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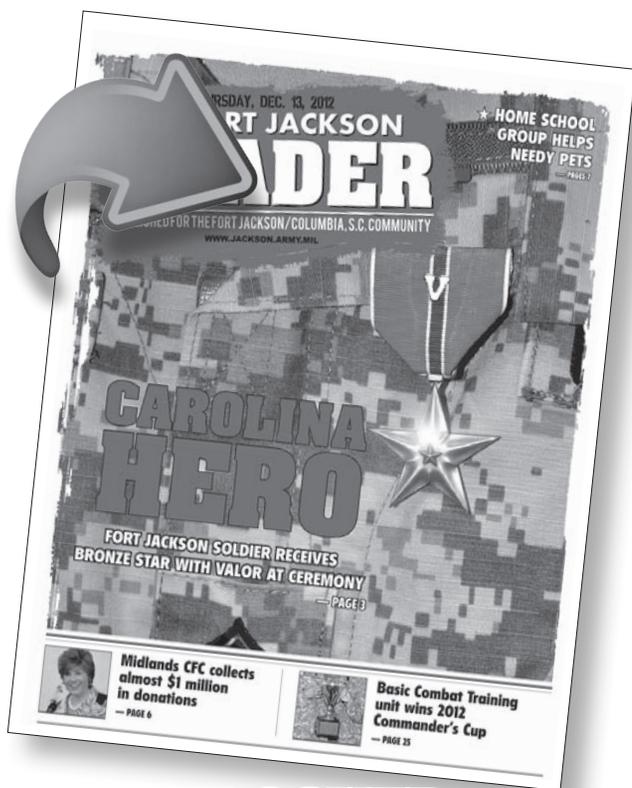
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Stay safe during holidays

Make risk management part of holiday tradition

Regardless of the type of activities you may have planned for the holidays, remember to watch out for yourself and others. A simple way to do so is by applying the same risk-management techniques during your holiday activities as you do when you are on duty — The Composite Risk Management Process.

It comprises five easy steps that will allow you to enjoy your Family and friends while staying as safe as possible. The steps are: identify hazards; assess hazards; develop controls and make decisions; implement controls; and supervise and evaluate.

For some of you, this may seem to be a little over-the-top, but I believe we can all agree that the best holidays are those that end safely. Safety must be a top priority!

Before you hit the highways and airways, I urge each of you to take the time to thoroughly plan your trip.

A lot of risk factors are in our control, so we need to be smart and make the right decisions. Use your safety equipment, watch your speed, and avoid dangerous practices such as driving under the influence, texting and driving, and driving without adequate rest. All of these

equally compromise your ability to drive safely. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provides the Travel Risk Planning System TRiPS and other risk reduction tools at <https://safety.army.mil>.

A sound travel plan that includes contact information for your chain of command, an in-car safety kit, and fully charged cell phone is also one way to ensure your travel plans are secure. Also, safety kits should include a flashlight, jumper cables and first-aid supplies. These items are necessities to have on hand while traveling.

I am counting on a safe return for all of our Soldiers, Civilians and Families.

During many holiday celebrations, alcohol is available. Do not turn a blind eye toward the dangers of irresponsible drinking. Drinking and driving is a dangerous combination. If you are 21 years old and consume alcohol this holiday season, have a designated driver.

Excessive alcohol consumption, traveling risks and even suicides are a concern during the holidays.

We need to be aware

that during the holiday season historically there is an increased number of suicides. We need to look out for each other, for our battle-buddies, Family members and friends, and if we recognize potential warnings signs, reach out and help. Prevention information is available at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/default.asp>. If you have immediate concerns, contact the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Knowing these key safety tips can protect you and your Family for many holidays to come. We are strong as individuals, but even stronger as members of the Fort Jackson Family. Our community will remain strong because of our knowledge and readiness.

The success we have seen in the past year has certainly given us reason to be proud. It's a result of your hard work and dedication. Thank you for all that you do for Fort Jackson.

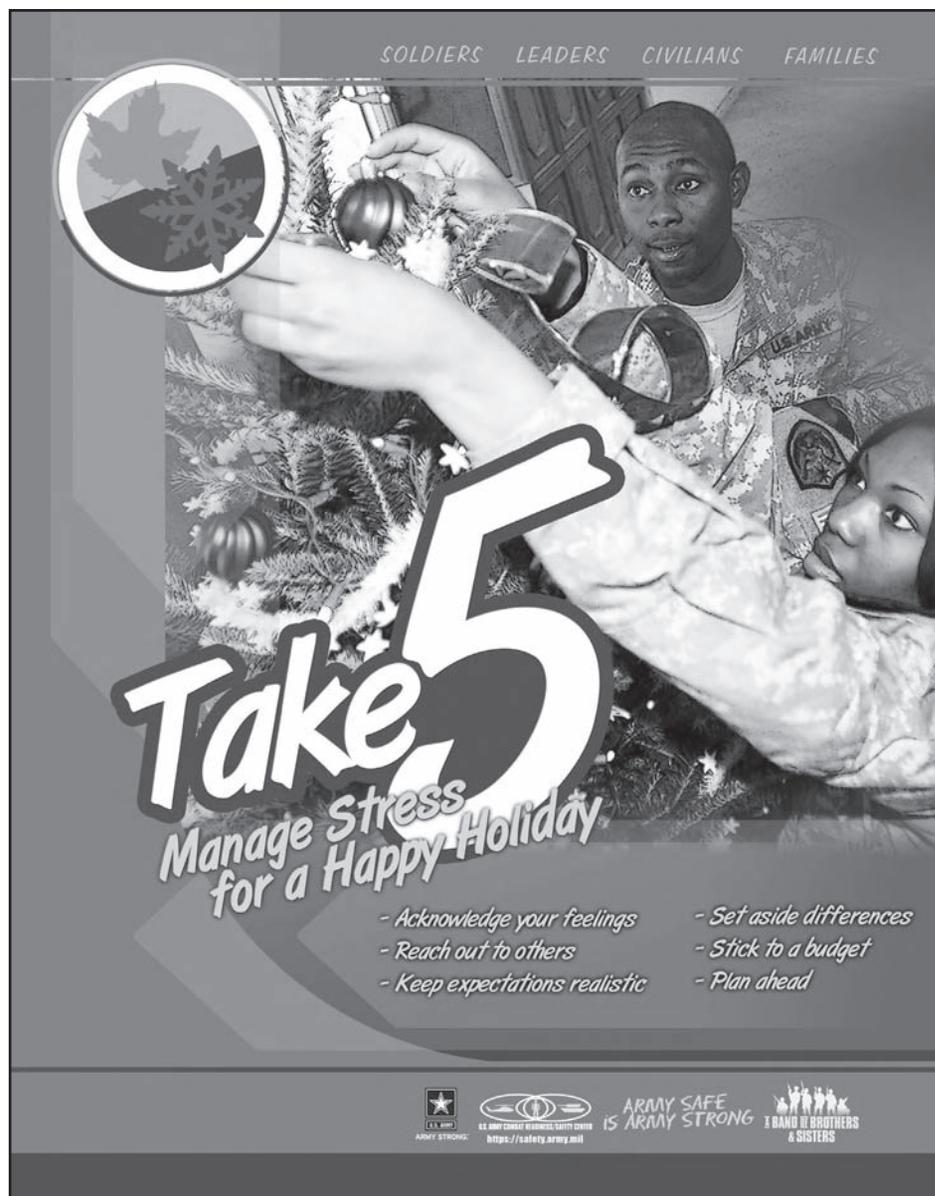
The Fort Jackson Family and I wish the best to you and your Families as well as a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Victory Starts Here and Army Strong!

Victory 6

By BRIG. GEN. BRYAN T. ROBERTS

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



- Acknowledge your feelings
- Reach out to others
- Keep expectations realistic
- Set aside differences
- Stick to a budget
- Plan ahead



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NCO receives Bronze Star with V

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

A Fort Jackson Soldier was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor last week for his courage and efforts to save the lives of his fellow Soldiers in 2010.

Sgt. 1st Class Clint Lyons, a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, “distinguished himself by valorous actions” Nov. 7, 2010, while serving as a platoon sergeant with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 327th Infantry Regiment in Kunar Valley, Afghanistan, during Operation Bastogne Overwatch XI.

“Bastogne Overwatch is basically how we supply our most northern squadron,” said Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson during the award presentation at 1-61st headquarters Friday.

The mission took 17 hours to make the trip, and took three to four days to complete, he said.

“We would have to drive all of our resupplies and fuel up north,” said Benson, who was the command sergeant major for the 1st BCT, 327th. “We did those about once a month. I drove on six of them. (Our enemies) would try to intercept that resupply, because they knew that was what we were using to kill them.”

Lyons said he was told to expect a firefight on the Nov. 7 mission.

“It was pretty rough,” he said. “We got pinned down for about eight hours by the enemy and had a few casualties.”

The battalion commander warned them they would be heading into a “hornet’s nest,” he said.

“(Command) was going to let us take the firefight instead of the (supply) vehicles,” Lyons said. “‘Stand and fight’ was the order we were given, so it was expected. We hit the ground and tried to prepare ourselves for what was to come. At daylight, the firefight initiated.”

The enemy had 70 to 80 heavily armed fighters trying to overrun the platoon’s perimeter and take American hostages, according to the award narrative.

“Once (Sgt. 1st Class) Lyons felt he had a grasp on the situation at hand, he did the most important thing on the battlefield and informed his higher headquarters in order to bring other assets into the fight,” the award narrative reads. “Since radio contact could not be established with the control point, (Sgt. 1st Class) Lyons moved over 100 meters under intense enemy fire in order to inform (command) of the enemy situation.”

Lyons also provided suppressive fire as a casualty was transported from the scene.

“Lyons continued to perform with extreme valor under fire as he coordinated the successful re-establishment of security west of the (hostile landing zone) to a more defensible position,” the narrative explains. “Lyons’ actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, the 2-327th Infantry Regiment, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the United States Army.”

His family was told Lyons had been involved in combat, but was given no other details about the incident.

“We had to wait three days before we knew that he was OK,” said his mother, Sharmin Hodge. “After that, we were just waiting to find out what else had happened. But (Clint) was pretty tight lipped about the incident and just



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Col. Odie Sheffield, left, commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade, presents Sgt. 1st Class Clint Lyons with the Bronze Star Medal with Valor Friday at the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment headquarters. Lyons received the medal for his actions in Afghanistan in 2010 and now serves as a drill sergeant with the 1-61st.

let everybody know he was alright.”

Lyons is a native of Gibsonville, N.C., a town of about 800 people, where he played football for the Eastern Guilford High School Wildcats as a teen. Lyons joined the Army when he was 17 and has served for almost 10 years.

“If it wasn’t for his platoon, and the other platoons on this same mission, we would have had a lot of Soldiers killed and would not have been able to accomplish our mission up to the north,” Benson said.

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest combat decoration and the ninth highest U.S. military award in order of precedence. It can be awarded for acts of heroism and merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone. When awarded for acts of heroism, the medal is awarded with the “V” device.

“I think it’s great that he was acknowledged for what he did,” Hodge said. “I’m proud of him for this. Clint’s a great dad and I respect how he’s been able to handle himself the way he has since he’s got back. That’s his greatest achievement, I think.”

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Lyons receives a hug from his mother, Sharmin Hodge, during the ceremony.

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



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Post homeschoolers help needy pets

By **KIM WHEELER**
Special to the Leader

Members of the Fort Jackson Homeschool Group like getting their hands dirty — if it means helping local pets. The group meets regularly to support the Palmetto Life Line's Pet Soup project, which provides pet food to Columbia pet owners who might not otherwise be able to feed their furry friends.

Local stores donate bags of pet food that have been ripped or damaged and cannot be sold. Individual donors also give pet food through donation bins at pet stores throughout Columbia or by scheduling a pick-up. Volunteers then meet on designated days to mix the donated food, bag it, and distribute it.

"There are many people out there who can't afford food for themselves, let alone their pets," said the homeschool group's coordinator, Bethany Storlazzi. "By helping here, we are making sure that these pets will have a meal."

Storlazzi said the homeschool group, which includes her three children, has been participating for three years. The group's involvement benefits local animals, but it also provides the children with valuable lessons.

"One of the reasons we chose to homeschool is because we wanted to educate our children with strong morals," Storlazzi said. "This is something that children of any age can do, and it teaches them the value of looking out for people, animals and the earth — it helps them feel connected to those things."

"The kids learn about team building, camaraderie and a sense of community," she said. "But most importantly, they learn that anyone can do something to make the world a better place."

Jenni Arthur, a member of the group, said she and her two children participate because going as a group provides an example of service.

"The kids can see their parents, their peers and other families modeling service, and serving is an important characteristic," Arthur said.

The group's younger members seem to be taking the lesson to heart.

"I love animals and I think they have feelings," said Sophia Storlazzi, 13. "Doing this makes a difference for hungry pets, and it makes me feel good."

Nohl Storlazzi, 12, said participating in Pet Soup is



Photo by KIM WHEELER, special to the Leader

Cambria Arthur, 8, and Fort Jackson Homeschool Group coordinator Bethany Storlazzi mix dog food at the Harvest Hope Food Bank Friday. The homeschool group meets regularly to support Columbia's Pet Soup program, which provides pet food to local families in need.

a way to help the community, but it's also a chance to spend time with his peers.

"I like helping animals, and it's also really fun coming out here and talking with other kids," he said.

Sophia, Nohl, and their brother, Drew, 10, get plenty of chances to do that through the homeschool group, which also meets for field trips and twice a month for physical education classes at the Fort Jackson Youth Services Center.

Whatever members of the group might take away from their experiences at Pet Soup, however, cannot outweigh what they contribute, said the program's supervisor, Ron Clements.

Only people who can verify their need through

disability or state or federal aid are eligible to receive pet food from the program, Clements said. Even with such stringent guidelines, more than 100 families received donated food during the most recent distribution day.

In the face of such a great need in the community, the support of the Fort Jackson Homeschool Group is important, he said, but it is also inspiring.

"I like to see these kids involved at such a young age," said the former Army helicopter crew chief. "They are learning to have a respect for and care about pets and people in need."

To learn more about the Fort Jackson Homeschool Group and its activities, contact Bethany Storlazzi at 419-0760.

Combined Federal Campaign draws to close

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

Federal employees and service members from around the Midlands got together Monday at the Officers' Club to recognize the area's contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign.

As of Monday, the CFC Midlands reported just short of \$1 million in donations with 97 percent of the local campaigns reporting results. The campaign runs through Saturday, and campaign officials said they hope to reach \$1 million by then.

Arnold Miller, president of the Federal Executive Council and CFC co-chair, said he was impressed by the willingness of federal employees to donate even in economic hard times.

"Once a year, we appeal to folks in the federal community to donate. We don't do a lot of arm twisting. We put it out there for them, and the folks always respond," Miller said. "Even in tough, times we give."

Sharon Bryant, community campaign co-chair for the United Way of the Midlands, said that willingness to give makes a difference in many peoples' lives.

"The reason we are here is because there are so many people who are so less fortunate than we are and who are

facing this holiday season with very tough times ahead of them — whether it's a natural disaster or things that happen in their lives that they simply can't control. So, everything that we do counts so much in their lives, and that's really what it's all about," Bryant said. "Whether it's addressing homelessness or food insecurities or a host of other issues around town and around the world, please know that every gift and every giver is important to helping create a future that we would all like to see."

Col. Stephen Yackley, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer, said Fort Jackson is in the unique position of being both — contributor and recipient.

"Just here on Fort Jackson alone, there are probably about 100 different agencies that impact us in our daily lives," Yackley said. "So, not only do we give, but we also receive."

The CFC is the world's largest workplace charity fundraising campaign. The Midlands-area campaign covers 21 counties and reaches out to about 41,000 federal employees and service members.

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Sharon Bryant, community campaign co-chair for the United Way of the Midlands, speaks during the Combined Federal Campaign recognition luncheon Monday at the Officers' Club.

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Jingle bell rock

The 282nd Army Band's rock ensemble, 'Close Quarters,' performs a holiday concert Sunday at the Solomon Center. Most in the crowd were Soldiers in Basic Combat Training, who got a break from training to attend the concert. The band performed a mix of well-known rock songs and holiday favorites. Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson instructed the Soldiers on the conduct expected of them during Victory Block Leave.



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Warrior Leader Course to be implemented

By **CLIFFORD KYLE JONES**
NCO Journal

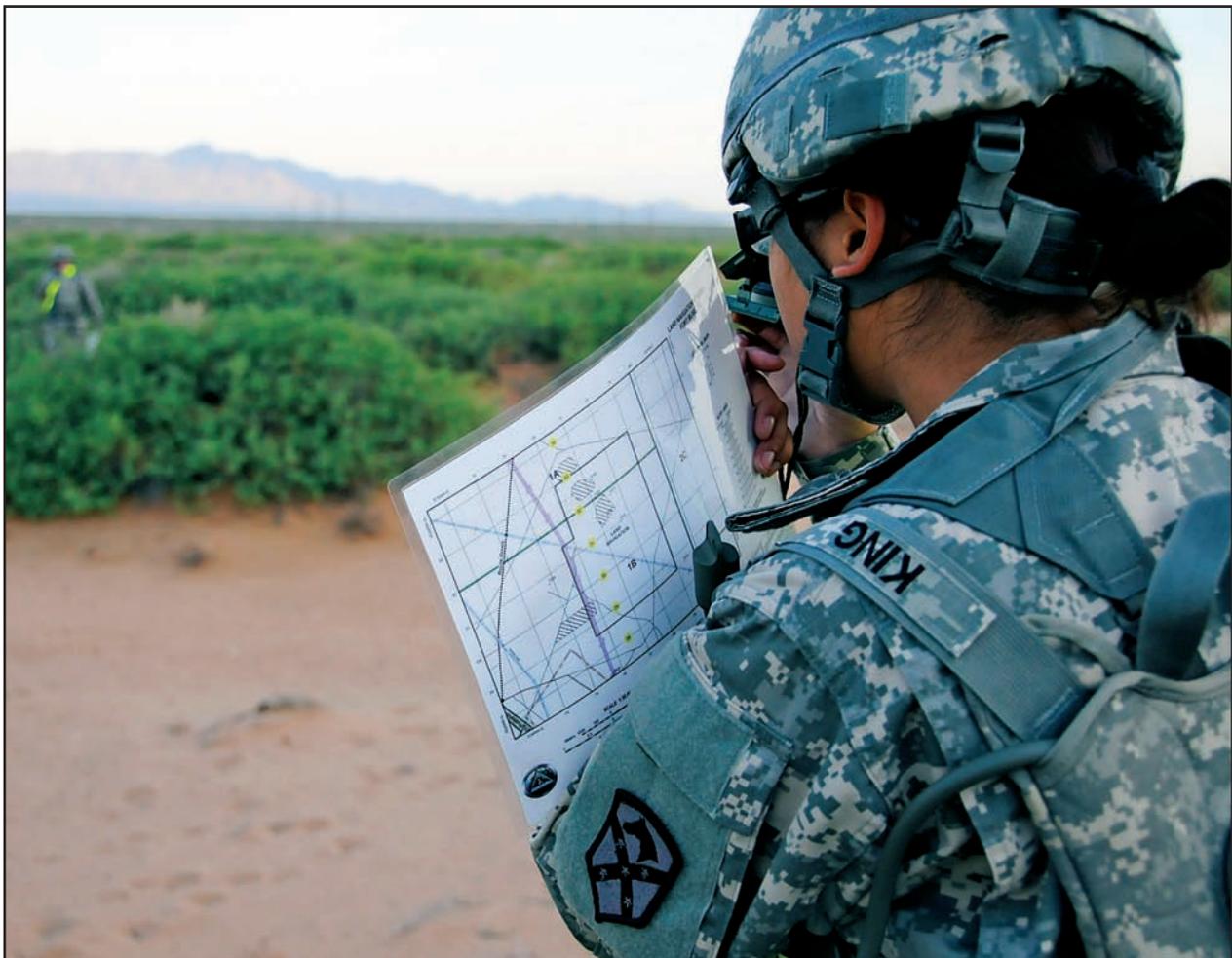
FORT BLISS, Texas — When implemented Armywide in January, the Warrior Leader Course will be a little bit longer and a little bit better, said the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy commandant, Command Sgt. Maj. Rory L. Malloy.

After a thorough examination of the 17-day Warrior Leader Course, or WLC, that included surveys from the previous 12 months' course attendees, interviews with noncommissioned officer, or NCO, academy commandants and cadre, feedback from students in the Sergeants Major Course and input from Soldiers who attended the existing WLC and proof-of-concept courses, TRADOC, feels it has a course that will produce better NCOs, Malloy explained.

"I personally led a team to three of the posts and collected data on what they thought should be in WLC, what might need to be removed and what was missing," he said. "The question I would ask is, 'What do you think a sergeant should know?' If we can answer that question, that will tell us how to build the course."

Using that feedback, TRADOC in October unveiled a 22-day WLC that incorporates land navigation training, several hours of new instruction and shorter academic days.

The new WLC also reflects new Army directives that require Structured Self-Development 1 as a prerequisite to WLC enrollment and mandates passing an Army Physical Fitness Test, or APFT, and meeting height and weight requirements as conditions of staying enrolled.



Army photo by **ASHLEY K. ARNETT**

ACADEMIC HOURS

Going to a 22-day schedule allows the WLC's academic day to be limited to 8.5 hours.

"Right now, students will be in the classroom up till (9 p.m.) after starting at (5 a.m.)," Malloy said. "And I'll tell you, after dinner, they stop learning anything. They did not have time to reflect, they didn't have time to digest information, they didn't have time to prepare for the next day, and there certainly wasn't any time left to do any reinforcement training for somebody who might not be up to the same standard as the rest of the class."

In the new course, instruction will go no later than 5 p.m. every day, and the new hours coincide with the Army Learning Model.

NEW LESSON

"NCO Initiatives" will familiarize Soldiers with new Army programs that affect the NCO Corps, "things like the Army Career Tracker, College of the American Soldier, how to better utilize AKO as an asset, transition — anything that's new and emerging," Malloy said.

The two-hour block of instruction is designed to be updated regularly so that the most relevant information is taught to students who in turn can take it back to their units, he said.

The new Warrior Leader Course will reintroduce land navigation as part of the curriculum. The 22-day course will be implemented Armywide in January.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

The new WLC will require students to pass the APFT and meet height and weight requirements to graduate.

The APFT "will be done up front, within the first 72 hours," Malloy said. "If they don't pass the APFT or height and weight, they can retest. If they fail the second time, then they're dismissed from the course."

COUNSELING, NCOERS

Additional hours have been added to help new NCOs learn skills related to counseling and NCO Evaluation Reports, known as NCOERs, by giving Soldiers some hands-on experience.

"The feedback we received from the students was that we do a pretty good job of teaching the purpose of counseling, the counseling form and how to fill it out," Malloy said. "What was missing was the opportunity to actually deliver some counseling."

Two extra hours of counseling training now lets students counsel their peers in a role-playing exercise.

"We give them different scenarios and they write it out. Then they actually deliver the counseling, and we talk about

the technique in which they delivered it and some challenges they may face when presenting counseling," Malloy said.

An additional hour for NCOER training gives students a chance to learn the importance of counseling before writing an NCOER and how to write proper bulleted items.

LAND NAVIGATION

One of the most visible changes to WLC will be reintroducing land navigation.

"There's a big desire in the Army to do land navigation," Malloy said. "It's something that should be taught at units, but it's not. So now, we're including it into the course."

Six proof-of-concept cycles at Fort Hood, Texas, and at Fort Bliss, Texas, included land navigation exercises. At one post, the entire course was extended by a few days while at the other, the situational exercise was dropped to accommodate land navigation instruction. The Army later decided that the STX lanes were too valuable to drop, so the longer course was adopted.

In addition to the land navigation exercises, instruction will include four hours of map-reading basics in SSD-1 and eight hours in WLC itself to prepare students.

News and Notes

GATE 4 CHANGE ANNOUNCED

All lanes at Gate 4 are now open for two-way traffic during the gate's operating hours.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT SET

A Wreaths Across America ceremony is scheduled for noon, Saturday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The public is invited to help place wreaths in honor of veterans. The cemetery is located at 4170 Percival Road. Visitors should park at the Blue Cross Blue Shield parking lot. Shuttle buses to the cemetery are available.

EOPF CLASSES SCHEDULED

The electronic official personnel folder, or eOPF, is the electronic version of a federal employee's official personnel folder. The Office of Personnel Management is in the process of converting paper personnel documents into electronic format. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct eOPF training Tuesday at the 369th Adjutant General Battalion auditorium from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

CREDIT MONITORING OFFERED

The state of South Carolina offers free enrollment in a credit monitoring service for one year for those affected by a recent security breach at the South Carolina Department of Revenue. Confidential information such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and bank account numbers as stated on state tax returns dating back to 1998 may be at risk. To enroll in the credit monitoring service, call (866) 578-5422 or visit www.protectmyid.com/scdor and enter the activation code "SCDOR123." Individuals and business have until Jan. 31 to sign up. For more information, visit www.sctax.org or call (800) 898-5000.

LEGAL NOTICE

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Staff Sgt. Ray D. Won must contact Capt. Anthony Joyner, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Won passed away Nov. 15 in Kershaw County. To contact Joyner, call 751-4127 or email Anthony.L.Joyner4.mil@mail.mil.

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Program reaches out to families living in Northeast Columbia

By KIM WHEELER
Special to the Leader

Fort Jackson and the Lake Carolina Development have partnered to launch the Lake Carolina Military Ambassador Program, an initiative that will reach out to military families who live in Lake Carolina and Northeast Columbia.

The program is intended to make Fort Jackson services more readily available to military families in these areas, said Elizabeth Maher, Army Community Services outreach program manager.

"We want to reach out to military families ... who live in that area and are not as likely to drive to Fort Jackson, to bring our services to the Lake Carolina and Northeast Columbia communities," she said, adding that the program is available to families connected to any branch of the military — active, Reserve, or retired — as well as federal civilian employees and their families.

"Whether it is the distance to Fort Jackson from (Northeast Columbia) ... or the long hours of the Fort Jackson mission, the many families who live in the Lake Carolina and Northeast Columbia area may find it hard to live there and still benefit from the many programs, services and events that are offered on post," Maher said. "The outreach initiative in this community will bridge the gap by providing services to those families where they live."

The Military Ambassador Program will involve Fort Jackson in most events and activities held in Lake Carolina. For example, the community's Harborside Lights holiday celebration, which took place Friday, included a tent that provided military families with free hot chocolate, ornament-making and piggy banks for children, and information about Fort Jackson services.

Maher said other services will soon be available in Lake Carolina as well, such as meetings for family readiness groups, Her War, Her Voice, Hearts Apart, Foreign Spouses Support Group, and Social Connections through Hobbies.

Hillary Jones, Lake Carolina's military outreach director, said



Photo by KIM WHEELER, special to the Leader

Lauren Adams, 6, crafts an ornament at the Military Ambassador tent at Lake Carolina's holiday celebration Friday. Lake Carolina and Fort Jackson have partnered to create the Military Ambassador Program, which will reach out to families in Lake Carolina and Northeast Columbia.

the community would also like to incorporate quarterly social events for military spouses in the area to help them connect with each other.

"We know we have a large population of residents who are military families," Jones said. "It's important for our community to show our support for them, for all that the military does for us."

"Our goal is also to connect military families in Lake Carolina and Northeast Columbia," said Tori Ewing, Lake Carolina's vice president of marketing. "When families live on (post), they are part of a bigger family. We want to reach out to the best of our ability and give them

that same warm welcome, to incorporate them into our community and make sure they don't feel disjointed."

Maher said the program is a great way for Fort Jackson and Lake Carolina to meet the needs of military families.

"We knew that together we could make a difference," she said. "By offering more convenient services, families will be more likely to participate in programs that lead to better quality of life, enhanced well-being, and more resilient military families."

To get involved in the Lake Carolina Military Ambassador Program, contact Maher at 751-7220 or Jones at (843) 816-6438.

Calendar

Thursday

Immigration 101 workshop

10 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

For more information, call 751-1124.

Thursday and Dec. 27

High school and college students

Mouth Guard and Panorex Day

Oliver Dental Clinic

For more information, call 751-1624/6213.

Saturday

Princess and Superhero holiday party

9 a.m., Officers' Club

Activities and games for children. Full breakfast buffet is available. For reservations, call 782-8761.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Retired Officer's Wives Club meeting

11:30 a.m.; Officers' Club

The guest speaker will be Bert Goolsby, author and retired judge. RSVP by 3 p.m., Jan. 4. To RSVP, call 788-1094 or 783-1220.

Announcements

TARP BRIEFINGS

Threat Awareness Reporting Program briefings are scheduled for the following dates at the Post Theater:

- Jan. 14; 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Jan. 17; 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Jan. 24; 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Jan. 28; 3 p.m.

4-10TH RELOCATION

The 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment has moved to 3225 Magruder Ave.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Army Emergency Relief will begin accepting applications for the MG James Ursano scholarship Jan. 1. The scholarship program assists spouses and children of active and retired Soldiers in obtaining a four-year undergraduate degree. Recipients must apply each year and may receive assistance for up to four years. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

DENTAC CLOSURE

All Fort Jackson dental clinics will be closed from 12:30 to 4:40 p.m., Friday for commander's call and Wednesday for holiday parties. Patients requiring emergency care should report to the Urgent Care Clinic at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The Wounded Warrior Project and Operation Homefront are offering emergency financial assistance to service members and veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness or wound, which was not due to their own conduct and coincident to their military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, visit www.operationhomefront.net.

PHOTO CONTEST

To honor military families, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has launched the "My Army life in photos" contest in conjunction with Shutterfly. For more information, visit www.armymwr.com/photocontest.aspx.

WINTER BASKETBALL

Letters of intent for winter men's and women's basketball are due to the Sports Office today. For more information, call 751-3096.

OKINAWAN KARATE LESSONS

Okinawan karate lessons are offered at 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at 13000 Jackson Blvd. Participants should be there at 5:20 p.m. to get access to the building. For more information, email Joel.Quebec@usar.army.mil.

SPEED LIMIT DURING PT TIMES

The speed limit on Marion Avenue between Early and Cleburne streets is 20 mph from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.

AAFES REWARDS GOOD GRADES

Students who have a B average or better on their report cards can participate in the Exchange's "You Made the Grade" program to receive free and discounted products. Students should present their report card and military ID at the Exchange to participate.

COMMISSARY NEWS

- The Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 24. It will be closed Dec. 25 and resume normal hours Dec. 26.
- The Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 31. It will be closed Jan. 1 and resume normal hours Jan. 2.
- The Commissary Reward Card is now available at the store. The card lets customers access digital coupons and redeem them in any commissary. To register the card, visit www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.
- Commissary gift cards are available at www.commissaries.com.
- For more Commissary news, visit www.commissaries.com.

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES

More than 6,100 holiday cards created by students from Richland One and other Midlands school districts were presented to the American Red Cross of the Midlands recently. The cards were mailed to troops serving overseas.

MACH WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

The Pathway is a free weight management program provided by Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Nutrition Clinic. Introductory classes are offered 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. Support group meetings take place 5 to 6 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. For more information, call 751-2489.



Courtesy photo

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, presents a retirement certificate to Ken Burghardt. Burghardt retired as chief of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division after 36 years of federal service.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

- The Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 7. Regular hours will resume Jan. 8.
- All Christmas items on display must be removed by Dec. 20 or will become Thrift Shop property.
- No consignments will be accepted Tuesday through Jan. 10.
- The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members E5 and below.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Announcements are due one week before the publication date. For more information, call 751-7045.



Friday, Dec. 14 — 7 p.m.

Fun Size PG-13

Saturday, Dec. 15 — 2 p.m.

Free screening PG-13

Sunday, Dec. 16 — 2 p.m.

Paranormal Activity 4 R

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — 1:30 p.m.

Argo R

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — 4:30 p.m.

The Man with the Iron Fists R

For more listings, visit www.aafes.com or call 751-7488.

Adults: \$5

Children (6-11 years old): \$2.50

Housing happenings

PROHIBITED ANIMALS

The following dog breeds are not permitted in on-post family housing: chow chow, Doberman, pit bull, rottweiler, American Staffordshire terrier, English Staffordshire bull terrier, wolf hybrids or any other breed with dominant traits geared toward aggression. In addition, farm, exotic and wild animals are restricted.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Holiday decorations must be removed within 14 calendar days after the holiday. Rooftop decorations are prohibited. Nails, spikes, building staples or any other type of fastener that leaves permanent damage are also prohibited. Live Christmas trees must be placed in a stand with a basin that is continually filled with water.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

Judging for the best outdoor Christmas decoration will be at sundown Dec. 21. Winners will be announced Dec. 27.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING

Bring your plastic bags to the Community Center for recycling. Residents will be entered into a drawing for a gift card once per every 20 bags turned in.

TRASH PICKUP

Residents are asked to place trash cans curbside the night before service is scheduled. Once the trash can has been emptied, it should be stored away properly.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Boats, campers, trailers, jet skis and other recreational vehicles must be stored in the RV storage lot on Essayons Way. These vehicles are not permitted to be parked in the housing area. To reserve free space and for more information, call 751-9339.

The Fort Jackson Leader will publish periodic updates on a variety of garrison community, construction and quality of life activities to keep the community informed of ongoing events.

Community updates

❑ Annual Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Exercise: Overall, the exercise was a great success. It tested Fort Jackson and local first responders' abilities and capabilities to respond to an active shooter. The scenario was based on two armed subjects killing and wounding numerous Soldiers and DoD employees in the WTU. The majority of Garrison directorates, Basic Combat Training Brigades (providing role players and inner security requirements), several local hospitals, Life Flight Helicopter, local and federal law enforcement agencies and the Richland County Coroner's Office participated. Local media provided coverage of a joint press conference between participants and senior Fort Jackson personnel. The press conference highlighted the solid partnership that Fort Jackson, the state, and federal agencies have. The Garrison also validated and updated the Crisis Action Plan. Installation anti-terrorism program manager Mark Mallach's planning and execution of this important event was superb.

❑ Scream Free Parenting: Nationally known speaker and creator of "Scream Free Parenting" Hal Runkel presented, "Five Truths Every Parent Needs to Know." ACS Family Advocacy Program sponsored this IMCOM-funded seminar. Approximately 85 people attended. Initial feedback was exceedingly positive.

❑ Cultural Resources Survey: Archaeological fieldwork continues on eight historic farmstead locations (late discoveries). Artifacts indicate most sites range from the late 19th to the early 20th centuries. Field work continues to determine the possibility of the eligibility of the sites for inclusion in the National Register.

❑ The Emergency Operations Center staff is preparing to visit the Fort Gordon, Ga. EOC to seek input on lessons learned and best practices regarding the installation of WebEOC. WebEOC is a web-enabled crisis information management system. In addition, EOC staff participated in a tabletop exercise at the Aiken Electric Cooperative.

❑ Memorialization: The development of the new Draft FJR 1-3 "Memorialization" local regulation began. After the initial directorate staffing actions are completed, the document will be sent for installation staffing. Creation of a regulation will enhance our ability to complete Memorial Actions in a more efficient manner.

❑ Emergency Operations Center: During the mass casualty exercise, EOC stood-up and presented the mobile command post vehicle to the Fort Jackson community. This capability allowed the EOC MCP vehicle to send seamless video wirelessly (enabled by the secure Verizon Wireless network) to the EOC to enhance the Senior Leaders efforts in making key critical situational decisions.

❑ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Management Plan: The update of the Endangered Species Management Component (ESMC) for the conservation of the endangered RCW on Fort Jackson is in final draft and is being staffed. DPW is developing a Biological Assessment for this revision, which is required for formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The estimated date for forwarding to IMCOM for review is Dec. 28.

❑ Prescribed Fire Suspended: Fort Jackson's prescribed burning has been suspended as a result of a recommendation from the FWS related to RCW habitat mortality resulting from a prescribed fire conducted in July 2011. Prescribed burning is expected to resume following the completed FWS formal consultation on Fort Jackson's revised RCW ESMC.

❑ Bald Eagle Nest at Dupre Pond: DPW requested guid-



Courtesy photo

Workers are building new bridge platforms at the Teamwork Development Course. Updates to the course also include erosion repairs, construction of walkways and clearing of vegetation.

ance from the FWS in assessing possible adverse impacts to nesting bald eagles due to the likely lowering of the water level at Dupre Pond. The water control structure on this pond is leaking, which may require the lowering of the pond's water level to prevent failure of the structure and a total loss of water.

❑ Storm Water Program: DPW approved the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) for the Marion Avenue Water Line Replacement project and the Ewell Road Resurfacing project. DPW forwarded the Notice of Intent to South Carolina DHEC to obtain coverage under the South Carolina NPDES Construction General Permit. Land disturbance will begin upon receipt of the permit coverage.

❑ Environmental Outreach: DPW Environmental Division (ENV) staff participated in a tour of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Broad River Road Complex to learn about environmental initiatives in the agency's Re-Entry/Reintegration Program. ENV offered to provide educational support and volunteer opportunities as it relates to sustainability management, recycling, and solid waste diversion.

❑ ASC G4 Engineering Division DOL Facility Validation Team Visit to Fort Jackson. The DOL Facility Validation Team visited Fort Jackson during the period Nov. 27-30. It was an excellent visit. This visit accomplished an in-depth review and assessment of DOL facilities that DOL managers at Fort Jackson had not seen in the past. This is a welcome initiative that is long overdue. The team came up with a prioritized draft listing of 95 projects, which will



also include development/creation of accompanying 4283s. The team also assessed all DOL facilities. They designated 67 percent of our facilities as "critical" or "essential." Based on the completion of this assessment and final report, ASC will attempt to support with funding higher priority projects.

❑ Status Update of Work Gloves in CIIP. CIIP continues to issue work gloves, as they become available, to Soldiers who were previously shorted this item. We expect to have sufficient quantities to last through COB Dec. 5. We are expecting future shipment of gloves from DLA though we have no firm dates for additional shipments at this time. It appears that the "system shortage" of work gloves is not

easing as fast as we would like. DSCP continues to work this issue and coordinate with our CIIP, as needed.

❑ Cell Towers: No change. Tower II/ Lee Road: Optimization not yet completed, expected to be fully operational Dec. 18, hospital equipment to be decommissioned Jan. 13; Tower III/ Range Site: Optimization not scheduled until January, current Cell on Wheels (COW) will probably be in place until April.

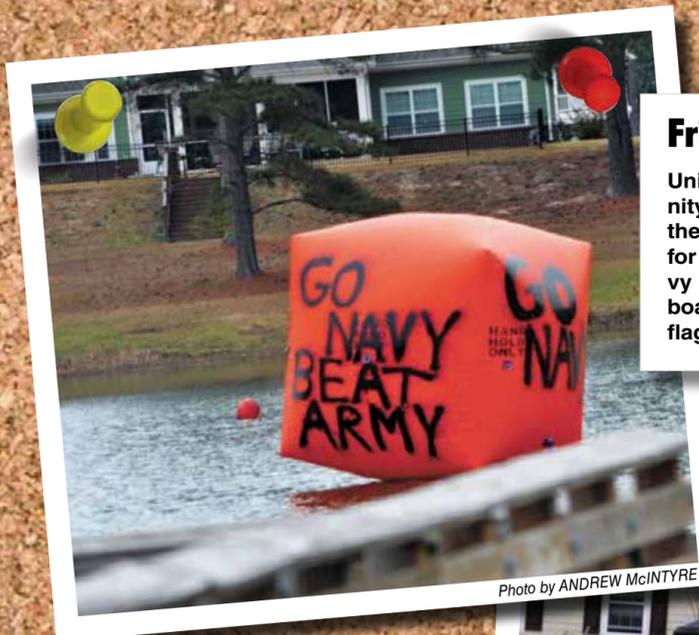
❑ Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP): Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) Quarterly Update was conducted at Fort Jackson Dec. 4. FY13 Unified Communications Projects will support Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Voice over Secure Internet Protocol (VoSIP). The Technical Design Package has a Dec. 24 suspense. We expect to see a draft a few days to a week prior.



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DFACs honored
 Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, presents an award to Linda Watson, manager of the Drill Sergeant School dining facility Dec. 5. Roberts presented representatives of various DFACs with awards for their performance as well as for outstanding Thanksgiving decorations and food displays.



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Jingle Bell Run
 Runners make their way through fake snow at Saturday's Jingle Bell Run 5K. Temperatures were in the 60s, but the wintry white helped create a more seasonal atmosphere.



Friendly rivalry
 Unidentified members of the Fort Jackson community took the Army-Navy rivalry to a new level Friday, the day before the two service schools matched up for their annual college football game. Left, a pro-Navy buoy floats on Semmes Lake. Below, a pro-Army boat is parked in front of a house adorned with Navy flags. Navy beat Army, 17-13.

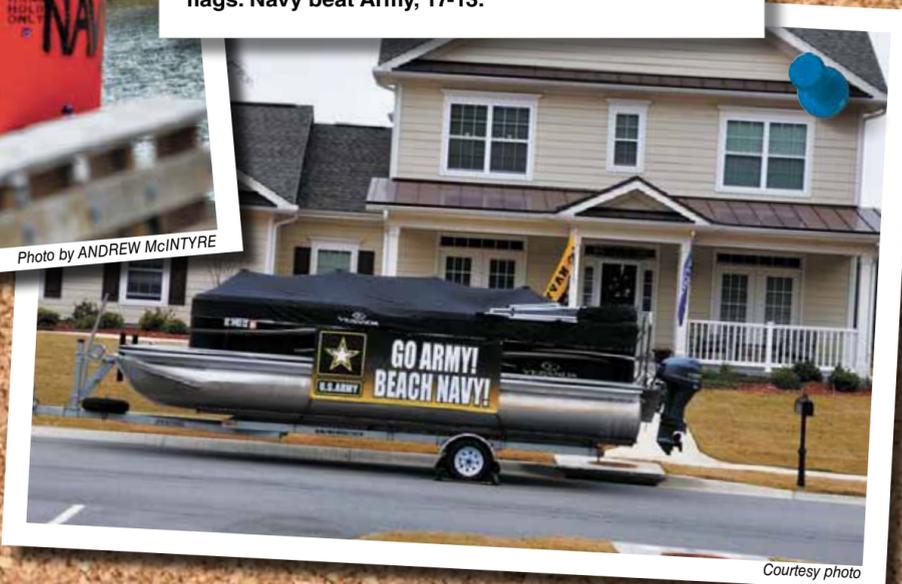


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Photo by JESSE STEPHENSON, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
Chaplains prepare
 Officers with the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School's Basic Officer Leaders Course as well as Soldiers in the school's Advanced Individual Training program participate in a mass casualty exercise Dec. 5.



Leader file photo
Season of giving
 Soldier Support Institute spouses spent Monday unloading and sorting through donated toys, clothing and food as part of a local TV station's charity campaign. Donated items are distributed to families in need of assistance during the holidays.

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Construction updates

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- ❑ Hilton Field Revitalization Projects: (Promenade, Bus Turnaround, Resurface Access Roads, VIP/ADA Parking Lot, Latrine Expansion, Tank Pads): DPW approved the 65 percent Latrine Design submittals and the 95 percent design submittals were due Dec. 7. Sediment and erosion control fencing is currently being erected and latrine demolition work will begin Dec. 17.
- ❑ Fit to Win 1 (status green): As part of our Sustainment and Repair program, we began rebuilding/repairing the FTW retaining walls. We will also conduct repairs to the balance log event. Road Ahead: thinning and clearing of trees/vegetation during Victory Block Leave.
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- ❑ Teamwork Development Course 1 and 2 (status green): Our work to rebuild old and worn-out rope/destroyed bridge platforms is near completion. We are also concentrating on erosion repairs, the construction of walkways, and the thinning/clearing of trees and vegetation. Our expected completed date is by the end of December.
- ❑ Legion Pool, Bldg. 2761 (MWR): Asbestos abatement and roof demolition are under way with an estimated construction completion date of April.
- ❑ Training Support Center Project: The estimated completion date of the remediation contract was Dec. 7 with construction to begin upon completion. Soil assessment of the diesel contamination in the SSW portion of the site was to begin no later than Dec. 7 and is expected to be completed no later than Dec. 21.



- ❑ Interior Repairs, Bldg. 4200 (HHD, IMCOM & EOD): Construction is approximately 70 percent complete and the estimated completion date remains Dec. 28.
- ❑ Bldg. 10100 (USACHCS) (SIM Center Addition): The contractor is working punch list items identified at inspection with an estimated final completion date of Dec. 14.
- ❑ Bldg. 4442 (BCT Post Museum) (Outdoor Gallery Construction Project): DPW received the 95 percent Design Submittals on Dec. 3. Construction will begin Jan. 3 with an estimated completion date of Feb. 24.
- ❑ Range Control (TRADOC FY12 Project List): The projected completion date remains not later than Jan. 13.
- ❑ Bldg. 4710 (Credit Union) (Replace Roof): The estimated completion date remains Dec. 20.
- ❑ Bldg. 4580 (Chapel) (Replace Roof): DPW approved the 95 percent Roof Design Submittal and the estimated completion date remains Feb. 18.
- ❑ Bldg. 3652 (Golf Course Club House) (Replace HVAC): The estimated completion date remains Jan. 18.
- ❑ Bldgs. 4711 (Exchange), 4712 (Exchange), and 4712 (Thrift Shop) (Replace Roof at Mini-Mall): The estimated completion date remains Feb. 18.
- ❑ Bldg. 4325 (Post HQs) (Install Lighting to Illuminate Flag Pole): The project submittals were due Dec. 7.
- ❑ Golden Arrow Road (Install Roadway Lights): Construction is estimated to begin on or about Dec. 22, pending the arrival of light fixtures and poles. Estimated com-

pletion date is Feb. 4.

- ❑ Bldg. 1875 (120th AG BN) (Roof Repair): The contractor resumed work Dec. 5 with an estimated completion date of Dec. 26. Construction is approximately 90 percent complete.
- ❑ Patton Stadium (1-34 IN) (Install Running Surface on PT track): The disturbed area is stabilized. PSUS is performing sanitary sewer work to remediate the negative impact on the running track area. Construction is expected to resume in January with an estimated completion date of April 13.
- ❑ Bldg. 3200 (VSB) (Facility Renovations): DPW approved the 95 percent Roof Design Submittal on Nov. 14 and the installation Safety Officer approved the site safety plan on Nov. 20. The estimated completion date is Feb. 27.
- ❑ 4-10 Infantry (Construct New Headquarters Bldg.): Construction work will begin Dec. 26 with an estimated completion date of April 19.

Quality of life updates

- ❑ Employment Readiness Program: ACS trained 19 spouses in three different seminars (Steps to Federal Employment, Basic Computer Training, Self-paced Individual) this week. As part of our Career Coaching Program, ACS continues to offer a formal online Career Assessment tool and follow up coaching/mentoring for short and long range employment and education goals.
- ❑ Financial Readiness Program: provided approximately \$20,000 in assistance to Soldiers/Family members through AER Program.
- ❑ Annual Holiday Wishes: Survivor Outreach Services sponsors this annual event for survivors of fallen Soldiers, including Active/RC/NG. It will be on Dec. 16 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 6. Sixteen families RSVP'ed and 125 attendees are expected.
- ❑ CYSS Jingle Bell Jog and Reindeer Games: Held Dec. 1 at the Youth Center, approximately 150 attended this fun event.
- ❑ The CPAC re-established a CPAC Corner in the Leader for weekly HR news. The staff continues to have weekly internal training on specific HR concerns; currently involved in contract negotiations with Local 1214, National Federation of Federal Employees, IAMAW (AFL-CIO).
- ❑ Cadre Resiliency Program: Chaplain (MAJ.) Charles Kuhlman facilitated an open forum session with 19 Cadre during the monthly resiliency opportunity for Drill Sergeants and AIT instructors.
- ❑ University Singers: Main Post 9:30 a.m. Protestant and the DCC 10:15 a.m. Gospel services received blessings during their services Dec. 2 from music provided by the Central South Carolina Southern Wesleyan University Singers.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869.

Walking away stress

Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

Play group

Mondays, 10 to 11:45 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 4 and younger, 751-1071/6304.

Range control briefing

Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or visit www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Homeschoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail jackson.pwoc.org.

Toastmasters International

Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Only one session is required. Additional training is necessary for those volunteering in a clinical setting. Call 751-4329.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall

Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Bass Club

First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Open to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists, veterans and family members. Visit www.jacksonanglers.com.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

Second Monday of the month (September through June), 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or gblake12@sc.rr.com.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

□ Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
□ Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St.,

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

American Legion Post 182

First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magruder's Pub and Club, 885-7114.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.

National Federation of Federal Employees

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622 or NFFE@conus.army.mil.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 647-0040 or turner6516@gmail.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association

First Wednesday of the month, noon, Daniel Circle Chapel, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Adopt-A-School program

Second Wednesday of the month during the school year, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., meeting at the Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, for transportation to Forrest Heights Elementary School, 751-1148.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail sec@fjvictoryriders.com.

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.

Society of American Military Engineers

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.

Sergeants Major Association

Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904. Open to active-duty and retired E-9s and E-8s. E-mail William.huffin@us.army.mil.

MEDPROS training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

Third Saturday of the month, except July and August, 11 a.m., DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 260-1067.

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

First Sunday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

Second Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614.

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Third Floor conference room, 695-5345.

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail armyaguilar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

Fourth Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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MACH holiday ball

Above, Col. Mark L. Higdon, left, Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander, and MACH Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond, right, recognize Sgt. Duane James as the MACH Soldier of the Year during the hospital's holiday ball Friday in Columbia. Sgt. Timothy Brown, not pictured, was recognized as the NCO of the Year. Right, The MACH color guard marches off after retiring the colors at the end of the event.

Photos by MASTER SGT. RICARDO GUTIERREZ, Moncrief Army Community Hospital



MACH UPDATES

PHARMACY TRAINING HOLIDAY HOURS

Moncrief Army Community Hospital outpatient pharmacy hours of operation for Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The refill pharmacy hours of operation for both days will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Moncrief Medical Home pharmacy hours for both days will be 8 a.m. to noon. Moncrief Medical Home will close at 3 p.m. Friday for a holiday celebration.

TRICARE CHANGES FOR RESERVISTS

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve need to switch to an electronic form of payment before Jan. 1. TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account beginning Jan. 1. For more information and to set up automatic payments, contact your regional contractor. Contact information is available at www.tricare.mil/contacts.

DRUG RECALL

Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Inc. is conducting a voluntary recall for select batches and strengths of Atorvastatin calcium tablets. The recall affects 10 mg, 20 mg and 40 mg strengths packaged in 90- and 500-count bottles. The batches may contain glass particles smaller than 1mm. MACH and Moncrief Medical Home pharmacies do not have any of the affected lot numbers in their current inventory. To check which lot numbers are affected, visit www.ranbaxy.com/atorvastatin.aspx. Patients who own drugs of the affected lot numbers should contact their pharmacy to inquire about exchanging the product.

DOD FORMULARY CHANGES

In accordance with DoD requirements, Singular (Montelukast) has been removed from the MACH formulary and will no longer be available for patients 19 or older. Patients with active refills will receive one courtesy refill. For more information, call (877) 363-1303.

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1-61st takes home Commander's Cup

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

The 1st Battalion 61st Infantry Regiment "Roadrunners" became the first Basic Combat Training unit on Fort Jackson to win the coveted Commander's Cup, which is presented each year to the unit that accumulates the most points during the sports season.

The award was given to the unit Tuesday during the 10th annual Fort Jackson Sports Banquet Tuesday at the Solomon Center.

"They worked hard and sent someone to every event," said Cindi Keene, Fort Jackson sports coordinator. "With 1-61st winning this cup, it's given all of the other Basic Combat Training units something to shoot for, because it can be done."

"We just tried to spread the wealth and participate in all of the events," said Sgt. 1st Class Maria Hurrera, a 1-61st coach. "We came together as a team and represented 1-61. That's how we were able to win the commander's points."

The 1-61st was represented at all of the sporting events this year, which Keene said was key in accumulating the number of points it took to win this year's cup.

"It was all about participation, giving our drill sergeants and Soldiers assigned to us the time to participate in all of the events," said Capt. Richard Dunham, a 1-61st coach. "It gave us the points to go to come away with the win."

The guest speaker for the event was Frank Martin, men's basketball coach for the University of South Carolina, who spoke to Soldiers about the unexpected benefits of athletics.

"My high school coach had a saying, and that was, 'The weight room don't lie,'" he said. "If you don't have substance, if you're not willing to push yourself to extremes, you're not going to last in that weight room. That weight room is going to push you out. That confidence you get by being physically fit, by being part of a team, has allowed me to get to a place where I can share that with kids I come across in my life."

For the Roadrunners, participating in this year's athletic events took a great deal of coordination just to get Soldiers to the games. In previous years, it wasn't a foregone conclusion that a Basic Combat Training unit would have the time to participate in any event, let alone all of them.

"What's unique about the Basic Combat Training Battalion competing in — and winning — the general's trophy, is that we were able to work together and free up the athletes to compete in the different sports competitions," said Lt. Col. Tony Gianopoulos, 1-61st commander. "As we freed up more personnel to compete, the drill sergeants pulled additional duties and overtime to cover the Soldiers while providing the same quality training while



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment hoist the Commander's Cup trophy during the sports banquet Tuesday at the Solomon Center. The 1-61st is the first Basic Combat Training unit to win the cup.

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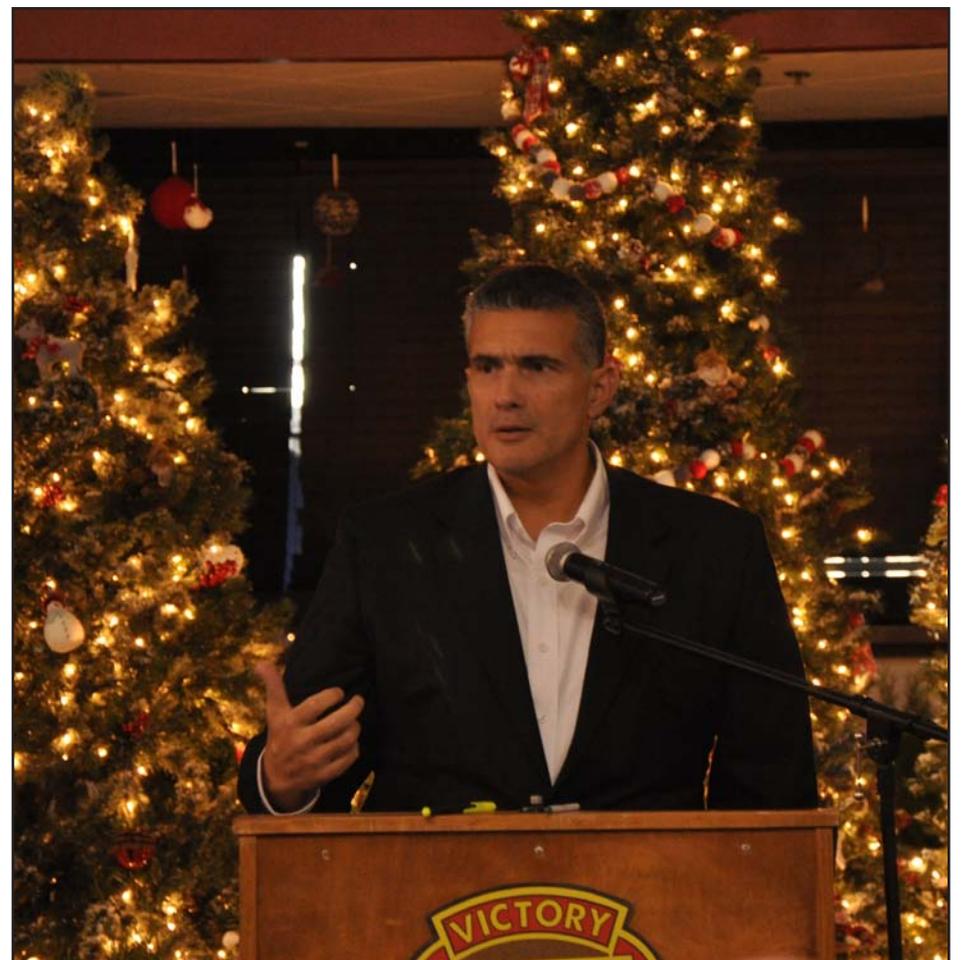
He said it's possible the Roadrunners' win will inspire other Basic Combat Training units to aggressively participate in sport events on post next year.

"I think everybody has the same chance," he said. "But the key is to coordinate with one another, and to support one another."

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AWARDS

- ❑ Winter Basketball: SSI/TSB (champion); 81st RSC (runner-up)
- ❑ Indoor Volleyball: MEDDAC (champion); TSB/SSI
- ❑ Summer Basketball: 1-34th (champion); 187th (runner-up)
- ❑ Softball: MEDDAC (champion); 3-60th (runner-up)
- ❑ Summer Golf: 120th (champion); 3-34th (runner-up)
- ❑ Fall Golf: 120th (champion); 2-60th (runner-up)
- ❑ Sand Volleyball: MEDDAC #1 (champion); MEDDAC #3 (runner-up)
- ❑ Flag Football: 175th (champion); 1-34th (runner-up)
- ❑ Strongman: Norman Bogdan (overall male); Kristen Zosel (overall female)



Frank Martin, head coach of the University of South Carolina men's basketball team, addresses the crowd during the sports banquet.

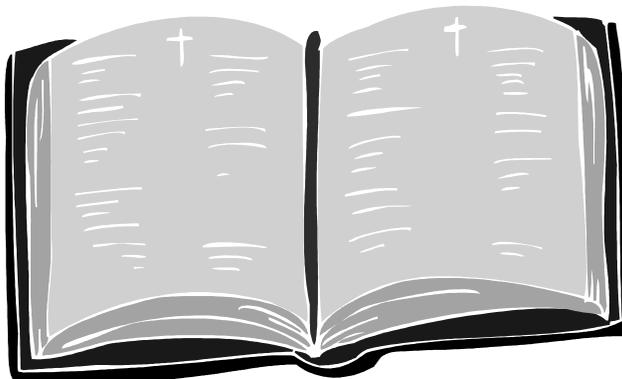
It's not our position to judge others

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JOHN LEE**
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While I was attending theological seminary, I worked part-time at a deli store. Every day I met a lot of people at work. They came to the store to buy coffee, butter rolls, bagels, salad or hot food. I made a lot of friends with the customers who came to the store every day. But there was one customer with whom I couldn't make friends. His way of talking and behaving — everything about him — bothered me.

Since I joined the Army, hearing all kinds of swearing has been part of my everyday life. But at that time, it was unusual for me to hear other people swear. But, because of this customer, every day I had to hear words I didn't like to hear.

One day I was working at the store as usual and I saw this customer entering our store. Automatically, I was bothered by his presence even though he hadn't said anything. But at that moment something amazing happened in my life. While I was watching him enter the store, suddenly I heard a voice coming out of nowhere saying, "I died for him, too." For a short moment, I was speechless. Where did this word come from? Is this really God's voice speaking to me in this situ-



ation? A lot of questions came to my mind. I didn't know what to say. But from that moment on, I couldn't hate that customer anymore.

Did God love me because I was righteous? Did I earn God's love by my merit? No. I didn't deserve this love. God sent his son for me even when I was still a sinner. Romans 5:8 explains this truth very clearly. It says, "But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for me." If I had earned this love of God by my merit, I might have a reasonable right to not like that

customer because of his behavior or dirty talk. But, if I received God's love by God's grace only, then who am I to judge other people by their behavior or talk?

When I was reminded of this truth with a small, tranquil voice coming out of nowhere, I couldn't hate him anymore. I just accepted him as he was without any judgment or prejudice from the bottom of my heart. Not long after this experience, we became close friends, not because he changed, but because I changed. When I started looking at him with my changed perception, my attitude also started changing. As if he had noticed this change in my attitude, this customer also began to change. This is how God changed both of us.

When we find out who we really are, we are just amazed by the great love of God. We are just touched by God's abundant and endless grace. When we know who we really are, we stop judging our fellow humans because we know that we are never qualified to judge anyone in this world.

In this blessed time of the year, I want all of us to remember how much God loved us by sending his only begotten son to us. It is through this realization that we become the light of this world, we become the channel of God's love for our neighbors. Know this love and be the love to others.

VICTORY BLOCK LEAVE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

DEC. 23

- 9:30 a.m. Protestant, Main Post Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Gospel Service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 11 a.m. Protestant, Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m. Chapel Next (contemporary), Bayonet Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

DEC. 24

- 6 p.m. Candlelight Service, Main Post Chapel
- 11:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Main Post Chapel

DEC. 25

- 9 a.m. Anglican, Anderson Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

DEC. 26

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

DEC. 27

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

DEC. 30

- 9:30 a.m. Protestant, Main Post Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Gospel Service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 11 a.m. Protestant, Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m. Chapel Next (contemporary), Bayonet Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

DEC. 31

- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- 10 p.m. to midnight Watch Night Service,

Daniel Circle Chapel

JAN. 1

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

The following services will not take place during Victory Block Leave: Church of Christ, Hispanic Protestant, Jewish, Latter Day Saints and Muslim.

All services are open to Initial Entry Training Soldiers during Victory Block Leave.

The regular worship service schedule will resume Jan. 6 with the exception of the Gospel Service, which will take place at 10:15 a.m., Jan. 6 and will resume its normal schedule Jan. 13.

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2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel

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Daniel Circle Chapel

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Main Post Chapel

4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681

Memorial Chapel

4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

Installation's Chaplain's Office

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