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Help for Haiti

Local Red Cross offers Soldiers resources

Leader Staff Report

For more than a week, the world has watched as Haiti begins its recovery in the wake of a devastating earthquake.

Here at Fort Jackson, on-post leaders are doing what they can to keep any Soldiers with family members affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake informed.

Jo An Miller, with the Fort Jackson Red Cross, said several steps are being taken internationally that can help local Soldiers.

Those searching for family members in Haiti can check the database of names on the International Committee of the Red Cross'

Family Links Web site at www.icrc.org/familylinks.

Family members inquiring about Americans who were in Haiti during the earthquake can contact the Department of State's Office of Overseas Civilian Services at 888-407-4747. For more, see www.state.gov.

Disaster and International Services is currently not deploying American Red Cross personnel to Haiti. Red Cross volunteers interested in deploying to Haiti should check for updates on CrossNet, <https://crossnet.redcross.org>, or their local chapters. All volunteers and employees in the American Red Cross are eligible to log on to CrossNet, the

American Red Cross secure national Web site.

Though volunteers are not currently needed on the ground in Haiti, there are still options to help in other ways. Task Force Marshall and Fort Jackson American Red Cross are partnering in a postwide Haiti Disaster Relief Fundraiser.

Checks and money orders made out to American Red Cross Haiti Disaster Relief can be taken to the Red Cross office, 2464 Anderson St., Suite 12. Call 751-4329. All donations will be used directly to assist the relief operation in Haiti.

See Page 9 for more on Haiti

Making the grade



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Yvonne Walker, 9, left, and Shianne Payne-Nanton, 10, complete an assignment. Both are fourth graders at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, where teachers are working to improve test scores. See story on Page 10.

Tax center makes makes filing easy

Stop taxing your brain. Tax time does not have to be a stressful situation. Seriously, I think most tax filers would agree that whether a person anticipates a refund or thinks he or she might owe the government, the filing process itself can be somewhat intimidating because of the fear of making mistakes.

One of the greatest benefits offered in the Fort Jackson community is the Fort Jackson Tax Center, which provides free tax-filing assistance for Soldiers, families and retirees. The tax center — which will open its doors during the first week of February — can save you headaches in trying to figure out deductions, in addition to the preparation and filing fee, which last year averaged around \$130 for a simple return completed by a tax specialist.

Bottom line, last year the tax center saved our military community members more than \$300,000 in tax preparation fees by preparing more than 2,500 returns.

What I also find to be highly commendable is the work effort that goes into operating the center. Last year, staffed with eight Soldiers and 10 civilians who worked six days a week, the tax center not only set a record in the number of returns but offered extended hours for Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training Soldiers.

Well, a new tax season is upon us, with new tax laws and changes that could affect how you file your returns. One of a number of things that military members should

BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY W. MAY
Fort Jackson
Commanding
General



note is the new law that grants service member's spouses residency protection.

The new law, the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, extends the protection to spouses that service members receive in regard to paying state taxes. When a military member resides in a state because his or her duties require that person to be there, the service member is exempt from state taxes, unless the state is also the service member's state of permanent residency or domicile.

This year, taxpayers can take advantage of a number of new tax credits. Something else to note is that there have been changes in the way the standard deduction has been calculated. These are important because a person can reduce the amount of his or her taxable income depending on taking the standard or itemized deduction.

The bottom line is that the tax center's staff members can explain these options better than I can and it is in your best interest to take advantage of this offering. As for the quality of advice and assistance, consider that last year one volunteer was a retired certified public accountant and another volunteer had worked as a tax preparer for a major firm for more than 12 years. All preparers received IRS certification and training. They also received further guidance after new tax laws went into effect at the beginning of this year.

The location of the tax center is still being finalized, but tax assistance will begin Feb. 3 and continue through April 24. Keep in mind that April 15 remains the tax-filing deadline, and the fact that the tax center will open for those additional days does not extend the deadline.

One of a taxpayer's options is to file for an extension. That paperwork can be completed at the tax center in a matter of minutes and allows the Soldier, family member or retiree until Oct. 15 to file. An extension does not relieve or extend one's obligation of paying his or her taxes on time.

Again, I would like to commend the outstanding, record-setting cumulative effort put forth last tax season by our tax center Soldiers and volunteers. I am confident that we will see another stellar effort from our team.

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Ask the garrison commander about:

Reporting child neglect, abuse

I have some concerns about a family in my community that may be neglecting its children. I am not sure of the family situation and don't want to cause the family any trouble. Who can I contact without causing problems between families?

AR 608-18 states that every Soldier, employee and member of the military community should be encouraged to report information about known or suspected cases of spouse and child abuse or neglect. This report can be accepted as an anonymous report. A promise of confidentiality is appropriate in cases where the person making the report of abuse is a neighbor or relative of the abused spouse or child, or another interested party. For information regarding reporting procedures, contact the Family Advocacy Program manager at 751-6348.

What does the acronym CONUS mean?

The acronym CONUS stands for Continental United States; the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia.

What does the acronym OCONUS stand for?

The acronym OCONUS stands for outside the Continental United States; any area of the world other than the Continental United States, also referred to as overseas.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Prevention is the best approach to keeping children

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON
Fort Jackson
Garrison
Commander



safe in child sexual abuse cases.

Stopping abuse before it happens protects children from immediate effects of abuse as well as long-term effects that can affect everyone in the community. Stopping child abuse today can have a positive effect on children's health and on us all.

Preventive actions include empowering parents to take control of their lives and to protect their children, encouraging the media to inform the public about child sexual abuse, nurturing healthy sexuality in children, recognizing grooming behaviors and reporting the suspicion of child sexual abuse to child protective services or law enforcement.

For information on reporting abuse or prevention efforts, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 751-6348.

To submit questions for "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-2842, or e-mail scott.nahrwold@us.army.mil.

LEADER DEADLINES

☐ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the Feb. 4 Leader must be submitted by today.

☐ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the Feb. 4 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 28.

Installation chaplain to retire

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

For almost three years, Chaplain (Col.) Henry Haynes, Fort Jackson's installation chaplain, has been overseeing 37 weekly worship services and numerous religious education programs.

This spring, Haynes will retire from the Army after 30 years of service.

Haynes has served as Fort Jackson's installation chaplain since 2007. He said what he will remember most about his time here is the people, both on post and in the adjacent communities.

Haynes said he is most proud of his efforts in upgrading the chapel facilities on post.

"What I tried to do is prepare for the future," he said.

During his tenure, the Army approved the construction of a new chapel for Initial Entry Training Soldiers.

The \$16.5 million project will be built between 2012 and 2013. Plans are for the chapel to be able to accommodate 1,400 Soldiers in the main sanctuary, as well as provide space in three adjacent multi-purpose rooms.

"I think that's a big accomplishment, because it's something we desperately



Leader file photo

Chaplain (Col.) Henry Haynes, installation chaplain, will retire from the Army this spring after 30 years of service.

needed here on post," Haynes said.

In addition, he has worked on upgrading existing facilities.

"Every chapel that is here, I've worked real hard to get it improved (or) upgraded," he said. "Since I've been here, we have worked diligently with the installation and the chief of chaplains office to get matching funds to improve (the facilities). We've spent probably \$1 million on this — doing stuff that has been neg-

lected over the years."

Haynes said he does not have any specific plans for the future.

"I'm trusting in God. I'm sure that he's going to open up some doors for me," he said. "Where he leads I will follow, as I have been doing for most of my life."

Haynes will be succeeded by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bart Physioc, currently the chaplain for the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

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CG's aide leaves big boots to fill

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

After several years holding a job normally held by an officer, Sgt. 1st Class Sylvester Taylor said he has learned a lot in his time as aide-de-camp to two Fort Jackson commanders.

"Just the experience of working hand-in-hand with a general officer has been wonderful," Taylor said. "The coaching and mentoring



Taylor

that I've received, (both commanding generals) made a substantial impact on my life and on my family."

Taylor served as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson's commanding general, as well as May's predecessor, Brig. Gen. James Schwitters.

Aides-de-camp have the often grueling responsibility of supporting general officers in a variety of missions, 24 hours a day every day of the week.

The position is typically held by junior officers.

Taylor, an Army reservist who had been called to active duty in 2004 to support Task Force Marshall, was selected for the aide-de-camp position in 2007 after being recommended by his senior leadership.

May kept Taylor on as his aide-de-camp after assuming command of Fort Jackson from Schwitters in 2008.

Taylor said he enjoyed his duties, particularly so under May.

"I'll most remember seeing the general use his command authority to positively affect the lives of others," he said. "It was really exciting to see what all takes place behind the scenes as decisions are made. I'll also miss all the traveling I was able to do."

Taylor has already handed off his aide-de-camp duties to Capt. Ric Haeussler.

Taylor, though, will remain at Fort Jackson. He has accepted a job as a human resources technician with the 81st Regional Support Command, an Army Reserve unit based at Fort Jackson.

He also plans to attend warrant officer school.

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Helping hands



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Fort Jackson volunteers are honored during a ceremony Wednesday at the Post Conference Room.

SSI school plays major role in GFEBs

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is a critical part of the Army's new and revolutionary Web-based business system called the General Fund Enterprise Business System.

The Army currently has dozens of separate financial, real property, asset and accounting management systems. GFEBs integrates more than 80 percent of those systems to create a single, authoritative source for financial and related non-financial data for the Army's entire General Fund.

Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) Robert Hale visited Fort Jackson's Soldier Support Institute last week to get an update on GFEBs and see first-hand how the system operates.

"The Impact of GFEBs is tremendous," said Col. Milton Sawyers, commandant of Fort Jackson's Financial Management School. "For the first time, we'll be able to produce an auditable financial statement for the Army.

This goes a long way toward increasing our credibility with Congress, the media and the public."

Fort Jackson was one of the first installations to receive this new system. GFEBs has also been implemented at several other sites, including Fort Benning and Fort Stewart, both in Georgia.

"The transition from our legacy financial management systems to GFEBs is critically important," Sawyers said. "In fact, it is the Soldier Support Institute's number one priority."

The Financial Management School, part of the Soldier Support Institute, is responsible for ensuring sustainment training on GFEBs once the system reaches its full operational capability.

"We're very excited about GFEBs here at the Financial Management School," Sawyers said. "GFEBs impacts how we currently do business, therefore we are adapting our training to meet the needs of our future resource management workforce."

GFEBs is expected to make the Army much more effi-

cient and cost effective.

Sawyers said GFEBs is much more than finance and accounting system. It is replacing business systems operated across the Army, allowing commanders to see how all resources, not just money, are being used and make cost-informed decisions.

"Where we're going in the Army," Sawyers said. "is toward fostering a cost culture so commanders at all levels can make resource-informed decisions.

"With GFEBs, we'll finally have the necessary tools needed to quickly pull and provide good, solid, relevant information that our senior leaders require to make resource-informed decisions. This is a huge win for the Army and the taxpaying citizens of our country."

GFEBs will subsume 90 financial management legacy systems, and analysis of another five is ongoing, said Dennis Davis, deputy commandant of the Financial Management School. Davis said GFEBs is expected to be fully fielded across the Army by January 2012.

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Remembering King



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Todd Shaw, associate professor of African American Studies at the University of South Carolina, speaks during last week's Martin Luther King Jr. Day luncheon at the Solomon Center. C.C. Pinckney Elementary School essay winners were also recognized.

Guest of honor



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer Robert Hale, right, and Brig. Gen. Mark McAlister, commander of the Soldier Support Institute, attend a briefing on the General Fund Enterprise Business System during Hale's visit to the SSI last week.

Community FIRST seeks submissions

January marks the beginning of the second quarter of fiscal year 2009/10 and Community FIRST issue submission month. It is important to have a cross-section of issue submissions from Soldiers (active, Reserve and National Guard), family members, civilian employees, retirees and veterans to ensure that each of these constituent groups is reached and everyone's voice is heard.

Issue submission month is part of the Community FIRST quarterly process, which is designed to identify and resolve problems that cannot be fixed by the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, system.

The process works as follows: During the first month of each quarter, issues are requested and collected from the Fort Jackson community. The second month of the quarter, the issues are distributed to the appropriate agency for resolution; the third month of the quarter the Installation Action Council convenes to review each active issue and vote on whether the issues can be resolved using garrison resources.

This process is repeated every quarter except the second quarter. Community FIRST issues collected for this month will be forwarded to Army Family Action Plan, to be reviewed at the annual AFAP Conference on Feb. 3-4 at the Officers Club. Issues can be on any topic, for example (medical, dental, recreational activities, safety, employment, education, housing, training, etc. ...).

Five Community FIRST issues have been collected this fiscal year. Since the start of the program in 2004, more than 786 issues have been submitted. That is an average of more than 10 times than the number of issues raised during the previous AFAP conferences on Fort Jackson.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

ICE APPRECIATION

The garrison congratulates Moncrief Army Community Hospital, specifically the Dermatology Clinic and the Laboratory. For a 12-week period, these agencies achieved a 4.89 and a 4.82 rating respectively, out of a possible 5.0 in employee/staff attitude. This is an outstanding performance in customer service.

Resolving issues on a quarterly basis rather than once a year helps community leaders be more responsive to issues raised and allows delegates of the AFAP conference to stay focused on "big picture" issues, those that cannot be resolved at the garrison level.

There are several methods of submitting an issue. All directorates receive a copy of the issue form at the beginning of the quarter and have them available for their staff. Individual requests can be made by calling the Community FIRST Coordinator at 751-4926. The issue form also can be submitted online by visiting the CMS Web site, which can be accessed by clicking on the Customer Management Services link from any of the pages on the Fort Jackson Web site.

CMS Corner

The Customer Management System at Fort Jackson is a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of those who work, train, live and play on the installation.

CMS includes the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Community FIRST/AFAP and Customer Service Assessments.

This feedback enables the garrison to focus on specific actions aimed at improving customers' experiences with post services.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues can be found at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>.

New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo.

Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

Become a friend of CMS on Facebook by logging on to www.facebook.com. Search for CMS Fort Jackson.

"Let your voice be heard!"

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- On-post housing is now open to retirees and DoD civilians. For more information, call 738-8275.
- The community management office will be closed Friday. The office will relocate to the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave. and reopen Jan. 25.
- As the cold weather continues, disconnect water hoses from exterior faucets to prevent freezing of the valves.
- Residents who refer a friend who moves to Fort Jackson will receive \$300. Residents who refer a friend from off post will receive \$600.
- Residents who complete a comment card after coming in contact with Balfour Beatty Communities staff have a chance to win \$100. Winners are chosen monthly.
- Residents should remember to remove trash cans and recycle bins from the street after pickup.

- Keep lids on trash cans to prevent animals from strewing trash about.
- In accordance with the resident guide, holiday decorations must be removed within 14 days of the holiday.
- Neighborhood huddles are scheduled twice a month and representatives are on hand to provide residents with updates. The next meetings are: 5 p.m., Feb. 9 and 10 a.m., Feb. 11.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- JNCO / Community Center — The community center will open today. — Families are preparing to move into nine homes on Bradley Court.
- Company grade officers — Families will begin moving in next week.
- Soldiers and family members are urged to exercise caution near the construction sites.

BOSS honors



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Spc. Arielle Schiltz, with Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Environmental Health Department, checks an ice container's cleanliness as part of her duties. Schiltz was named January's Soldier of the Month for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Woman named Army provost marshal general

By **JEFFREY CASTRO**
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Brig. Gen. Colleen L. McGuire assumed responsibility as the first woman provost marshal general of the Army and also took command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command in a ceremony last week at Fort Belvoir.

McGuire succeeds Brig. Gen. Rodney L. Johnson, who is retiring after 33 years of service. She assumes the Army's top law-enforcement position after serving since March as head of the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force.

McGuire is the 10th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command Sept. 17, 1971, and the 13th provost marshal general of the Army since 1941.

She is the first woman in both positions.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli hosted the ceremony at Well's Field House on Fort Belvoir and during his remarks noted how the Army's military law-enforcement team contributes to the Army mission, in theater and worldwide.

"You [Army law enforcement] should be incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished on behalf of your Army and our



Photo by **JEFFREY CASTRO**

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli swears in Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire as the Provost Marshal General of the Army.

Nation," Chiarelli said. "You have a significant and lasting impact. However, much work remains to be done. And, I absolutely believe Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire is the right person to lead you in the challenging days ahead. She is a proven, gifted leader — both in garrison and combat."

McGuire most recently served for about two years as the director, Senior Leader Development Office, Office of the Chief of

Staff, Army, while also leading the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force established 10 months ago. She assumes command of CID as the organization enters its 39th year as the Army's premier investigative agency for felony-level crime.

"I am honored to be given this privilege to command and lead," McGuire said. "The greatest honor for any Soldier is to command the sons and daughters of America. It

is a particular honor for me, a military police officer, to command at this level in a time of war."

Following the change-of-command ceremony, McGuire took the oath to assume responsibilities as the Army's provost marshal general. The position was first established in 1776 during the Revolutionary War, but was abolished after the war. During its long history, it was usually established during major combat, but discontinued shortly after the conflict was over.

In line with history, the secretary of the Army at the time, Thomas White, approved the re-establishment of the office, effective Sept. 26, 2003, during the Global War on Terrorism.

McGuire concluded her comments with a reminder to all that the work of the Army's law-enforcement team is never done.

"We are truly an expeditionary force," she said. "Our military police, criminal investigators, corrections experts, civilian police and support team need to maintain their edge under conditions of uncertainty and change regardless of the operational environment. To do that, we need to be, and will remain grounded and pure in our doctrine, our organizations, our training and our operations."

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News and notes

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

This month's Leadership and Training Guest Speaker Program is scheduled for 3 p.m., Wednesday in the Fort Jackson Theater. The guest speaker series allows Fort Jackson Soldiers and civilians to learn from the experiences of past Army leaders. The quarterly series began last winter. The leadership series is open to Soldiers in the rank of captain or first sergeant and above and to civilian leaders.

LEADER READERSHIP SURVEY

The *Fort Jackson Leader* is conducting a readership survey to help determine what its audience would like to see in the paper. The survey can be completed sev-

eral ways. A copy of the survey is available in the Jan. 14 edition of the *Leader*. A copy will also be available in the Jan. 28 edition of the *Leader*. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the Public Affairs Office in person or by mail at 4394 Strom Thurmond Blvd., or by fax at 751-2722.

The survey can also be completed online at: <http://bit.ly/6chAh1>.

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

The Junior Enlisted Housing Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., today, at 77 Bradley Court. A reception will immediately follow at the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave.



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| Jan. 21 — 3 p.m. | | |
| Everybody's Fine | PG-13 | 95 min. |
| Jan. 22 — 6 p.m. | | |
| Brothers | R | 110 min. |
| Jan. 23 — 2 p.m. | | |
| The Princess and the Frog | G | 97 min. |

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Gates pledges continued aid

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

NEW DELHI — Just hours before another earthquake hit Haiti early Wednesday morning, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said the Defense Department is sending a port-clearing ship and evaluating additional capabilities to assist the disaster relief effort.

Gates announced that he signed deployment orders to send a port-clearing ship equipped with cranes to get the port operating within a week or two to speed up aid distribution.

“We are looking at a variety of other capabilities,” he said. “We are trying to look at alternative routes there might be to get bulk food and bulk supplies in there.”

Gates responded to a reporter’s question during a news conference in New Delhi, where he met with Defense Minister A.K. Antony.

Shortly afterward, a magnitude 6.1 tremor struck northwest of the capital of Port-au-Prince, exacerbating difficulties already plaguing Haiti. The extent of the damage — combined with the damage from last week’s 7.0 magnitude earthquake — was unknown as of press time Wednesday.

Getting around Port-au-Prince remains challenging, Gates said, expressing hope that more routes will be cleared within the next 24 to 48 hours so trucks can begin delivering more aid.

“You cannot fully meet the needs of over 2 million people using helicopters,” he said.

Seeing trucks out on the road providing desperately needed supplies also will reduce the chance of people turning to violence out of desperation, he said.

Gates said he’s pleased by cooperation between the U.N. peacekeeping force in Haiti, the Haitian government and U.S. commanders on the ground in supporting the relief effort.

“Everything I hear is that the three have established a good working relationship in terms of establishing priorities for what actually flows into the country,” he said.

Americans should feel proud of the U.S. response, Gate said, noting the governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations working together to assist.

The U.S. Coast Guard was on site in

Military provides relief to Haiti quake victims



Photo by FRED W. BALER III, American Forces Press Service

Combat medics and Haitian medical volunteers treat patients Monday at the forward operating base set up by the 82nd Airborne Division’s 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Squadron, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The squadron does not have the supplies to establish a clinic, but is seeing patients brought to the FOB with the supplies they have. They are looking for additional medical resources such as clinics or hospitals in the area to refer the more critical patients.

Haiti “literally within hours after providing limited support,” he said. “And with each passing hour, more and more American forces and ships and capability have flowed into the area.”

While proud of the U.S. contribution in Haiti, Gates resisted saying he’s satisfied with the response. “As long as 2 million people in Haiti are still struggling to get

food and water, fuel and medical care, it would probably be a mistake for anyone to say he or she are satisfied with the level of effort,” he said.

“That said,” he continued, “It is hard for me to say what more the United States could make available or how we could make it available faster to deal with the tragedy there.”

ONLINE DONATION SCAMS

Be careful when evaluating donation programs related to the earthquake in Haiti because e-mail scams are beginning to circulate.

Please be on the lookout for e-mails soliciting support for contributions, even if they appear to be from legitimate humanitarian organizations. Such e-mails, or even chain letters, implore people to send money for something that turns out to be a bogus reason. Though many recipients of these types of e-mails immediately dismiss their validity, it is easier to fall prey to them, when they are linked to events, such as a natural disaster.

These scam e-mails sometimes even use the real address — or a similar, legitimate-sounding address — of the organizations soliciting money for relief efforts. However, any donations sent using instructions provided in these e-mails will not help anyone in Haiti.

From a cyber-security perspective, computer users can also be tricked into visiting other harmful web sites seeded with fake antivirus applications. Once on these sites, users can actually experience more security vulnerabilities by installing these harmful programs.

Here are a few helpful hints for you to consider:

- Avoid searching “Haiti relief” in online search engines.

- Apply a “critical eye” to any requests for financial donations to assist in Haiti relief efforts, especially those that are unsolicited.

- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf. This process ensures contributions are received and used for intended purposes.

Refer questions, concerns, or inquiries regarding network security to Troy Wahr at 751-7370.

— Network Enterprise Center

Schools aim to increase test scores

By **KRIS GONZALEZ**
Fort Jackson Leader

While Fort Jackson elementary school students enjoyed a four-day weekend to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, their teachers remained busy in their classrooms.

Aside from preparing report cards and attending training workshops, teachers and staff laid out goals to update the schools' plan of action for improving math and reading levels among their students.

During a special meeting last week, teachers and staff from C.C. Pinckney Elementary School focused on adding "differentiated instruction" into their curricula, which incorporates lesson plans tailored to meet students' individual needs.

"We're making sure teachers are not being cookie cutters," said Randy James, sixth grade teacher and chairman of the school's Continuous School Improvement committee. "That they're not having every student do exactly the same thing."

Because elementary schools on military installations get students at such different levels, James said focusing on individual needs is a better way to help students progress.

"Whatever level we get the students, we try to move

them forward," he said.

With differentiated instruction, teachers can still expect their students to progress to a certain point, but they must allow for the students' difference to get them to that point, he said.

"A teacher's goal may be to have their students multiply (a certain set of numbers) by the end of year," he said. "How they get those students to do that may be different. Some may need manipulatives, some may need to draw a picture of it, while others may just know it off the top of their head because they've been practicing their (multiplication) tables.

"It's not so much that you're in the front of the room being the lecturer, but you're being more of a facilitator in the classroom," he said. "You're setting up centers where the kids can get together and do collaborative learning that will hopefully help them as they get older and move into the workplace."

The emphasis on implementing differentiated instruction comes in the wake of a recent school board meeting in which Superintendent Samantha Ingram gave an overview of assessment scores for the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

Sixty percent of Fort Jackson students in grades three

through six are at or above standards in reading, while less than half are at or above standards in math. Sixty percent of seventh and eighth graders are performing at or above standards in reading, while 65 percent are at or above standards in math.

Though she said the scores seem alarming, Ingram said she's confident that Fort Jackson teachers and administrators can assist students in raising those scores, so that 75 percent of all Fort Jackson students are at or above standards by the 2011-12 school year.

"We've already started implementing strategies to close the gap," Ingram said. "We feel assured that once we have time to get those strategies implemented, we'll start seeing results."

James said he wants to reassure parents that even though test scores are very useful for planning purposes, they are only one snapshot of how well a student, or school, is doing.

He said he realizes it may seem a daunting task, but reaching the district's goal of 75 percent is an achievable thing.

"We can do this," he said. "We are not so far behind our goal of where we went to get to. We know we're doing a good job, let's figure out how we can do a better job.

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Bubble fun



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Deanna Garcia, 12, left, and Samantha Pyatt, 13, make bubble bath as they participate in the EDGE! Do it Yourself Beauty class. The EDGE! programs are made possible by the Army Family Covenant, which aims to enhance quality of life for family members.

Hats galore



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Dea Wages, first grade teacher at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, helps her student Abigail Sawyer, 6, with a reading assignment Jan. 14. Pierce Terrace students and faculty wore their favorite hats to school to celebrate National Hat Day.

Veteran turned minister shares story

By **TERESA SANDERSON**
Leader correspondent

It is clear when looking at George Hill that the 23-year military veteran has a few stories to tell.

His choice of headgear — a black cap adorned with insignia and ribbons representing his service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam — tells a story all its own.

But one story Hill wanted to ensure was told is the story of a young man born to a sharecropper during the depression and raised during, time of racism and discrimination. The story of a man with strong religious upbringing and a love for his country that allowed him to succeed far beyond his childhood dreams. In other words — his story.

Hill's book, "How Far is Forward?," is a marvelous journey of one young man who did not let his circumstances hinder him.

Scenes in the story are so vivid and descriptive that one might feel as though he or she were living his pain, fear, anger and despair, and later, sharing his pride and joy

right along with him.

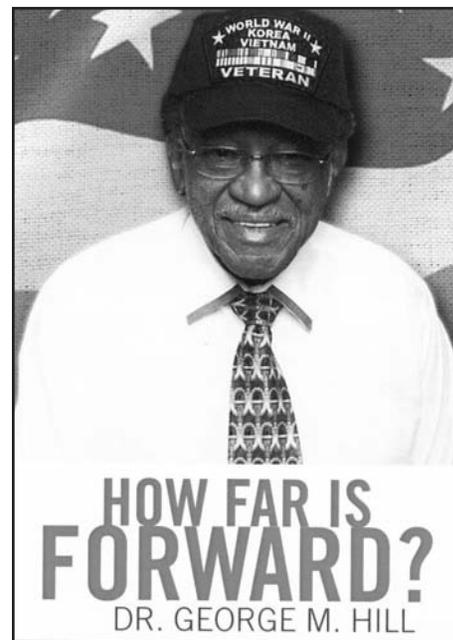
The lesson that resonates throughout the book is that in order to succeed, one must always be moving forward and making progress. He stresses how important it is to live in the present and not dwell on the past, and that hard work, determination and a great education are the key ingredients to a successful life.

Though the title of his book seems cryptic, its meaning is really quite simple, Hill said. It means that living in the past, and holding on to past experiences, is what prevents people from moving forward in their faith, happiness and, ultimately, their lives.

Hill's path from service member to author was a long one.

Wanting to better his life, Hill left his hometown of Laurens, S.C., in November 1943 to volunteer for the draft. He boarded a bus headed to Fort Jackson, where he was inducted as a steward's first mate in the Coast Guard. He served aboard the USS General H.L. Scott, where he helped transport troops during World War II.

After returning home, in January 1946



Courtesy photo

George Hill, shown here on the cover of his book, served in the military for 23 years.

and being discharged from the Coast Guard, he learned that a military uniform

and time served did not afford him any more privileges in the South than when he had left. Hill decided farming and civilian life was not to his liking and joined the Navy and he served until 1948. After leaving the Navy, he held several jobs and then decided to further his education.

During the Korean War, he decided to re-enlist. He was soon again headed to Fort Jackson, where he joined the Army. His time in the military — including his service in the Coast Guard, Navy and Army — totaled 23 years.

Hill earned an associate's degree in business and administrative management. He went on to earn his doctorate in ministry.

Hill is still serving the community as founder and president of Worthy is the Lamb Outreach Ministries in Columbia. The ministry provides church services at nursing homes and extended care residents, bible studies at correctional institutes, radio broadcasts for shut-ins and hospital and home visits.

Visit www.DrGeorgeHill.com for more information.

Saluting the cycle's Basic Combat Training honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt.
Mario Umel
Company A
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Jonathan David

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Analiz Gerena

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Cody Grabowski

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Jonathan David



Staff Sgt.
David Thomas
Company B
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Marialusa Dabu

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. David Reynolds

HIGH BRM

Pfc. Carl Holloway

HIGH APFT SCORE

Spc. Ahmad Albahili



Staff Sgt.
David Martinez
Company C
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Jose Stouffis

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Jonathan Hanington

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Kristopher Walker

HIGH APFT SCORE

Spc. Lucia Lopez



Staff Sgt.
Bryan Miles
Company D
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Cory Mills

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Courtney Kobal

HIGH BRM

Pfc. Brandon Olheiser

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Daehyung Kim



Staff Sgt.
Michael Ethridge
Company E
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Tyreece Smith

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Grant Taulbee

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Michael Howton

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Phillip Cadwell



Sgt. 1st Class
Wayne Mitchell
Company F
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Daniel Quinn

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Benjamin McKeag

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Justin Ruks

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Melissa Lucas

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Sgt. Gregory Bradley

TRAINING SUPPORT AWARD

Lewis Evans

SERVICE SUPPORT AWARD

Jason Rosenberg

DFAC SUPPORT AWARD

Barbara Johnson

FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD

Dnyva Floyd

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

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, 10-11:45 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, 5-6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members, 751-2160/2183.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Military Widows/Widowers Association

Sundays, 2 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor, 787-2469.

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club

Monthly meetings, visit www.fortjacksonspousesclub.com or e-mail Ft.JacksonSpousesclub@yahoo.com.

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.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
— Second and fourth Tuesday 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.

La Leche League breastfeeding support group

First Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, Room 8, 5615 Hood St., 751-5256/6325.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

First Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room, www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA/MC/home.htm.

American Legion Post 182

First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.

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.

Disabled American Veterans

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 482-4456.

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.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., 4405 Jackson Blvd., 751-1148.

American Red Cross

New adult volunteers orientation, second Wednesday of

the month, 9 a.m. to noon, 2179 Sumter Ave., 571-4329.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursdays 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, 751-1898.

Society of American Military Engineers

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

MEDPROS training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail Jaclynne.Smith@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.

Chrome Divas of Columbia

Second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 606-5402 or www.thebikerchicks.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.

Ladies Auxiliary

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

The Ladies Auxiliary Post 4262

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

SUBMISSIONS

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@conus.army.mil.

Calendar

Today

Retention Awards Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Officers' Club
Purchase tickets from the Installation Retention Office or brigade career counselors.

The Rocks Inc. meeting

5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room
Call 751-1898.

Friday

A.T. E.A.S.E. Survivor

6-8 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Child care available — reservations appreciated. RSVP by calling 708-2869 or 708-0656, or e-mail At.ease.jackson@gmail.com.

Tuesday

ACAP professional lecture

9-11:30 a.m., ACAP Center
The Army Career and Alumni Program has scheduled a "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" professional lecture for officers and senior enlisted noncommissioned officers who plan to leave service within five years. Call 751-6062/4109 for information.

Leadership Lecture

10 a.m., NCO Club
The 165th Infantry Brigade's "Millennial Generation" Leadership Lecture. Guest speaker is author and researcher Jean Twenge. Senior cadre, FRG advisers and DA civilians welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Guest speaker series

3 p.m., Fort Jackson Theater
Mandatory for company commanders, first sergeants and above.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 738-8275.

Today

Breakfast on the go

7:30 a.m., Chesnut and Imboden streets

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Neighborhood Huddle

5:30 p.m., Community Center

Thursday, Feb. 11

Neighborhood Huddle

10 a.m., Community Center

Friday, Feb. 12

Day at the Spa

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Center
RSVP. Limited to first 25 participants.

Announcements

COME SEE YOUR ARMY TOURS

The next "Come see your Army" tour is scheduled for Feb. 19. These monthly tours provide the community with an opportunity to attend a Basic Combat Training graduation; observe Soldiers in training; get hands-on experience with a state-of-the-art weapons simulator system; eat lunch at a military dining facility and shop for souvenirs. Call 751-1474/5327 to reserve a spot.

ISSUE SUBMISSION MONTH

Issues are now being collected for the 2010 Army Family Action Plan Conference. Issues must not affect only an individual, but also Soldiers, family members, retirees or civilian employees. Issues may pertain to any subject that affects military quality of life.

Submit an issue online at www.jackson.army.mil/wellbeing/survey.htm or complete a hard copy at the installation's designated ICE boxes. The issues will be discussed at the AFAP Conference, Feb. 3-4. Call 751-6315 or e-mail Veronica.Jacksonpatrick@us.army.mil.

ENGINEER BATTALION POSITIONS

The 1st Battalion, 108th Engineer Regiment, McWhorter Reserve Center, is recruiting qualified engineering Soldiers, E-5 through E-7 and O-2 through O-4. Call 738-7462 or e-mail Teresa.A.Spann@usar.army.mil for information.

AAFES SWEEPSTAKES

AAFES customers will have the opportunity this month to win a trip for two for the 45th Annual ACM Awards in Las Vegas. Ten other winners will receive a custom acoustic vintage guitar, valued at approximately \$200. Entries will be accepted through today. The drawing is scheduled for early March.

RED CROSS RELOCATION

The American Red Cross has relocated to 2464 Anderson St., Tower 4, third floor. The building is located behind the Shoppette on Marion Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAIL HANDLERS COURSE

The Mail Handlers Course is scheduled for Tuesday and Feb. 10 at the Fort Jackson Education Center, Room B206. The Mail Orderly Course is scheduled from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and the Mail Clerk Course is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Advance enrollment is necessary. Call 751-5335 for information.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop hours of operation are

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Consignments are accepted 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each of those days. Bookkeeping hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM

Operation Tribute to Freedom is an outreach program designed to work in conjunction with public affairs offices to honor Soldiers who have or are currently serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom through media, speaking and event opportunities. Call 751-5327 for information.

WEAPONS REGISTRATION OFFICE

The Weapons Registration Office has moved to Room 226, Strom Thurmond Building. Office hours are: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 751-6929/5887/5856 for information.

ID CARD SECTION CLOSURE

All ID Card sections in the Directorate of Human Resources will be closed Jan. 28 for mandatory training. Alternate locations have been established to assist customers: Navy Reserve Center, 2620 Lee Rd., 751-9250/9251/9253; Shaw Air Force Base, 504 Shaw Drive, Sumter, S.C., 895-1596/1598; National Guard Center, 1 National Guard Rd., 806-2078.

MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at <http://www.commissaries.com> or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Unmarried dependent children younger than 21 (or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retirees are eligible. Applications are due Feb. 17. One scholarship per store will be awarded.

This year's essay topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?"

LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community submissions to the *Leader* should be typed and no more than 45 words.

☐ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the Feb. 4 *Leader* must be submitted by Jan. 28.

☐ Stories are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the Feb. 4 *Leader* must be submitted by today.

DISNEY VACATIONS

Through July 31, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may purchase up to six special four-day promotional tickets to the Shades of Green Resort for \$99 each. Visit www.shadesofgreen.org for more information.

Off-post events

RCPL LUNCH & LISTEN

The Richland County Public Library's Lunch & Listen is scheduled for 12:30-1:30 p.m., today, at the Main Library. Columbia-based singer/songwriter Victoria White will perform.

ASHEVILLE AMBLERS WALKERS

The Asheville Amblers walking club from North Carolina is hosting a 5/10K Historic Capital City Walk, 11 a.m., Sunday. The walk will begin at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St. The free walk will take participants on a historic tour of Columbia. Visit www.ava.org.

RECRUITMILITARY EXPO

A free employment, entrepreneurship expo for veterans, transitioning active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, is scheduled for Jan. 28 at the Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, N.C. To register, visit <http://www.recruitmilitary.com>.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS

The Richland County Public Library is offering a variety of free events throughout the month of February. The first event, "An Overview of African-American Music: Sing, Children Sing," is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 2, in the Bostick Auditorium of the Main Library. Call 799-9084.

PALMETTO PAINTERS

The Palmetto Painters are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m., Feb. 13, at Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Road, West Columbia. The program will cover Easter bunnies and Easter eggs in acrylics on a faux finish background. Call 781-2340 or visit www.PalmettoPainters.com.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

An Aaron Tippin concert is scheduled for 6 p.m., Feb. 12, at the Citadel's McAlister Field House, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston. Free tickets are available for veterans. Call 843-789-7095 or visit www.Charleston.va.gov.

ADVERTISE IN THE LEADER

Fax to 432-7609 or e-mail your classified to: The Fort Jackson Leader, P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C., 29020. For display advertising call Kathy at 786-5681.

Parks team keeps post landscaping beautiful

It may be the dead of winter, but Angie Russ, garden supervisor, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, along with her crew of seven, has stayed busy keeping the trails, parks and recreation areas on Fort Jackson beautiful.

On a bitter cold and windy January morning, Russ was out checking her fruit trees.

"See, that pear tree?" she asked, pointing to a young sapling along the Green Zone Trail adjacent to the Scales Avenue Child Development Center. "When it matures it will bear fruit. You can take a walk along the trail and pick a pear and eat it."

Russ said that she does natural landscaping along the 5 miles of trail for which she and her crew are responsible. Every morning, a member of the team checks the trail for overgrowth, water, debris and — on very cold mornings, ice — to help maintain the beauty of trail and ensure it is safe.

Next, Russ traveled to the Solomon Center to check on the cherry trees that are part of the hardscaping along the Strom Thurmond Boulevard side of the building. Next, she went over to the playground area in front of the Solomon Center where she proudly pointed out the Leland Cypress.

"I have one guy on my crew who is a true artist," she said. "He trimmed those."

Russ said she chooses her plantings on what will grow best in the acidic soil around Fort Jackson. Her motto? "The right plant for the right place."

Russ pointed out blueberry bushes that are in their third year of growth. In the spring and summer, visitors pick the berries and enjoy them and that is a big part of the joy Russ gets from her job.

"Being able to beautify the post for the pleasure of our troops and all who work and visit here is the best part of my job," Russ said.

As a landscaper, Russ has been making the world around her more beautiful for more than 22 years. She has been with FMWR for seven years, starting in Lodging. During her tenure at Lodging, she often saw other areas around FMWR and envision all the things she could do to make it better.

"When I got this job, I was finally able to do all the things I had been thinking about," she said.

"This is my dream job. We are able to take a plan from the drawing board and implement it into something everyone can enjoy, pending budgets and approvals of course. I love my job because I'm able to help beautify God's land-

Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation



Photo by THERESA O'HAGAN, FMWR

Angie Russ inspects one of the rose bushes she and her team work to maintain.

scape and bring an inner peace to people."

Recently, Russ and her crew earned the "Behind the Scenes Award" from the Armed Forces Recreation Society. "This award was a true honor for me," Russ said. "To be able to win nationally from the Armed Forces Recreation Society is truly a blessing."

Russ is also proud of her crew members and their dedication.

"I have a great crew and without them our parks would not be what they are today," she said. "They are as dedicated as I am to building and enhancing each area and keeping the grounds clean. They each bring their own styles and recommendations to the job and together there's not a task we can't do."

Editor's note: Angie Russ and her team are just a few of the FMWR employees who are Keeping the Promise of the Army Family Covenant on Fort Jackson and showing their commitment to Soldiers and their families every day.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- Magruders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- Victory Bingo, 2-11 p.m.
- Sleepy story time, 6:30-7 p.m., post library. Come in your PJs and go home ready for bed.
- Hit the trail with the EDGE! Biking 101, 4-6 p.m., Youth Services Center.

FRIDAY

- Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- Get Brown around the EDGE! with baking classes, 5-6:30 p.m. Open to 11-18 year olds. Free for middle school students and teens.
- Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magruders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruders Club is located in the back of Magruders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SATURDAY

- Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- Victory Bingo, starts at 4 p.m.
- Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- Learn fly fishing, 1-3 p.m., Marion Street Station.

SUNDAY

- Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Officers' Club. Coat and tie are no longer required. T-shirts, running attire and flip flops are not permitted. Call 751-4906/782-8761 for reservations.
- Victory Bingo, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Victory Bingo is closed.
- Hit the trail with the EDGE! Biking 101, 4-6 p.m., Youth Services Center.
- The EDGE! DiY Beauty, 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 11-18. Free for middle school students and teens.

WEDNESDAY

- Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Mongolian BBQ buffet.
- Get your party on at the NCO Club, 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.
- Learn more about nutrition. Join the discussion, 4-6 p.m., Post Library.
- Karaoke night with Tom Marable, Magruder's Pub. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.

For a complete calendar of FMWR events, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com.

ONGOING OFFERS

- The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is open to everyone.
- The NCO Club breakfast is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- Child, Youth and School Services provides free child care and youth programming on Saturday for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements and parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during battle training assembly. Child and youth programming is available to other parents at an hourly or daily rate.

Are you paying attention?

- It is estimated that driver distraction accounts for *1.6 million accidents a year - about a quarter of the annual U.S. toll.*
- At any given moment of the day, 500,000 drivers of passenger vehicles are using a handheld cell phone.*
- That adds up to a lot of miles traveled by people who do not give their full attention to driving.
- Texting or looking away from the road could cost you your life.

MACH schedules blood donor drive

By **KENNETH COBB**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Department of Preventive Medicine, Army Public Health Nursing, is sponsoring a blood donor drive Monday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Solomon Center in support of National Blood Donor Month.

Blood is traditionally in short supply during the winter months because of the holidays, travel schedules, inclement weather and illness. January, in particular, is a difficult month for blood centers to collect blood donations. A reduction in turnout can put our nation's blood inventory at a critically low level.

Every day in America, approximately 39,000 units of blood are required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients and to help save the lives of accident victims. Plus, there is a need for blood for our wounded warriors.

From one unit of blood, red blood cells can be extracted for use in trauma or surgical patients. Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is administered to patients with clotting problems. The third component of blood (platelets), clot the blood when cuts or other open wounds occur, and are often

used in cancer and transplant patients.

In a recent study supported by the National Blood Foundation, more than 5,000 individuals who were current blood donors at the time or who had given blood in the past were asked why they donate blood.

Nearly three-quarters of the respondents said that they give blood to help others. Respondents also said that giving blood makes them feel good about themselves; supports their local communities and hospitals; supports their community culture and "pays back" society members for the times when they or their families have needed blood transfusions in the past.

In general, to donate blood you should:

- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be at least 17 years old
- Have been feeling well for at least three days
- Be well hydrated
- Have eaten something before donating

The blood from Monday's drive will be collected by the Armed Services Blood Program from Fort Bragg, N.C., which plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families.

For more information, contact Army Public Health Nursing at 751-5251.

MACH updates

NUTRITION CLINIC

The following classes will be offered this month:

— Cholesterol and high blood pressure class: Today, 2-3 p.m., Room 8-85

— Army Weigh to Stay Class: Monday, 2-4 p.m., Room 8-85

To register, call 751-2115/2363 or 751-CARE (2273).

NO-SHOWS / CANCELLATIONS

Every no-show appointment results in a loss of resources and prevents other patients from gaining access to medical care. To cancel an appointment after duty hours, call 751-2904. From 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 751-CARE (2273) to cancel an appointment.

OUT-PROCESSING POLICY

Soldiers must now clear the Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services and Behavioral Health prior to leaving the installation. The Soldiers' out-processing will include a review of medical records and provide an opportunity for the Soldier to receive care or information at his or her gaining installation. Out-processing hours are 8-11 a.m., Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, at MACH, Room 7-90. Call 751-2235.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The MACH Orthopedic Clinic is currently scheduling only active-duty Soldiers for follow-up appointments. If you need assistance obtaining orthopedic care, call the referral center at 751-2363.

MEDDAC honorees



SMITH



RODRIGUEZ

After one week of competition, Fort Jackson MEDDAC named its NCO and Soldier of the Year. The NCO of the Year is Staff Sgt. Royce Smith. The Soldier of the Year is Spc. Hermin Rodriguez.

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God's plumb line creates solid structure

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) GLENN PALMER**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

"This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand." (Amos 7:7)

Back in college, when I was 20-something, I used to watch the TV show "Thirty Something." I remember that in one episode, a group of men — all friends, all married — got together one evening at a local hotel for a guys night out.

One of the men found himself attracted to one of the

hotel managers, an attractive lady with whom he had made the arrangements for food and music. She is also attracted to him. As the evening winds down, they linger near each other, not knowing what to say but sensing that there is a connection that they don't want to break off.

They make some small talk about cleaning the room and settling the bill. Then the moment came for them to part. The woman asked, "Would you like to get together again some time?"

In the scene, the man fingered his wedding ring and then had the courage to do the right thing. "I'm married and I should have made that clearer," he said. "I'm going home to my wife."

A wedding ring. A plumb line. Both are symbols and standards that guide and support and gird the structure and foundation of our lives before God and others. God speaks of the plumb line as an instrument to judge and measure how strong and straight and flush the plumb lines of our lives are.

I encourage you to let God be your plumb line in all you say and do. Love him and his ways with all your heart and mind and soul and strength and then others just as much. Be a person of integrity and goodness who keeps promises and allows God to support and guide and gird the structure of who you are. Anything else will simply lead to collapse. That is something for which you can be truly thankful.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
 - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater
 - 9:30 a.m. Solomon Center (Hispanic)
 - 9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
 - 10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
 - 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Prayer Service Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week prayer/Bible study Magruder Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Magruder Chapel)
- Thursday
 - 9:30 a.m.-noon Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
 - 6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
 - 7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall))

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Magruder Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday
 - 5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Thursday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
 - 8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
 - 12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH

- Sunday
 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
 - 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
 - 9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief



to Fort Jackson, complete and submit to their unit commander, the registration form. ...Registration forms must be updated each year. The unit commander will forward a copy of the form to the Provost Marshal.

The supplement also states that civilians employed on the installation through civil service, Directorate of Contracting or an MCA project through the Corps of Engineers who desire to bring a weapon on post must register the weapon(s) at the Provost Marshal Office.

Those not employed or associated with any activity on the installation must register any weapon(s) with the Provost Marshal Office before bringing them on post.

Personnel who enter the reservation for authorized hunting, skeet shooting or practice firing will be issued temporary registration. This temporary registration does not permit possession of the firearm on Fort Jackson for any other purpose.

Those in violation of the policy may be ticketed and have their weapons confiscated.

CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A Soldier was charged with drunken driving and had his driver's license suspended after failing a sobriety test, Military Police said. The Soldier was at Gate 2 when security officers smelled alcohol on his breath, MPs said. The Soldier was then administered a sobriety test. His blood alcohol level was 0.2 percent, MPs said.

□ A civilian received three tickets after crashing his car into a wooden fence on Semmes Road, MPs said. The civilian's car suffered extensive damage and had to be towed off the installation. The fence was also damaged. The civilian was ticketed for failing to exercise caution, illegal use of a radar detector and inattentive driving.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Anyone who desires to bring a firearm on the installation, even for a short or one-time period, must register that weapon with the Provost Marshal's Office.

Fort Jackson Supplement 1 to Army Regulation 190-11 states in part: All military personnel reporting to the installation will, within five working days of reporting

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The Fourth Sign of Terrorism

4 Acquiring Supplies

This may be a case where someone is purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons or ammunition. It could be the unusual purchasing or storing of fertilizer or harmful chemicals. Terrorists would also find it useful to acquire law enforcement equipment and identification, military uniforms and decals.

LEADER CLASSIFIEDS

□ Fax classified ads to 432-6157 or mail to: *The Fort Jackson Leader*, P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C., 29020. Classified ads can also be e-mailed to: skaress@ci-camden.com.

New shooting range hits the mark

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

People looking to sharpen their weapons skills or just have some fun now have a new shooting range available to them at Fort Jackson.

Actually, it's not a new range. It's Aachen Range on Golden Arrow Road.

But Aachen Range, used for military marksmanship training during the week, is now open to all ID card holders every Saturday.

Daniel Cain, director of outdoor recreation for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said the FMWR shooting range was moved from Andrew Jackson Rifle Range to Aachen Range in December.

"This is a lot nicer range for shooting," Cain said of Aachen Range.

Aachen Range has 28 shooting lanes that extend 200 meters. It can be used for both rifle and handgun shooting.

It costs \$2 for ID card holders and \$4 for guests.

Weapons have to be registered with the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Those who use the range periodically may apply for a temporary registration. The temporary registration is for one-time-only use and a new registration is required each time the weapon is brought on post.



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Brian Fraley, a retired Army officer, fires a handgun at Aachen Range on Saturday afternoon. Fraley, an avid gun enthusiast, says he practices his marksmanship skills at the range every Saturday.

Cain said a host of improvements are planned for Aachen Range, including the addition of a skeet and trap shooting range, which should be complete by the end of the year. Cain said he would also like to see the addition of a dedicated pistol range.

"We also want to start offering classes for our patrons," Cain said. Those classes would include courses on hunting, self defense and concealed weapon permit classes. Several FMWR employees are National Rifle Association trained instructors.

Cain said marksmanship is a great recreational activity, whether you are a hunter or sport shooter.

"Not as many people hunt as they used to," Cain said. "But shooting is one of the great leisure pastimes that we have available to us."

Cain said the range also gets a lot of use from Soldiers wanting to get in some extra practice with a firearm.

"If you know you're going to be deployed, this is a good way to get extra training," he said. "I want this to be a serious shooting program. Shooting is the keystone of being a Soldier."

Brian Fraley, a retired Army officer, was one of several people out at Aachen Range on a recent Saturday firing several of his large collection of handguns. Fraley describes himself as a serious gun enthusiast.

"I like to be good at shooting," he said. "I work hard at it."

But Fraley said coming out to Aachen Range offers more benefits than just the opportunity to hone his marksmanship skills.

"I just like to come out and hang with the rest of the guys," he said. "I can stay out here six or seven hours at a time, especially on a nice day."

For information, call 751-3484. See Page 22 for more on registering weapons.

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