrift Savings Plan Seminar. Attend a no-cost TSP seminar and gain a better understanding of the program. Learn the differences between Roth and Traditional accounts, avoiding penalties, withdrawals and more. Feel free to bring your lunch. Call 751-5256 to RSVP by June 18.

JUNE 20

Firefighter Webinar

Are you interested in a career as a nationally certified Firefighter after leaving the Army? If so, the Army Continuing Education System is offering a Career Skills Program that assist transitioning Soldiers in gaining the necessary skills and credentials needed to obtain a civilian job as a Firefighter. This eight-week training program will be conducted at the South Carolina Training Academy and sponsored by the Troops to Firefighter organization. The training is free to all qualifying transitioning Soldiers and military Spouses. There are two informational webinars scheduled for 2 - 3:30 p.m. June 20 and 27. To participate in the webinar, please connect to <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/join/firechiefm2> during the scheduled time. For more information, contact the Education Center at 751-5341.

"Reading Takes You Everywhere"

2-4 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Get ready to travel this summer. Come decorate a tote bag, put together a map puzzle, create a flag from Play-Doh, or play a game of "Guess The Country." Registration is required. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/reading-takes-you-everywhere-tickets-45314376520 to register and select one free ticket per child attending the event.

JUNE 20

9-11 Operator webinar

Are you interested in a career as a 9-1-1 Dispatch? Information webinars will be conducted via internet on 10-11:30 a.m. June 20 and 27. To join the webinar, please connect to <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/join/firechiefm2>. For additional information, contact the Education Center at 803-751-5341.

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

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

Questions? Call 751-7045.

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 July 10, at Magruder's Pub. The next meeting for the Run/Adventure Working Groups is 6 p.m. June 26 at Magruder's Pub.

The next Hunting and Angling Working Group meeting will take place 6 p.m. June 21 at Alpine Lodge.

JUNE 26-27

SFAB Recruiting Team visit

The Security Forces Assistance Brigade recruiting team will be visiting Fort Jackson June 26-27. The SFAB assesses Soldiers for service in more than 60 MOSs and 20 career fields. Interested Soldiers are encouraged to attend the information briefs and meet with the SFAB Recruiting Team who can facilitate accession into SFAB. If you are ready to join submit DA Form 4187 and SF600 to usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.epmd-sfab@mail.mil. For information contact: 910-570-9975 or email usarmy.bragg.forscom.mbx.g1-ag-sfab@mail.mil.



'Talk about inspiration'

Commanding General reflects on his years at Fort Jackson

Leader Staff Reports

Since taking command of Fort Jackson and the Army Training Center in 2016, Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson has presided over many changes and improvements to the installation.

Johnson shared some of his fondest memories, moments, and accomplishments of his time here.

What are your fondest memories of Fort Jackson?

"Experiencing all the weekly Basic Combat Training graduations where we all get to see the transformation from volunteer civilian to Soldier on full display and linked with their Families and friends.

"It's pretty special stuff, energizing, uplifting, motivating and really brings home the special relationship our Army has with the American people. Last week one of the proud Moms pulled me aside and told me, 'General, I brought you my Son and you gave me back a man.' Talk about inspiration."

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time commanding Fort Jackson and the Army Training Center?

"I'm very proud and humbled by the extraordinary team of teams that delivers excellence each and every day across a wide variety of mission sets. With the U.S. Army Training Center mission, our team has re-shaped Basic Combat Training for the entire initial entry enterprise in a way that will deliver a more combat ready Soldier to units across the Army. As a result of the incredible leadership at every echelon here at Fort Jackson, not just in the USATC, but across all our supporting agencies and commands, and the commitment of our drill sergeants to exceed standards, our graduating Soldiers are already more disciplined, tougher, physically and mentally, and more proficient at basic Soldier tasks.

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— Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson

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Leader file photo

Maj. Gen. John "Pete" Johnson, Fort Jackson's 49th commanding general, salutes as honors are deferred on him during his promotion ceremony in 2016 at Victory Field.

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U.S. Army photo by TRAVIS BURCHAM

The battle for Lys took place April 9 - 27, 1918 and is one of the U.S. Army's campaign streamers. However, most of the combatants were French, British and German.

'The future is hanging upon your action': How American forces turned the tide in WWI

By DAVID VERGUN
Army News Service

(Editor's note: Today the Army celebrates its 243rd birthday. During its existence, the service has been a major player in defining not only American history, but also that of the world. A century ago, the United States was beginning to become a world power when it entered World War I.)

By March 1918, it appeared that Germany was gaining the upper hand in its fight against allied forces during World War I.

The Russian army on the Eastern Front had collapsed, allowing about a million soldiers from Germany and other Central Powers nations who had been engaged there to move against British, French, Canadian, and a small contingent of U.S. forces on the Western Front.

The German Spring Offensive, March through June 1918, was designed to win the

war before U.S. troops arrived in substantial numbers, said Air Force Lt. Col. Mark E. Grotelueschen.

And the Germans nearly succeeded, said Grotelueschen, who authored the U.S. Army Center of Military History World War I pamphlet "Into the Fight: April-June 1918."

By April 1, the Germans had 26 percent more soldiers than all the allied force, and had captured more territory than they had since the war started in 1914. By May 27, they came within 35 miles of Paris. More than a million people fled the French capital and the British contemplated an evacuation of the continent.

When the Spring Offensive began March 21, there was just one American division, the 1st Infantry Division, at the line of trenches that marked the front line. The other divisions -- the 2nd, 42nd and 26th -- were still in their final phase of training by the French in a quiet sector away from the front.

In May and June, around 460,000 U.S. Soldiers and Marines poured into France to

bolster the war effort, he said.

Battle for Cantigny

On April 17, the 1st Infantry Division marched toward Cantigny, in northern France. Before their march, Gen. John Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force, gave them a pep talk that left a lasting impression, Grotelueschen said.

Pershing said in part: "You are the finest Soldiers in Europe today. ... Our people today are hanging upon your deeds. The future is hanging upon your action in this conflict."

Among those Soldiers listening intently to Pershing was Lt. Col. George C. Marshall, the future Army chief of staff, who would later lead the Army through World War II, Grotelueschen said.

During the division's first few weeks, there were no German infantry attacks, Grotelueschen said. But that didn't mean it was a safe zone.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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■ Deadpool 2 (R) 7 p.m.

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■ Deadpool 2 (R) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ Book Club (PG-13) 1 p.m.

■ Deadpool 2 (R) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

■ Book Club (PG-13) 2 p.m.

■ Deadpool 2 (R) 5 p.m.

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at the NCO Club

Sunday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5700 Lee Rd.

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Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, salutes as troops walk past the reviewing stand during last year's Veterans Day parade in Columbia.

Johnson

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"We doubled down on the grit and resiliency of our Soldiers through combatives, rifle fighting techniques, and tough, realistic field training. We added a culminating field training exercise called 'The Forge,' which is challenging our trainees both physically and mentally, and demanding they trust and leverage their training, equipment and teammates. They are already exhibiting a higher esprit de corps as a result of this tough and grueling shared experience."

Is there anything you wished you had more time to have been able to complete?

"All of us can always improve our foxhole. I'm very proud of the work done to better recognize our phenomenal Army Civilians as not just valued members of the team but decisive to our mission accomplishment. Delivering an Army Civilian appreciation day, improving our communications and bringing their voice forward not only through the chain of command but through a new Civilian advisory council is a good start, but this is a cultural issue and shift that requires us to remain steadfast and walk the walk each day."

How does your time as commanding general of Fort Jackson and the Army Training Center compare to your other assignments?

"This has been one of the most personally and professionally rewarding experiences of my entire career. On the personal side my Family was welcomed and thrived within the most military friendly community on the planet. We witnessed the incredible milestone of our daughter graduating high school and being accepted to the University of Virginia.

"Professionally, I'm a much better officer for having served here because I now have a much better understanding and appreciation for how we 'Forge the Army' and the impact of the efforts of every mission located here. My high respect for all, especially the drill sergeants and their Families, will remain at the forefront of any emotion tied to this extraordinary mission."

Who do you credit for making your time at Fort Jackson and the Army Training Center a success?

"The inspiring Soldiers, Army Civilians, Retirees and Families who either temporarily or permanently call Fort Jackson home.

"Its team ball for everything and Sheila and I are so humbled and privileged to have served with them all. We're ready to attack the next hill, and we look forward to seeing you on the high ground."



From left, Fort Jackson Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, 2017 Drill Sergeant of the Year, Staff Sgt. Christopher Carney, 2017 Soldier of the Year, Spc. Kiara Dale, Civilian of the Quarter, Brian Bicek, of FMWR Information Technology, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian cut a birthday cake in 2017 marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Jackson.



Photos by PATRICK JONES

GOING TO CAMP

Members of the Midlands community were invited to a tandem camp put on by the Golden Knights during Victory Week to highlight the Army and Fort Jackson. Top: Kevin Arnone, with WIS-TV, raises his legs up as he prepares to land in Camden, S.C. Above: A member fo the Golden Knights helps Abby Nass, from the Columbia Fireflies, suit up prior to her tandem jump with the team.

NEWS



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Tee time

Maj. D.J. Hurt, 165th Infantry Brigade operations officer, carries his golf bag as he prepares to load a cart prior to the start of the 2018 Victory Week Golf Tournament June 8.

Initiative to put skilled Soldiers back on duty

By LT. COL. KRISTIAN SORENSEN
81st Readiness Division Public Affairs

Soldiers currently assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve are now eligible to participate in a new initiative under the 81st Readiness Division that brings them back into the ranks of the Army Reserve.

The initiative is designed to bring skilled Soldiers back on duty as a member of the Army Reserve while playing an important role in increasing unit readiness. Active duty Soldiers transitioning into the IRR are also eligible to participate.

Soldiers with previous experience as administrative specialists, mechanics and motor transport operators or other high demand military occupational specialties (42A, 91B, and 88M) serve up to 29 days on annual training status as an applicant. Upon approval, the Soldier then has an opportunity to serve full-time on active duty for Operational Support leading to a full-time military technician or "MILTECH" position. Qualified Soldiers can serve at several locations throughout the 81st RD region.

"This sounded like a good opportunity, for good benefits and pay" said Spc. David Mull, of Morganton, North Carolina, "It will help bring some stability for my Family as well."

Mull previously served six years in the Army followed by a year in the IRR. He now looks forward to continuing his Army career through the Army Reserve.

"My motor sergeant tried to talk me into staying in the Army, but I got out anyway," he said. "I recently got back in touch with him to let him know I was getting back in."

Sgt. 1st Class Justin Roberts, a motor sergeant with the 7th ATC in Hohenfels, Germany, spoke well of Mull.

"Spc. Mull is an outstanding Soldier," Roberts said. "I tried to get him to reenlist all the way up to the day he signed out of the Army. He was an asset to the 47th Heavy Composite Truck Company and his natural leadership abilities were missed when he finally left us. I'm glad to know that he will be an asset, once again, for the force."

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New online registration system in place for hunting, fishing

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

A web-based program called iSportsman allows Fort Jackson hunters, anglers and cyclists to buy permits and check in and out of sites using their home computers or smart phones.

The iSportsman system debuted in February at Fort Jackson, streamlining a number of processes on post that had traditionally been anchored to brick-and-mortar offices on the installation.

iSportsman allows people to purchase hunting and fishing permits, check into and out of areas and ponds, and report their catch or harvest.

"It's a one-stop shop," said Doug Morrow, chief of Fort Jackson's Environmental Division's Wildlife Branch. "It's a place where hunters and anglers can go to get info about hunting and fishing, where they can purchase their permits for the installation, and where they can check the availability of hunting and fishing areas on a daily basis."

Permits will no longer be sold at MWR's Marion Street Station. In addition, hunters no longer have to sign in and out at the Big Game Check Station at Heise Pond unless they successfully harvest a deer or turkey.

"We're also getting data on users that we had difficulty obtaining historically," Morrow said. "In the past we had fairly low participation and response in our surveys. The way iSportsman is set up, when you check out you have to answer some survey questions, such as 'Did you catch any fish?' 'What did you catch?' 'Did you keep them or returning them to the pond?' We're getting much better data than in the past."

Cycling routes on post have also been added to the service the range areas, a system that allows civilians who qualify to get identification cards that allow them to ride Fort Jackson roads.

Morrow said Fort Jackson's cycling routes are among the safest in the area.

"This has been very popular," Morrow said. "We're getting a lot of positive feedback."

Visit <https://ftjackson.isportsman.net/> for more information.

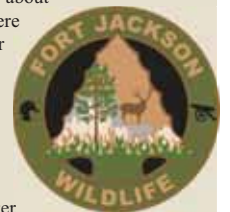




Photo by SGT. BRIAN CALHOUN

Army National Guard Officer Candidates from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and South Carolina begin Phase 1 of their leadership training June 2 at McCrady Training Center, Eastover, S.C. Phase 1 of Officer Candidate School is an intensive two-weeks of training that combines classroom learning, leadership development and field tactics instruction while placing candidates in simulated stressful conditions. It's the beginning of their officer leadership journey and requires commitment, perseverance, motivation, resilience and flexibility.

Guard Soldiers kick off officer training at McCrady

By **CAPT TAMMY MUCKENFUSS**
108th Public Affairs Detachment

National Guard officer candidates from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and South Carolina began Phase One of their leadership training at McCrady Training Center June 2.

Over 80 officer candidates convened in formation on the field behind South Carolina's Palmetto Military Academy, ready to prove their commitment to becoming commissioned Army officers. The air filled with multi-colored smoke and the skirl of bagpipes as they awaited their first introduction to the platoon trainers and instructor cadre who would be responsible for developing their leadership skills and testing their mental agility during the first phase of Officer Candidate School.

Saturday evening's initiation ceremony, referred to as "gate closing," marked the beginning of an intense two-week training

period where the officer candidates are tested on their ability to lead others, think on their feet, perform drill and ceremony and acquire a foundation in Army leadership education, while being placed under stressful conditions.

Phase one of OCS is a combination of classroom learning and field training. The classroom curriculum introduces candidates to concepts of leadership and team development, Army Training Management Systems, Uniform Code of Military Justice, the Army Profession and Military Ethics, among others. Candidates must pass three written exams to move on to the next phase.

"Instructing OCS is a great opportunity to be able to impart knowledge to the next generation of Army leaders," said Maj. Terrence Tysall, Commander of Florida National Guard OCS and third year instructor for the phase one program in South Carolina.

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Gate security still top priority

By **LATRICE LANGSTON**
Fort Jackson Leader

By the time you've handed the gate guard your identification, the officer has already begun the process of assessing the possibility of you being a potential threat to the safety of Fort Jackson and the surrounding community.

Training provided to the gate guards equips them with the skills necessary to quickly access a situation to determine if something is "off."

Relying on the training received and their unique skill set, guards have been able to intercept controlled substances such as marijuana; fire arms and falsified documents, to include counterfeit state identification, driver's licenses, and immigration and naturalization documentation.

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If you've committed a felony or crime and have a warrant out for your arrest, you will be detained.

— **Fernando Vasquez**,
chief of physical security

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Access to Fort Jackson is welcome to those individuals who have a valid reason to be on the installation said Fernando Vasquez, the Fort Jackson's chief of physical security. When individuals do not have a valid reason to access the installation or attempt to access the installation under false pretenses, officers at the gate are able to utilize their training of identification of false documents.

"Some of the problems we encounter at our gates are individuals trying to access the installation with false documents such as false resident cards, false, suspended and or revoked driver's licenses and various other documents," he said. "Our guards receive training on identification of false documents and we have confiscated ID's from both civilians and former service members and dependants that have been reported lost, stolen or no longer valid."

Vasquez said when identification is scanned and or ran through the system to gain a visitors pass, guards are notified if the individual has a warrant for their arrest.

"If you've committed a felony or crime and have a warrant out for your arrest, you will be detained at the gate, and if it is extraditable warrant the individual will be detained until handed over to the agency who initiated the warrant," he said.

Notification of past criminal history and pending actions are not just limited to the civilian sector.

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'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...'

**1ST BATTALION,
161ST INFANTRY REGIMENT**

PFC. ANDREA REEVES, 30
Bakersfield, California



"I believe the skills and discipline I developed at Basic Combat Training and throughout my Army career will have a positive impact on all my future endeavors."

"No, Basic Combat Training wasn't what I thought it would be before joining. It was a faster pace than I expected. I never expected to be firing an M-4 or throwing live grenades just a few weeks after shipping out."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was the physically demanding stress from one day to the next and being so far away from my husband, Rana and our two labs Tommy and Tegen."

"I'm a 42A – Human Resources Specialist."

"I'm looking forward to becoming more physically fit through the master fitness program and helping others reach their physical fitness goals."

PVT. JAMIE JENKINS, 19
Willard, Ohio



"I've always wanted to grow up to be a soldier. My Family was always against it; 'No, you're my baby girl,' but after high school and praying, my heart kept telling me to join the military. I want to be the best role model I can possibly be for my younger brother and accomplish everything I can. I feel like joining the Army is the best decision I could have made to start off."

"Losing my Papa the second week in to Basic Combat Training had to be the most challenging thing for me. My drill sergeants, first sergeant and company commander all gave me the option to go home, but I chose to stay and finish Basic Combat Training."

"In 10 years I see myself still in the Army and having my doctorate in physical therapy to help wounded soldiers."

"I'm a 25U – Signal Support Specialist."

PVT. KEAIRRA WHITE, 25
Bakersfield, California



"My Family and my desire to become a better person mentally, physically and emotionally is what influenced me the most to join the Army."

"I received information and feedback from Family and friends; so yes, the Army is what I thought it would be before joining."

"Learning all of the Army tactics and material at a fast pace before I was able to catch on; was the most challenging part about Basic Combat Training."

"In 10 years, I see myself traveling, still successfully completing my job and enjoying life."

"I'm a 88N – Traffic Management Coordinator."

"I look forward to getting more physically fit and learning new things."

SGT. JOSEPH DELGADO, 42
West Islip, New York



"Having served eight honorable years in the Navy as a first class petty officer, I was further motivated to once again serve this great nation. Supported by my Family, I accepted the challenge; of course, knowing I only had 12 years to hit my 20 year mark and retire from the military."

"As a prior service member in the Navy, I understood the immense challenge that was ahead of me when I decided to enlist in the Army."

"The most challenging aspect about Basic Combat Training was probably the physical demand placed on me. The other challenge was having to deal and work with trainees half my age"

"In 10 years, I will be two years away from retirement. Ultimately, I plan to stay in the Army as long as possible and achieve the highest enlisted rank as possible."

"I'm a 13B – Cannon Crewman."

"I look forward to a long and successful career in the Army and I plan to take full advantage of everything the Army has to offer."

SPC. FREDDIE FEARS, 28
Jacksonville, Florida



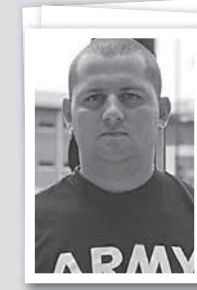
"I have always been military oriented; participating in ROTC through high school and college. But after a few hiccups in life, I chose to check out the opportunities of the Army. Once I found out how many job choices and how customized a career paths could be: I knew the Army was the best career path for my Family and future."

"In 10 years. I plan to be a well established warrant officer in the aviation field. I'm only a specialist at this point, graduating Basic Combat Training, but that shows how great the opportunities of the Army are."

"I'm a 15T – UH-60 Helicopter Repairer."

"As an older person graduating Basic Combat Training, it was also difficult going through with people 18 and 19 years old; almost intimidating, but then I realized how much experience and wisdom I could pass on to a slightly younger generation. I look forward to seeing how my fellow Soldiers will use my advice."

SPC. MATTHEW GWIZDZ, 23
Whitehouse Station, New Jersey



"I had two major influences when joining the Army. The first is to serve my country and further better myself and the people around me. The second is to take after my grandfather who also served."

"Yes, I knew Basic Combat Training would challenge me across the board, not just physically but mentally and emotionally too. One of my teammates from college went through Basic Combat Training and told me it would be a huge mental game. I compared what I was told to football camp and just pushed myself every day knowing I'll be a better person at the end."

"For me the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was not being able to speak with my Family whenever I wanted to."

"In 10 years. I see myself having a Family of my own and working in the finance industry, either in New Jersey or New York."

"I look forward to tackling whatever I encounter during my time in the military and to continue to grow as a person."



MEDDAC to hold Facebook Live event

MEDDAC Public Affairs

MEDDAC will host a Facebook Live event June 19 to promote secure messaging through Relay Health to the Fort Jackson community.

"We want to use this event to encourage beneficiaries to enroll in Secure Messaging by explaining what it is, how to access it, and uses for the system," said Debra Major, supervisory health systems specialist at the Moncrief Medical Home. "All beneficiaries with an assigned primary care manager at the Integrated Health Medical Home or the Moncrief Medical Home should tune in."

Secure messaging is offered through Relay Health and is open

to all Fort Jackson beneficiaries. The program allows users to book appointments, schedule web consults, request and/or review lab and other test results, renew medications, request a referral, and even ask a direct question to a medical provider.

"This web-based secure message service can replace unnecessary phone calls and save patients, providers, and care team members time," Major said. "Patients can use it when it's convenient for them 24/7. No more phone tag."

To view the event and learn more about Relay Health and secure messaging, like Moncrief Army Health Clinic on Facebook ([facebook.com/moncriefclinic](https://www.facebook.com/moncriefclinic)) and watch the live stream June 19 at 10:30 a.m.



Richland County Sheriff Department SWAT Team utilize tactical skills to take possession of a building during the mass casualty exercise June 7 on Fort Jackson.

BEST PRACTICES

Emergency response teams conduct mass casualty exercise on post

By **LATRICE LANGSTON**
Fort Jackson Leader

The loud noises and presence of additional military and civilian police on Fort Jackson June 7 was part of a greater plan for Fort Jackson Emergency Management Services, Fire Department and Richland County Sheriff's Department to avoid future failure in mass casualty situations.

"It's about best practices, most people don't realize that the Fort Jackson Command and Richland County Sheriff's Department have a great working relationship," said Lt. Dominick Pagano, Richland County Sheriff Department SWAT Team tactical commander. "It is because of this relationship that they are able to learn from and assist in protecting our communities."

"Today's event's are based on law enforcement military tactics focused on how quickly we are able to get into buildings that are fortified; either the doors or locked or the bad guys have chained or bolted the doors," Pagano said. "This training allows us to gauge how quickly we are able to get in there and mitigate the situation to save lives."

This multi-faceted training followed the path as if it was actually happening.

"We are partnered up with fire and EMS out here as well and they will work some of the rescue taskforce concepts, so once we go in and neutralize the threat, the second part of that is about saving lives so they will be coming behind us to help treat triage and pull people out," Pagano explained.

Lt. Steven Hamilton with the Fort Jackson Fire Department and former Reserve Deputy with Richland County Sheriff Department described the training as "an all encompassing training with the integration of law enforcement, fire and EMS responding to mass casualties from intentional acts, so it is not just active shooter, it could be a litany of different things."

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Dominick Pagano,
Richland County Sheriff's Department

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Photos by **LATRICE LANGSTON**

Richland County Sheriff Department SWAT Team members prepare to breach a fortified entrance to gain possession of a building during the June 7 mass casualty exercise.

NEWS

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Melissa Murley
Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Roger Ploof

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Amanda Temple

MURLEY



Staff Sgt. Juan Quinecheporras
Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Luis Rosario

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Dustin Northup

QUINECHEPORRAS



Sgt. First Class Tabathia Seigley
Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Yoon Yonghoon

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Justin Windle

SEIGLEY



Staff Sgt. Charles Smith
Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Vincent Cobian

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Alexander Cottey

SMITH



Sgt. First Class Clayton Cunningham
Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Alex Lopez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Madison Mount

CUNNINGHAM

This We'll DEFEND

WWI

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The artillery fire was nearly continuous and often included mustard gas, he said. Enemy aircraft adjusted artillery fire and occasionally bombed and strafed the American positions.

The battle for Cantigny lasted from May 28-30. It was the first American attack ever to use airplanes, tanks and flamethrowers, in addition to mortars and artillery – what is today referred to as combined arms warfare.

It was also the first American-led battle of the war, with the other participants being French troops, Grotelueschen said.

The bulk of the fighting was done by Soldiers of the 28th Infantry Regiment. They suffered 941 killed or wounded, while the German toll was around 1,500.

"In the gruesome calculus of an attritional war, the fledgling AEF had done what it needed to do. It had killed and wounded more of the enemy than it had lost," Grotelueschen noted, adding that it "showed friend and foe alike that Americans will both fight and stick."

The Cantigny battle would become a theme for the months to follow until the end of the war, Nov. 11, 2018, he said. "The inexperienced Americans helped stop German attacks with tenacious defense; proved able to push the Germans back at various points along the line; and, with rare exceptions, held on to whatever terrain they seized."

Defense of Chateau-Thierry

On May 31, elements of the 3rd Infantry Division began arriving in the vicinity of the Chateau-Thierry in northern France.

House-to-house fighting ensued. At one point, the French thought that the Germans

would capture the city, so they blew up the main bridge across the Marne River, leaving some American forces stranded on the other side.

The U.S. Soldiers put up a brave counterattack, making a "critical contribution to the massive French effort to stop the Germans," who were now within artillery shelling distance of Paris, Grotelueschen said.

The division would earn its moniker "Rock of the Marne" during this battle.

Philippe Petain, commander of the French army, wrote a special citation for the U.S. 7th Machine-Gun Battalion, he said. It read in part: "In the course of violent combat, particularly the 31st of May and the 1st of June, 1918, it disputed foot by foot with the Germans the northern outskirts of Chateau-Thierry, covered itself with glory, thanks to its valor and its skill, costing the enemy sanguinary losses."

Joint operations

While the 1st and 3rd Infantry Divisions were engaged in battle, the 2nd Infantry Division, made up of a conglomeration of Army and Marine regiments, was arriving in the vicinity of Lucy-le-Bocage, also in northern France.

Some of the most brutal fighting of the war was done by U.S. Marines in a forest known as Belleau Wood June 6-26.

"The allies were desperate not merely for good news, but especially for reassurances to the tired French and British forces that the Americans had entered the fight at last," Grotelueschen said. "For their part, the Germans could not ignore the fact that in those battles the rookie 2nd Infantry Division (had) severely damaged regiments from four experienced German divisions. The tide was turning."

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Gate

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“If you were in the military and you committed a crime in another location, we’re going to know because our system will pick up on it,” he added. “Say a crime was committed in California as a Reservist; if something is pending on the record, we will know.”

In addition to identification of falsified documents, gate guards are also trained to quickly assess situations to determine impairment of an individual and visual inspection for controlled substances and fire arms.

Michael Navarro, chief of Fort Jackson’s guards, credits law abiding citizens for providing ample examples of what is right so that suspicious situations stand out.

“Ninety point nine percent of the people we have here on Fort Jackson, do the right thing so we know what looks right, so when something looks wrong or off our officers are quick to find out and make an assessment and decision on that situation,” he said

Vasquez said to ensure compliance with federal and state laws, Fort Jackson, visitors should ensure they have no weapons or controlled substances; prescription drugs or marijuana on their person, on any individual in the vehicle, or in the vehicle being driven onto the installation.

You will be caught, he said.

MEDDAC receives accreditation for all three clinic labs

By **FRED HORNICK**
MEDDAC Department of Pathology

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists has awarded reaccreditation to the Department of Pathology Laboratory, the Moncrief Medical Home Laboratory and the McWethy Troop Medical Clinic Laboratory based on results of a recent on-site inspection of each laboratory.

The laboratories’ director Daniel S. Massi was advised of this national recognition and was congratulated for the excellence of services provided at each laboratory.

The laboratories are part of the 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

The U.S federal government recognizes the CAP

Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960’s, as being equal-to or more-stringent than the government’s own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all patients, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

As the world’s largest organization of board-certified pathologists and leading provider of laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs, CAP serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide.

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Training

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“The curriculum provides candidates with Army doctrinal information but also teaches them to be able to think when feeling tired and stressed.”

Developing future officers is the central focus of the program. All effort by cadre is expended to prepare candidates for positions of great responsibility. However, as with any training, the ultimate success of the officer candidate lies within the officer candidate, who must be motivated by their own set of values to thrive and complete the program successfully.

“I want to become an officer so I can lead others using the experiences I have gained as an NCO, combined with what I am learning from OCS,” said Keira Rodriguez, an officer candidate from the Puerto Rico National Guard. “I want to teach and lead Soldiers to do the best that they can, to help Soldiers to pursue personal growth and career opportunities.”

Matthew Vanfosson, an officer candidate from the North Carolina National Guard said that during his time as an enlisted Marine, he realized that he was a “big picture” thinker.

“I want to be a leader that Soldiers can come to for support. I want to be involved in planning training and executing missions,” he said. “That’s why I’m here, that’s why I came to OCS.”

The Palmetto Military Academy at McCrady Training Center was established in April 1950 and is operating in its 68th year of training and commissioning Soldiers into the Army National Guard. It is estimated that nearly 2,200 officers who have served in the South Carolina National Guard have come through PMA. The PMA OCS program has a reputation for holding candidates to the strictest standards and only commissioning officer candidates who have proven themselves ready to lead Soldiers by exceeding and maintaining Army standards in physical fitness, education and leadership.

The Palmetto Military Academy is part of The Army School System, a proponent of The Maneuver Center of Excellence out of Fort Benning, Georgia and is accredited every three

years by MCoE in accordance with TRADOC regulatory guidance and directives. PMA achieved the rating as an “Institute of Excellence” in 2016.

The South Carolina Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Jones is a graduate of the PMA program. He is a member of Class 38, earning his commission in 1987. He also spent several years as cadre and is honored in the PMA Hall of Fame. According to Jones, “PMA reinforced in me the sense of principled leadership, discipline and teamwork that it takes, not only to make it through this program, but to lead troops.”

Upon completion of the two-week phase one that ends June 16, candidates will return to their home states for the second phase of training. During phase two, they attend twelve monthly drills continuing leadership development, classroom instruction and field tactical training. Phase three is a two-week training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where they must pass their final evaluations by executing troop leading procedures in squad lanes. The members of Class 70 are expected to graduate and earn their commissions in August 2019.

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.

Skilled

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This belief is echoed by Maj. Nicholas Dolezal, commander of the 81st RD's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

"I've spoken with several Soldiers currently in the IRR who have thought about getting back into uniform, they all had these valuable skills which are in high demand by the Army Reserve. It's great to see them taking this opportunity to help themselves while increasing readiness," Dolezal said.

The mission of the 81st RD, together with its partners, prepares for unified land operations, provides geographic supports activities, and ensures its Soldiers are the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal Army Reserve force in the history of the nation.

This effort receives the full support of

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Jones, 81st RD Commanding General.

"This initiative allows us to act quickly to enhance readiness across the 81st Readiness Division geographical footprint in the Southeast region of the United States and Puerto Rico," he said. "It is an efficient way to address personnel shortages, while providing Soldiers with opportunities for rewarding careers in the Army Reserve."

A rewarding career is just what one Soldier was seeking when he heard about this initiative.

"I never thought I'd get back in" said Spc. Charles Brate, a former Army National Guard Soldier, "but this opportunity came at a good time."

Having served six years in the National Guard, including a nine-month deployment to Djibouti, Brate joined the ranks of the IRR. Then came a call from an Army Reserve career counselor with information about this new initiative.

"I was working as a carpenter for the city of Port Saint Lucie, Florida., but I was curious about active duty, and I'm interested to see how it goes," Brate said.

Both Mull and Brate learned their individual skills as mechanics through the Army. This training helped them find jobs as civilians and now they are returning to their Army roots, in-processing through Fort Jackson, followed by a 29-day training period.

Following this active duty training period, they have an opportunity to serve through an ADOS tour leading to a MILTECH position with the Army Reserve at one of several locations throughout the 81st RD region. That region consists of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Puerto Rico.

These two Soldiers join five additional Soldiers already performing an ADOS tour through 2018, while two more Soldiers are

slated to in-process later this year. Several more prospects have already submitted their applications. There are still plenty of opportunities for IRR Soldiers to participate, since the 81st RD is seeking to hire over a hundred mechanics for their shops across the region.

Dolezal said, "There has been a great deal of excitement around this program. The ability to improve the long term stability of our Soldiers while increasing readiness throughout the southeast region really is a win, win."

Soldiers interested in participating in this initiative should contact Maj. Nick Dolezal at (803) 640-1468 email: nicholas.k.dolezal.mil@mail.mil or Sgt. Maj. Levi Maynard at (202) 491-8053 email: levi.g.maynard.mil@mail.mil.

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements before being approved for Reserve duty, ADOS tours, or MILTECH positions.

NEWS



Courtesy photos

Summer Surge

Fort Jackson began seeing the yearly spike in trainees as the summer surge began last week. The number of trainees spikes each summer as students graduate high school and move on to military service. Above: Trainees wait in line after trying on their Army Service Uniforms. Left: Trainees run from buses transporting them from the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) to their Basic Combat Training unit.

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)

- 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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- **Anderson Street Chapel**, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

- **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



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Best

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The role Fort Jackson Fire Department played in the training reflects its actual mission, Hamilton said.

“Our focus is victim extraction; first response treatment triage, treatment and things like that,” he said. “The Fire Department’s traditional role is the removal of victims out to what is called causality collection points so that EMS can transport them.”

Fort Jackson Fire Department, EMS and Richland County first responders utilized a now vacant building on Fort Jack-

son to conduct the active shooter exercise.

According to Captain Michael Prichett, of the Richland County Sheriff’s Department, the use of these structures provided unique challenges for first responders that allow them to better prepare of unknown situations.

“This training prepares us to go into any type of structure; any type of situation that we may encounter and be ready to deal with the situation; if the need arises,” he said.

Prichett said the opportunity to train on Fort Jackson provides a lot of hands on training because it “is a fantastic opportunity for the guys to train on this building ... and it’s a good opportunity because every structure we go into is different and communication is a must.”

Utilizing communication and tactical skills, members of the Richland County Sheriff Department position themselves to take possession of a fortified building during a mass casualty exercise 7 June.