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Marking time

Sign marks state's first integrated school

By KRIS GONZALEZ
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Fort Jackson will be recognized for one of its leading roles in desegregation when a historical marker is unveiled in front of the first integrated elementary school in South Carolina.

The marker will be unveiled during a ceremony at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Annex. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be at the Solomon Center.

The annex, originally called the Fort Jackson Elementary School, and later named the

Hood Street Elementary School, was built in 1963. When it opened its doors Sept. 3, 1963, it was the first elementary school in the state to offer classes to both white and black students.

The school opened with nine teachers, including one black teacher and one Hispanic teacher, and 245 students in first through sixth grades.

Samantha Ingram, district superintendent, will serve as guest speaker for the event.

"It was a neat little school," said Thelma Gibson, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's current principal. "I look back at working at Hood Street as one of my most valuable ex-

periences."

Gibson served as Hood Street Elementary School's principal from 2000 until it closed in 2007.

During her tenure, the school was only open to second- and third-grade students. Students in the other grades already had been moved to Pinckney.

"It was great because the educators could really focus on the children in smaller groups," Gibson said.

"Because the school was so small, it seemed more like a family," said Lauren Gas-

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Southern snow



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Mikaila Childs, 7, makes a snow angel Friday at the playground in the housing area. Last weekend's snowfall brought 8.6 inches of accumulation to the Columbia area. For more on the snow, see Page 9.

Stories of perseverance set example

Unless you are a New Orleans Saints fan, like me, or find yourself reading this copy of the *Leader* in the foyer of a Bourbon Street hotel, this year's Super Bowl is already archived in your sports memories, somewhere in a file marked, "happy beginnings."

I bring this up today because I ran across a couple of other news items that you might want to store in that mental docket as well.

Very recently, the Pentagon Channel featured a sports interview with Rocky Bleier, who was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Richard Thomas and retired Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple. The three were joined to raise awareness of the dangers of traumatic brain injuries and mental-health issues affecting NFL players and service members.

In case you are too young to know or too old to remember, Bleier is a retired NFL player — a running back and key contributor with the Pittsburgh Steelers when they were winning championships left and right in the 1970s. Bleier is also a former Soldier who nearly had a leg blown off from both grenade fragments and rifle fire when his platoon was ambushed in Vietnam.

The ambush happened a few years before Bleier was fitted for the first of his four Super Bowl rings. In the time following his brush with death, Bleier began an arduous climb, hoping to regain the pro football form of his rookie season. That was the same year he was drafted

**BRIG. GEN.
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into the Army.

Bleier's story is one of tenacity, unyielding faith and true grit. In fact, the story is so incredible that Hollywood made a movie about it, and the story remains inspirational to this day. It transcends sports and offers hope to a lot of Americans, and Soldiers in particular who are fighting back from physical injuries.

Along that same theme, another news story caught my attention recently as well. The article was about a young officer who took command of a company at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Some of words used to describe the young captain would be "mountain climber, skier, surfer, and Airborne Ranger." Another word would be "blind."

The captain lost his eyesight during a 2005 deployment to Iraq. He is the Army's first blind company com-

mander, leading the Warrior Transition Unit there. He was also a member of Fort Jackson's Student Detachment while pursuing his master's degree at Duke University.

The point is that there is a plethora of stories that personify the toughness of the American spirit and our kinetic capability to bounce back against tremendous adversity despite the long odds against that happening.

All of which takes me back to where I started, New Orleans, the marquee city, in a state that will always have a special place in my heart. I think about the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, a storm of the century that pummeled a city and left its survivors paralyzed. I think about an NFL franchise that was for the better part of its 44-year existence referred to as the "Ain'ts" rather than the Saints.

No one could have predicted that the city would bask in its resurrection as a champion. No one could have foreseen this — other than perhaps the people who made it happen, those same people who never their lost faith and never stopped fighting back.

New Orleans believed in itself. And the proof lies in the engraving on the 2009 Lombardi Trophy. These are just a few stories for thought, tales that stoke that inner flame that burns in all of us to keep the faith and emerge stronger from a catastrophe.

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Ask the garrison commander about: Determining AWOL status

Who is responsible for determining if a Soldier is Absent Without Leave, or AWOL?

In accordance with Army Regulation 630-10, Absence Without Leave Desertion and Administration for Personnel Involved in Civilian Court Proceedings, the unit commander is responsible for prompt and accurate determination of whether a Soldier's absence is authorized or unauthorized and if such an absence should be chargeable as time lost to be made good. When a determination is made that a Soldier has entered into an unauthorized absence status, the unit commander will take action to have DA Form 4187 prepared and the duty status submitted into Electronic Military Personnel Office, or eMilpo.

What is the Distinguished Service Medal?

The Distinguished Service Medal, section 3743, title 10, United States Code (10 USC 3743), was established by an Act of Congress on July 9, 1918. The DSM is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.

**COL.
LILLIAN A. DIXON**
*Fort Jackson
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FACT OF THE WEEK

With the 2010 tax season well under way, Fort Jackson Soldiers, family members and retirees still have the opportunity for free tax services. Patrons may need to take the following documents: an unlaminated Social Security card; W-2 (s) and 1098 forms; a blank check with routing number; last year's tax returns; investment dividend forms; interest statements; property tax and interest paid on homes and mortgage statements.

The Fort Jackson Tax Assistance Office is located at 4203 Sumter Ave., near the intersection of Sumter and Gregg streets. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 751-5829 (JTAX).

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Workshops offer special needs help

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

Before moving here, Maritza McCormick heard that Fort Jackson was the optimal duty station for families with special needs.

But since arriving in August, McCormick said she has found it difficult to get the same kind of care for her son that he had received at other installations.

Her son, Malachi, 8, is autistic. At his last school at Fort Bragg, he was given an Individual Education Plan prescribing the services he needs to be successful at school.

Now that he attends school here, McCormick said she and Malachi's teachers are limited by policies and a lack of resources to accommodate his unique needs. McCormick also said she's not fully aware of what programs are available beyond the classroom to help Malachi reach his highest academic potential.

To assist families like the McCormicks, the Fort Jackson School Board, partnered with the Department of Defense Education Activity and Pro-Parent of South Carolina, will host two educational workshops for parents, caregivers and educators of special needs children next week.

The first workshop will focus on DoDEA-specific spe-

cial needs training from 12:15- 2:30 p.m., Feb. 24, at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Auditorium.

A second workshop will explain rights, roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and is scheduled for March. The workshops are an outgrowth of meetings between administrators and a newly formed parents' group focused on improving special education services at Fort Jackson.

"We determined that providing educational opportunities to our community would help establish a better framework to advocate for children with special needs," said Josh Harms, school board member and head of the special needs subcommittee.

Subcommittee member Austin Davis said he faced hardships similar to those of the McCormicks with his own child.

"When I came here as a special needs parent, I was unaware of the laws and regulations regarding special needs," Davis said. "Like a lot of people, I didn't know where to go or whom to talk to just to start the process."

Harms said he is finding that many parents here are not being given the proper guidance for starting the process of an IEP or a 504 plan.

"The parents are sent on a wild goose chase, and everywhere they are sent they are told to go somewhere else,"

Harms said.

"Special needs parents are already going through a lot for their child," Davis said. "When they come up against something like this, it makes it worse for them."

The workshops will serve as a forum for parents to find out what they have to do and who they need to see to help them reach their goals for their children, Harms said.

Some issues to be discussed at the workshops include: how to get evaluations for IEPs or 504 plans; making sure IEPs are filled out properly; special education policies and regulations on post and within DoDEA; federal mandates, availability of resources and programs on and off post; and the need for acquiring qualified staff, such as psychologists, and occupational and physical therapists.

The subcommittee members said they are hoping many parents will attend.

"We need parents to share their experiences, both negative and positive," said Holly King, board president. "Nothing will get better if parents don't become part of the solution."

"If the focus is going to be on issues that effect one of my kids, I'm going to be there," McCormick said.

For more information call 751-6150.

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EEO award



Photo by NICHOLE RILEY, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general, presents Jacquelyne Mayhue, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, with the Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor of the Year award Feb. 10 in the Post Conference Room. Visit www.jackson.army.mil for more.

New 'do



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Janessa Blue, 4, gets a free haircut from Meg Rondeau during Balfour Beatty Community's "Day at the Spa" event Friday at the Community Center. In addition to receiving free haircuts, housing residents had the chance to try on different kinds of makeup.

Post led state in desegregation

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soway, a Hood Street Elementary School student in the late '90s. "Everybody knew everybody."

Prior to the school's opening, children of Soldiers stationed at Fort Jackson were bused to Columbia area schools, still segregated based on the doctrine of "separate but equal."

As far back as 1895, the South Carolina constitution had mandated segregation in schools. Article 2, Section 7, read: "Separate schools shall be provided for children of white and colored races, and no child of either race shall ever be permitted to attend a school provided for children of the other race."

It wasn't until the 1954 decision in the

case of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* that segregation was deemed unconstitutional based on the ruling that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

In 1953, a Secretary of Defense announcement had already mandated that all DoD schools on military installations be integrated no later than Sept. 1, 1955.

Ten months after the Fort Jackson Elementary School finally came to be, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was enacted, outlawing segregation in schools and all other public facilities.

For more information about the historical marker unveiling ceremony, call 751-1672.

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Leader file photo

Fort Jackson Elementary School, later renamed Hood Street Elementary, opened in 1963. It was the first desegregated school in South Carolina.

Credit-card rules to change

By **STEPHANIE THERRELL**
Army Community Services

Credit-card owners have some big changes coming their way.

Credit-card issuers are very aware that the new law, which takes effect Monday, may impact their earnings. In November, many consumers received notices from creditors informing them of changes to the terms of their credit card contracts. Creditors sent these notices to exercise their limited opportunity to raise the customers' interest rates and/or fees associated with credit cards.

Within the last few months, some consumers may have noticed an increase in mail they have received from their credit-card companies. Credit-card issuers have to give consumers 45 days to decide if they want to accept their proposed higher interest rate and/or fees.

Each of these notices also gives the consumer the right to reject the new terms within a certain timeframe, which should be indicated in the notice. Those who choose to reject the changes will have the account closed, and any balance will be paid off according to the old terms. This option, however, means the card can no longer be used.

The new law also requires credit-card companies to indicate on each monthly statement how long it would take to pay off the balance by only paying the minimum amount due. The new statements are also required to show consumers how to pay off the balance more quickly by increasing payment amounts. In addition, the statement will also show consumers how much can be saved in interest charges.

Other advantages for the consumer include a cap on fees credit-card companies can charge. Any fees charged by the credit-card company, including the annual fee, cannot equal more than 25 percent of the initial credit limit.

Currently, credit-card companies may process charges even if that means it would put the consumer over his or her credit limit. If this occurs, then the card issuer can charge an over-the-limit fee.

The new regulation allows the consumer to indicate

whether he or she prefers the credit-card company to allow those transactions and then be charged the fee or to decline the charge.

Perhaps the biggest advantage for consumers is the portion of the new rule that dictates how the payments must be applied to the credit-card account.

In the past, most credit-card lenders would apply a predetermined portion of the payment to the interest owed and anything left would go toward the actual balance. In many cases, this practice resulted in the consumer never actually seeing his or her balance decrease.

According to the new regulation, any payment that exceeds the minimum required will be applied to the balance with the highest interest rate.

Finally, it will be more difficult for younger consumers to obtain credit cards. Credit-card companies will no longer be able to roam college campuses with free T-shirts or coffee mugs to give away just for applying for their card. If a consumer is younger than 21, he or she can only be issued a credit card if: 1) The consumer can show he or she can make payments or 2) with a co-signer.

If a person younger than 21 is issued a card with a co-signer, he or she can only request a limit increase if the co-signer agrees to it. This particular portion of the new rule was actually implemented to protect younger consumers from amassing large amounts of credit-card debt before they are in a position to make their payments.

This is not a complete account of all of the new changes, but is intended to be an overview of some of the more important things every consumer needs to know before the new rules go into effect. For specific information, consumers should contact their credit-card companies.

Visit the Federal Reserve System Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/wyntk/credit-cardrules.htm> for complete set of new rules. For any other information related to credit, contact an Army Community Services financial counselor at 751-5256.

Editor's note: Information from this article was gathered from www.federalreserve.gov.

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MERIT SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

Personnel management is based on and embodies the merit system principles.

The merit system principles are the public's expectations of a system that is efficient, effective, fair, open to all, free from political interference and staffed by honest, competent and dedicated employees.

As DA experiences continue to change in the management of human resources (centralization, deregulation, delegation, etc.), it becomes increasingly important that line supervisors and managers incorporate the merit system principles into every decision process they use.

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Enlisted Reservists receive scholarships

By **CAPT. CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**
208th Reserve Support Group

A few Army Reserve Soldiers went home from this month's Battle Assembly with heavier pockets. Five Soldiers with the 208th Reserve Support Group received \$500 scholarships from the Army Reserve Association and USAA Enlisted Army Scholarship Program.

Sgt. Maj. Paul Klikas, with the Cary, N.C.-based 535th Military Police Battalion, said the scholarships are an amazing opportunity for the Soldiers.

"Anytime that we can have our great Soldiers recognized and get free money, it's a worthwhile endeavor," Klikas said. Group Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Hatchell worked with Klikas and company first sergeants located throughout the Southeast region to recommend eligible Soldiers for the scholarship program.

The ARA began the Enlisted Scholarship Program in 2000 and has awarded 50 scholarships each year to Reservists and their dependents. The 208th's scholarship recipients are pursuing degrees at five different universities but they all share the commonality of being enlisted members of the Army Reserve striving to achieve their aca-

ademic goals.

Spc. Zack Arguilez who entered the Army two years ago and is assigned to the 805th Military Police Battalion, is one of those awarded. His mother, Debbie Drew, and his younger brother were excited to join him for the award ceremony.

"Zack is so capable and driven. He always has been. I think it's wonderful that they have scholarships like these for him," his mother said. Arguilez plans on completing a degree in business and becoming an Army officer.

Sgt. Adam Keene, with the 535th, also received a scholarship. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fishery at North Carolina State University but wants to transfer to the active component Army and become an aviator one day. He says the scholarship will aid in purchasing books for his expensive degree program. "Last semester, one book was \$235. This will definitely help out," Keene said.

The other 208th RSG scholarship recipients are: Staff Sgt. Antonette James, Sgt. Latashia Raymond and Spc. Brian Geiger. Army Reserve Association and USAA Enlisted Scholarships are available each year for reservists and their family members.

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

☐ **Balfour Beatty Communities offices have moved to the new Community Center at 520 Brown Ave. The phone number remains the same, 738-8275. The Community Center features an Internet cafe, game/meeting room, cardio room, full kitchen, boundless playground, volleyball pit and soccer field. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can reserve**

the community center for functions on a first come, first served basis.

☐ **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.**

☐ **On-post housing is now open to retirees and DoD**

civilians. For more information, call 738-8275.

☐ **LifeWork events are free and open to all residents. To register, or for more information, e-mail cowilliams@bbc-grp.com or call 738-8275. Join the LifeWorks e-mail list and stay informed. Stop by the management office for a calendar of events. Visit www.ft-jacksonfamilyhousing.com.**

☐ **Volunteers are needed to serve as mayors and vice mayors in the housing community. For more information, call Vickie Grier at 751-7567.**

News and notes

OPERATION GRADUATION

Fort Jackson's Partnerships in Education will offer live webcasts of high school graduations or pre-recorded messages from deployed Soldiers. Webcast and pre-recorded message requests are due Feb. 26. Call 751-6150 for information.

STUDENT ARTWORK SOUGHT

Children of military personnel are eligible to submit artwork, film or writing samples to the Military Child Education Coalition for exhibition in the 2010 MCEC Annual Conference. All submissions must be postmarked by Feb. 26. For more information, call (254) 953-1923 or visit www.militarychild.org/child-student/arts.

THRIFT SHOP GIVES BACK

The Thrift Shop recently announced that it provided \$3,500 in funds to the Red Cross, C.C. Pinckney PAC and the Pinckney PatriArts program. The Thrift Shop also provided on-post families with shop vouchers. Requests for welfare donations may be submitted at any time and will be handled as received. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STREET CLOSURE

A portion of Imboden Street (from Mills Road to Faison Court) will close Monday to accommodate new construction. The street will be closed for approximately 30 days. Call 790-7913 for information.

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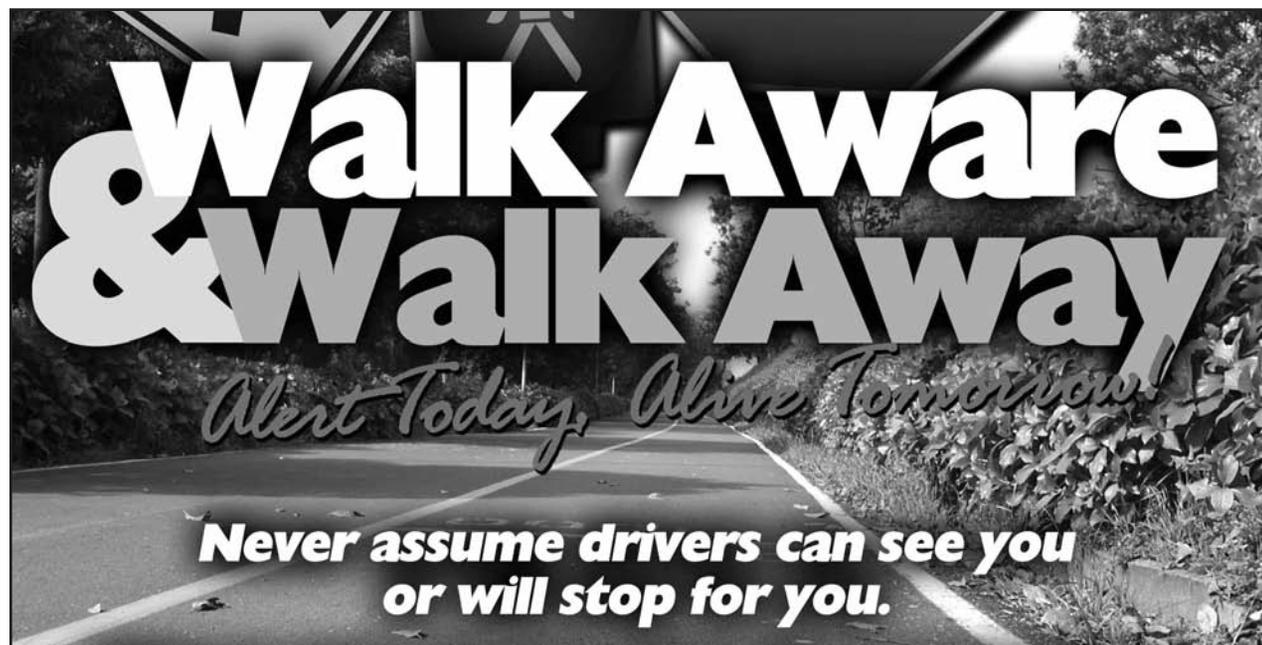
Moncrief Army Community Hospital now has a Facebook page. Search for the hospital (using the complete name) and become a fan. MACH is also on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/machcsd.



Feb. 19 — 6 p.m.	Avatar	PG-13	161 min.
Feb. 20 — 5 p.m.	Daybreakers	R	98 min.
Feb. 21 — 6 p.m.	Avatar	PG-13	161 min.
Feb. 26 — 6 p.m.	The Book of Eli	R	118 min.
Feb. 27 — 2 p.m.	The Spy Next Door	PG	94 min.
Feb. 27 — 6 p.m.	Nine	PG-13	118 min.
Feb. 28 — 4 p.m.	The Book of Eli	R	118 min.
March 4 — 2 p.m.	The Spy Next Door	PG	94 min.

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Retired NCO now a 'Kentucky Colonel'

By **TERESA SANDERSON**
Leader correspondent

At 82, retired Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Moore received some well-deserved recognition for his 29 years of faithful and loyal service to the Army.

Recently, Kentucky Gov. Steven L. Beshear bestowed Moore with the title of Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Members of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels serve as ambassadors of good will and fellowship.

Becoming a member of the order is only possible by recommendation of a sitting governor. Moore's remarkable career makes it easy to see why his niece, Betty Arthur, felt he deserved such an honor and contacted her local congressman. State Rep. Charlie Hoffman, of the 62nd Legislative District in Kentucky, submitted the nomination to the governor. The award was based on Moore's character, leadership, dedication and his military career.

Though Moore now calls Lexington, S.C. home, he was born and raised in Hylton, Ky.

Wanting to leave coal-mining country and serve his country, Moore enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 and later joined the regular Army. In 1945, Moore joined his three brothers who were already fighting in Germany. On Feb. 26, 1945 his brother, Arlin Moore, was killed in action fighting in Aachen. Determined to continue his service,

Moore joined the constabulary in Germany, where he patrolled the borders in search of the enemy. His career included time with the 1st Infantry in Bamberg, Germany, 26th Infantry Regiment — Blue Spaders, 4th Infantry Division, 38th Recon Company and 535th Float Engineer Company. In 1956, he was discharged from the Army. He re-enlisted in 1957 in order to return to Germany.

In 1958, he joined the 33rd Armored Heavy Tank Battalion where he crossed paths with Elvis Presley. The two yelled back and forth to each other as they sat atop their armored vehicles. After Germany, Moore transferred to Fort Jackson. One of his most important assignments took him to Thailand, and then, to Vietnam where he worked with the 48th Transportation Group. The unit was tasked with supporting the infantry during combat. When he returned from Vietnam, Moore trained at Fort Belvoir, Va. in the Combat Development Command, which prepared him to serve with the 525th Military Intelligence during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. After serving in combat, Moore returned to Thailand, and then to Fort Jackson, where he served in the 1st Basic Training Regiment until his retirement in 1974.

After retiring from the Army, Moore worked with Wells Fargo for six years, worked at Midlands Technical College and worked for Anderson Armored Car for three years. He belongs to the VFW Post 641, DAV and Fort Jackson Masonic Lodge. During his time in service, he received the Bronze Star, Vietnam Medal, and other service medals.



Courtesy photo

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Moore, shown in front of his home, was named a Kentucky Colonel in December. Members of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels must be recommended by a sitting governor for the honor.

'Triple Nickles' recall days of segregated Army

By **KRIS GONZALEZ**
Fort Jackson Leader

In 1946, 18-year-old Charles Stevens enlisted in the Army to provide a better life for his wife and new baby.

He trained to be a medical administrator and was sent to Alaska for his first assignment in an all-black battalion.

The North Carolina native had been dealing with the cold for six months when one day he walked into his first sergeant's office and saw a flyer that read "Volunteer for airborne duty."

"I finished that application before I even left that office," Stevens said.

Within a month, Stevens flew to Fort Benning, Ga., to jump from the sky.

Stevens said he remembers all too well what it was like training to be a black paratrooper in a segregated Army.

"If a white Soldier completed airborne training, he got all the stuff he needed, then was assigned to a nice, big combat division or regiment," Stevens said. "When I got mine (airborne status), people wanted to tell me, 'I don't want you to have that type of thing,' because of the color of my skin. That hurt."

Despite the racial tensions, Stevens earned his parachute wings and landed at Fort Bragg, where he became a member of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion.

"I finally felt like I belonged to something," Stevens said as he recalled his first days serving in the all-black battalion.

The unit, commissioned in December

1943, had not seen combat during World War II. Racist leaders viewed black Soldiers as both physically and mentally unfit to fight, often assigning them to menial jobs in support of white Soldiers. But the "Triple Nickles" — before Stevens joined their ranks — had become known as "smoke jumpers" for parachuting into West Coast forests and putting out fires set by Japanese incendiary balloons.

One morning in December 1947, the Triple Nickles were ordered to march to an area designated for the 82nd Airborne Division. There, he said, they were to participate in one of the most significant milestones in military history.

"We were in battalion formation, and our battalion commander presented us to the commanding general," Stevens said. "In that formation, the Triple Nickles were deactivated."

The 555th had just become the 3rd Battalion of the 505th Parachute Infantry Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division.

"Everybody was crying," he said. "I think we were crying for two different reasons. We were glad that segregation was leaving the Army and we were sad we were losing our Triple Nickle colors."

Maj. Gen. James Gavin, who became a legend for fighting against segregation in the Army, had ordered the 555th's in-

tegration into the elite airborne division.

It wasn't until seven months later, when President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, that the black paratroopers got their full rights as American Soldiers. Executive Order 9981 established equality of treatment and opportunity in the Armed Services for people of all races, religions, or national origins.

It took about another five years for the Army to fully integrate, said Manuel

“We were glad that segregation was leaving the Army and we were sad we were losing our Triple Nickle colors.”

— **Charles Stevens**
Former 'Triple Nickles' Soldier

Rucker, who enlisted in the Army in 1950, the same year the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion was disbanded.

"Back in the old days, when your orders were cut, they had your

name, and if you were black, the words, 'negro enlisted,' after it," Rucker said. "After we integrated, they stopped putting those words on orders, but instead used a code to describe who you were — 'one' for white and 'two' for black. The first sergeant at each company would have a roster of everybody with the codes. They weren't supposed to know our color, but they knew.

"And during Basic Training at Fort Knox," he said, "although every Soldier sat in the same classroom, at the end of the day, the white Soldiers went to one barracks and the black Soldiers went to separate barracks."

Standing 6 feet 4 inches and weighing 200 pounds at 19 years old, Rucker said he didn't personally experience a great deal of overt discrimination.

"Not too many people messed with me too much," he said.

Rucker never finished BCT, he said. By the time he reached the 12th week of his 15-week cycle, he and 21 other Soldiers were pulled from training to become what are now called drill sergeants.

Rucker said he trained Soldiers of every color.

"A Soldier was a Soldier," he said.

Today, both Stevens and Rucker are members of North Carolina's Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Chapter of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association, which honors the legacy of the original Triple Nickles.

During the association's recent annual luncheon at Fort Jackson, the paratroopers had the opportunity to meet Gavin's grandson, Staff Sgt. Joseph Gavin, who is a drill sergeant for Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment here.

The former paratroopers spoke favorably about the "Jumping General," who earned his nickname for jumping alongside his troops during combat. The general's grandson spoke highly about the Triple Nickles.

"I'm proud my grandfather recognized the talents of these Soldiers and helped integrate them into the 82nd Airborne (Division)," Gavin said. "They paved the way for all Soldiers who followed them."

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Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Michael Webster, 11, right, gets nailed by a snowball thrown at him by brother Gabriel Boucher, 7. The two, along with their 9-year-old brother Samuel Webster, were playing in the snow outside their home on Fort Jackson Saturday morning.



Montrel Jones, 12, adds arms to the snowman he built across the street from his home. Montrel used plastic bags to waterproof his gloves.

White out

Rare snowfall hits area

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN
Fort Jackson Leader

When Ralph Jones, a retiree, made plans to visit his grandchildren last weekend, it is doubtful he anticipated another road hazard — snow.

“I love it, I love the snow,” said the Hopkins resident as he filled up his gas tank on a noticeably quiet post Saturday.

Jones said it wasn’t unusual that few people seemed to be on post.

“South Carolina will always shut down when it snows,” he said.

By mid-afternoon Friday, agencies across Columbia, including Fort Jackson, were adjusting to the snowfall. The post temporarily closed some gates and instituted other contingency plans, including closing schools early and preparing trucks to shovel the snow.

By the time Jones filled up his tank Saturday afternoon, there was still some snow on the ground. But it bore little resemblance to the heavy snow that fell Friday evening, the most snow the area has seen in nearly 40 years. According to the National Weather Service, 8.6 inches of snow fell at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, making it the fifth biggest snowfall on record

for Columbia. It was the most snow the city has seen since February 1973, when the biggest snowfall totaled 16 inches.

While many seemed to take the day off, some were taking advantage of the snow.

In the post family housing area, children and parents carried sleds, threw snowballs and built snowmen.

Michael Webster, 11, Samuel Webster, 9, and Gabriel Boucher, 7, enjoyed a snowball fight outside their on-post house Saturday morning. And though the snow was welcome, it was not an unusual occurrence for the New York natives.

“We’re used to the snow,” said Michael, as he dodged a snowball. “When we woke up, we found snow all over the place. But we’re used to it.”

Neighbor Montrel Jones, 12, built a snowman nearby as his mother, Terra Jones, sipped coffee on her porch.

Like many Columbians, she stocked up on necessities Friday in preparation for a snowy weekend. And though she played in the snow with her children the night before, that morning, she was interested in only watching.

“I had my share of it yesterday,” she said of the snow.

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One of the post’s landmarks, the helicopter that sits outside of the Fort Jackson Museum, was covered with snow during last week’s snowfall.

Saluting the cycle's Basic Combat Training honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt.
Gary Kurtzhals
Company A
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Eric Boyer

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Joshua Terry

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Trevor Byers

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Jeremy Vantress



Staff Sgt.
Tiera Sprauve
Company B
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. William Minior

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Rebecca Collins

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Thomas Winingar

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Gary Lackey



Staff Sgt.
Sherine Richards
Company C
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Ali Said

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Brittney Zirkle

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Augustus Swilley

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Erica Dillon



Sgt. 1st Class
Kimberlyn Burns
Company D
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Joshua Summers

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Chad Trammell

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jesse Cooksey

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Anthony Davis



Staff Sgt.
Erica Griffin
Company E
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Peter Leach

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Caitlin Demarest

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Mathew Sweet

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Robert Concepcion



Staff Sgt.
Leslie Smith
Company F
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Felicia Hillis

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Christopher Persaud

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Leteral Hawkins

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Christopher Hendricks

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Staff Sgt. Charles Dixon
Spc. Lisa Barron

SERVICE SUPPORT AWARD

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Wilson

DFAC SUPPORT AWARD

Lorenzo Hampton

FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD

Mike Nye
Shelly Scott
Carmen Jones

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!"

THIS IS A TOY,

Never point a gun at yourself or someone else.

Over the last couple years, more than a half dozen Soldiers lost their lives when someone intentionally pointed what they believed to be an unloaded weapon at themselves or someone else and pulled the trigger. Always treat weapons as if they're loaded.

THIS ISN'T.

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At your service

phone numbers and operating hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-4329/5923	Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2-10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7593	Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers) 751-4914 (Civilian)	Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Movie Theater	751-7488	Closed Monday-Wednesday
National Federation of Federal Employees	751-2622	
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers' Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers); Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m. **Closed for season**
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday **Closed for renovations**
Pools, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday **Closed for season**
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 2	790-4478	24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@conus.army.mil.
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Calendar

Today

The Rocks Inc.

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

Monday

Finance seminar: Women and Money

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Call 751-5256 to register.

Tuesday

Finance seminar: Retirement planning and the Thrift Savings Plan

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Call 751-5256 to register.

Wednesday

Finance seminar: Credit and the new credit card rules

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Call 751-5256 to register.

Saturday, March 6

Teen job and education fair

10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center
Open to the public.

Wednesday, March 10

Retired Officers Wives Club luncheon

11:30 a.m., Officers' Club
RSVP by 3 p.m., March 5 at 783-1220.

Housing events

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

Today

Breakfast on the Go

7:30 a.m.
Corner of Chesnut and Imboden streets

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Build and Grow

3 p.m.
A chance for children to build a special project. RSVP. Limited to first 15 children.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Plastic Scavenger Hunt

3-4 p.m.
Scavenger hunt lists will be distributed 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Tuesday, March 2

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3

How to clear housing seminar

4:30 p.m.
Recommended for anyone preparing to PCS or clear housing. A resident specialist will be on hand to answer questions.

Thursday, March 4

Fitness challenge

4 p.m.
Weekly weigh-in and work out.

Announcements

GARDEN PLOT RENEWAL

Renewals for on-post garden plots are currently being accepted. Permits are valid for a 12-month period, beginning Feb. 1 and ending Jan. 31 of the following year. Garden plots are issued first to permanent party Soldiers and retired military. Any remaining plots are available to civilian personnel. Those who want to renew an existing lease must sign a new permit. Call 751-7126 or visit Building 2602, Room 113 for information.

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.

CHAPEL DRUMMER SOUGHT

The Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service is taking bids for a drummer. Call 751-4478 for information.

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.

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES

The Thrift Shop "Get Ready for Spring" clearance sale is currently under way. Sweaters and coats available.

The Thrift Shop accepts consignments 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Active duty personnel may bring in items for consignment at any time during regular business hours.

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.

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.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Survivors of service members who died while on active duty can use Survivor Outreach Services for assistance

with benefits and finances. For more information, call 751-4867/5256 or e-mail Leslie.S.Smith@us.army.mil.

TELEPHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Old telephone books are accepted for recycling through March 15 at various drop-off locations, including the Fort Jackson Recycling Center on 6568 Lee Road. For more information, call 733-1139 or visit www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSES

Need-based scholarships are available for spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers through the AER Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program. Applications must be submitted by March 1. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

CIVIL RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

The National Campaign to Restore Civil Rights has launched an essay and visual entry contest with the theme, "What does equality mean to you?" The contest is open to 14 to 18 year olds. Contest winners will receive prizes, including a cash award and a trip for two to New York City. The contest is open through April 12. Visit <http://www.rollbackcampaign.org/contest2010/> for information.

Sports shorts

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Youth Sports is now accepting registrations for soccer, track and basketball. Registration for soccer ends March 6. The season begins March 13. Soccer and basketball is open to children, 3-18. Track is open to children, 9-18. For more information, call 751-5040.

LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community submissions to the *Leader* should be typed and no more than 45 words. All submissions may be edited to comply with *Leader* style and Public Affairs regulations.

☐ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the March 4 *Leader* must be submitted by Feb. 25.

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

☐ Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.

☐ For classified advertisements: Fax to 432-7609 or mail your classified to: The Fort Jackson Leader, P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C., 29020.

☐ For display advertising call Kathy at 786-5681.

Off-post events

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS

The Richland County Public Library is offering a variety of free events throughout the month of February. Events include:

☐ Celebrating the Past — Looking toward the Future; Entertaining career stories with Xavier McDaniel and Terrence Acox, 7 p.m., today, Northeast Regional Branch.

☐ Lunch and Listen Music Series; Bring lunch and enjoy the music of jazz vocalist Eboniramm, 12:30 p.m., Feb. 18, Main Branch.

☐ Voices of Our People: Poetry, music and dance, 7 p.m. Feb. 22, Southeast Regional Branch.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

An Aaron Tippin concert is scheduled for 6 p.m., Friday, 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.

PALMETTO PAINTERS

The Palmetto Painters are scheduled to meet 10 a.m., Saturday, 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.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Richland County Public Library Foundation has established the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually from 2010 through 2013. Call 929-3424 or visit www.myRCPL.com/foundation.

OPEN HOUSE

The weight loss support group TOPS — Taking Off Pounds Sensibly has scheduled an open house Feb. 23, 6:15-7:30 p.m. at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road. For more information, call 788-3834 or visit www.tops.org.

BLACK HERITAGE BANQUET

The Shaw Black Heritage Committee has scheduled its 21st Annual Black Heritage Banquet for 6 p.m., Feb. 27, at the Carolina Skies Club.

Cynthia Hardy, host of the "On Point" radio show, will be guest speaker. Call 895-2191, 316-4032 or 895-1458 for ticket information.

TELEPHONE BOOK CONTEST

Keep the Midlands Beautiful is looking for teams of young adults, 14-18, to participate in a phone book sculpture contest. Participants must be residents of Richland or Lexington counties and teams must be sponsored by a school, faith-based organization or civic group. Teams must bring their own phone books. Call 733-1139 for information.

Paul: 'Fight the good fight of faith'

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) WILLIE NEWTON JR.**
2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

"As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

We are blessed to behold these words of Paul to his young protege Timothy. Paul is imprisoned in Rome, abandoned by friends and family, and seemingly forsaken by God. Yet, trapped as he is in this unfortunate predicament, he is not prepossessed with his own physical well-being, but rather with the faith of Timothy.

This is not just another "Dear John" letter, but rather it is the final communication of a mature preacher to his juvenile adherent. This piece of pastoral communication provides not only spiritual guidance and encouragement, but it gives an emphatic charge to young Timothy to remember the Christ-like behavior that was modeled in his presence. Enconced within this charge is a baleful warning, *"Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"* (2 Timothy 3:12).

Immensely enamored of young Timothy, Paul must have been weighed down by the difficulty of having to write such a letter as this. What a heart-wrenching pastoral undertaking it must have been to write what is believed to be one's final letter to a beloved pupil. It must have caused overwhelming grief and overpowering sorrow. The dual sorrow that accompanies not knowing one's own fate, yet being equally concerned about the fate of others with whom one is intimately close.

I believe that there are two important Christian principles that can be gleaned from this passage of scripture.

First, he says, "I fought the good fight of faith." What does it mean, though, to fight the good fight of faith? It means to hold on to our belief in God despite what we are going through. The phrase "good fight" is a traditional

phrase that is prevalent Greek moral philosophy; it suggests warfare or an athletic contest. In other words, we are perennially engaged in fierce spiritual combat. The writer of the letter to the Ephesians asserts as much when he says, *"For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places"* (Ephesians 6:12).

The battle in which we are engaged takes faith to win. No, we have not seen the adversary, but we have seen and experienced the effects of his power.

Whenever we are engaged in dysfunctional behaviors that are beyond our capacity to control or manage, we are the victims of his power. Whenever we consistently violate Christian principles with no godly compunction, we are the victims of his power. Whenever we consistently feel the nagging urge to engage in immoral, unchristian acts, we are the victims of his power. To be a victim of his power is to be perpetually shackled and eternally condemned by a righteous God.

What, then, can be said of fighting the good fight of faith? Fighting the good fight of faith does not mean that temptation will not seize us from time to time. On the contrary, temptation is always and forever tangibly present as a part of the human condition.

However, those who are determined to fight the good fight of faith will say, "Though I have fallen, I am determined to get up. Though I have caused hardships in my marriage or other important relationships, I am determined to make it right. Though I have failed as a mother or father, I am determined to make it right. Though I am as not as proficient at my job as I would like to be, I am determined to make it right. Though I may have wronged others or others may have wronged me, I am determined to forgive, rec-

oncile and make it right."

The second point Paul makes is that he had finished the race. From the time of his conversion on his way to Damascus to the time of his death in Rome, Paul never ceased to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Notice that Paul did not say, "I won the race," but rather "I finished the race." In other words, he finished the task God set before him.

We ought to seek to do what God would have us to do. No, this race is not easy; on the contrary, it can be unduly difficult, but, nevertheless, it is a race worth running. I can imagine that as Paul reflected on his life and ministry, he must have shuddered at the thought of recalling the dreadful perils that befell him.

In his lengthy enumeration of his afflictions, Paul boasts, *"I have far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near dear. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked..."* (2 Corinthians 11:23-27).

Like Paul, you and I have been called to run this Christian race. In order to do so successfully, we must endure hardships and persevere in difficult times. Of course there are going to be days when we want to scream, "Stop the world, I want to get off."

Yes, it is true that there are going to be days when we want to give up because we are physically tired and spiritually exhausted. These days will undoubtedly come. When they come, we must slow down, catch our Christian breath, and continue to run.



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

Concert delivers 'I. A.M. Strong' message



Leigh Jones performs during the I. A.M. Strong concert Monday at the Solomon Center.

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

More than 2,200 Soldiers in Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training gathered at the Solomon Center Monday to be entertained and educated by performers of the I. A.M. Strong Tour. The Army's I. A.M. Strong program encourages Soldiers to intervene, act and motivate others to prevent sexual harassment and assault among the ranks.

The program featured comedy, spoken word and musical performances and was headlined by singer Leigh Jones, who said she appreciates the opportunity to combine that message with entertainment.

"It's an important topic that we all really want to touch on and the fact that we can come and bring it to (the Soldiers) in a creative environment is exciting," Jones said.

Sgt. Armita Miles, Fort Jackson president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, said the show provided the right mix of entertainment and information.

"It was excellent," Miles said. "The message was clearly put through all phases of the concert."

Fort Jackson was one of 23 stops of the tour. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson said it was important to expose BCT and AIT Soldiers to the I. A.M. Strong program to educate them about

sexual harassment and assault early in their careers. "It was at the right time with the right audience," Culbertson said.

Sgt. Anthony Profit, BOSS vice president at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, said the I. A.M. Strong program provides a more peer-oriented approach to teaching Soldiers about sexual harassment and assault than traditional training.

"The I. A.M. Strong point is saying, 'We're not just a corporation, we're a band of brothers and we can actually prevent it from within and eventually stop it from happening,'" said Profit, whose spoken word performance illustrated examples of sexual harassment and assault in the Army.

Pfc. Santino Gitano, Company A, 187th Ordnance Battalion, said he had a good time at the show and he hopes the message got across to everyone.

"I feel that sexual harassment and everything else that leads up to the bad things that happen is horrible," Gitano said. "I hope that everyone understands what was being said out there. I know I do. I believe in those values."

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Editor's note: For video footage of the concert, visit <http://bit.ly/cpf7Na>. For more information about the I. A.M. Strong program and tour, visit www.sexualassault.army.mil.



Rapper Danny Bee gets the crowd going with his songs about Soldier life. The active-duty entertainer incorporated the I. A.M. Strong message into his lyrics.



The Chicago-based hip-hop band Animate Objects performs at the Solomon Center Monday.



Leigh Jones serenades Soldiers in the crowd. More than 2,200 Soldiers attended the show, which also included performances by comedian Jessi Campbell and spoken word artist Sgt. Anthony Profit.

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FMWR continues history of supporting Soldiers

In 2007, the Army signed the Army Family Covenant, a promise to Soldiers and their families that the Army's support would be commensurate to the sacrifices Soldiers and their families make in their service to the nation. Much of that promise is delivered through quality of life programs from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Long before the Army Family Covenant, and long before "Family" was added to Morale, Welfare and Recreation, FMWR, as it is now known, has always been committed to improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their family members.

FMWR history started on the battlefields of World War I, where behind the lines, Salvation Army sisters and Red Cross volunteers ministered to the needs of Soldiers as the forerunners of today's morale, welfare and recreation specialists. After the war was over, funding stopped and morale programs were inactivated. It wasn't until July 1940 that the Morale Division — later named Special Services — was established within the Adjutant General's Office.

Between 1946 and 1955, the core recreation programs were established and staffed by a combination of active duty military and civilians. Until the mid-80s, active duty Soldiers held military occupational specialties in Special Services and were assigned at every level of command, making up MWR. As those occupational specialties were discontinued, civilians continued to operate FMWR programs with military oversight. Special Services underwent much reorganization and had many names before coming to its present configuration.

In November 1984, the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center was established as the headquarters for MWR operations, providing oversight and policy support, and also running certain specialty programs such as contracting, financial management and other services, as well as operating management of the Armed Forces Recreation Centers and other special projects.

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command was established by the Department of the Army in 2006.

The FMWR philosophy is as follows: Soldiers are entitled to the same quality of life as is afforded the society they are pledged to defend. Keeping an Army ready to fight and win takes more than hard work and training. Soldiers need a balance of work and play. The FMWR mission is to create and maintain "first choice" FMWR products and services for America's Army, essential to a ready, self-reliant force.

FMWR means full service military clubs, championship golf courses, up-to-date and well equipped bowling centers, varied outdoor recreation programs, professional billeting

Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

operations, and exciting special events. FMWR hosts Family Day activities for Basic Training Soldiers during graduation week, purchases fitness and recreational equipment for unit day rooms, lends support to Soldier award programs and makes continuous financial contributions to Soldier unit funds.

FMWR receives little appropriated fund support, or "tax payer dollars."

"We pay our bills — salaries, upgrades, construction, utilities — with the money collected as fees and charges," said John Keegan, chief, Marketing division, FMWR. "This is why continued patronage of FMWR facilities is so important. Without our community purchasing lunches at the clubs, registering for fitness classes at Andy's Fitness Center, taking their families bowling at Century Lanes, and all

the other visits made to FMWR facilities, there would be no FMWR. And without FMWR, many of the Soldier programs upon which we depend might not be possible."

The money spent on leisure inside the gates of Fort Jackson has allowed FMWR in the past few years to reopen Vanguard Gym, drop membership fees for Andy's Fitness Center, build the Spray Park additions to Palmetto Falls Water Park and convert the

old Wild Cat Pool to Wild Cat Skate Park. Improvements at all the fitness centers, tennis courts and the ongoing upgrades at many FMWR facilities were also made possible by customer support of FMWR activities.

After the signing of the Army Family Covenant, enrollment fees were discontinued for Child, Youth and School Services and free classes are offered to middle school students and teens through EDGE, Experience, Develop, Grow, and Excel. CYSS dropped or lowered fees in many other areas, as well (See the *Fort Jackson Leader*, Feb. 4, 2010 issue). In the first quarter of 2010, EDGE offered eight different classes and served 93 youths.

As FMWR moves forward, the commitment will continue. Currently, two new child development centers are under construction and are projected to open in July. A building for SKIES (Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills) is under construction and is projected to be ready in the May-June time frame. Knight Indoor Pool is nearing completion on the extensive renovations that have taken place over the last few months and is expected to re-open in late April.



LEADER INFORMATION

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FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- Magruder's 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.
- The EDGE! Lights, camera, action. Learn how to create a storyboard, film, edit and make a real movie, 4-6 p.m. For ages 11-18. Free for middle school students and teens.

FRIDAY

- Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- Victory Bingo, starts at 2 p.m.
- The EDGE! Crazy love stuff, 3:30-5 p.m. at 5955 D Parker Lane.
- Let 'Er Roll bowling, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center. For ages 8-16. The cost for 8 to 10-year-olds is \$7.50 per class or \$60 for the month. Free for middle school students and teens.
- Texas Hold 'Em Poker, 5:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub.
- Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magruder's Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's 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 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.

SUNDAY

- Mountain Biking 101 class, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Marion Street Station. The cost is \$10 and includes bike rental.
- Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.
- 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.

MONDAY

- The EDGE! Crazy love stuff, 3:30-5 p.m. at 5955D Parker Lane.

TUESDAY

- The EDGE! Lights, camera, action. Learn how to create a storyboard, film, edit and make a real movie, 4-6 p.m. For ages 11-18. Free for middle school students and teens.
- The EDGE! Art sampler, 3:30-5 p.m., Solomon Center. For ages 9-16. Free for middle school students and teens; others pay \$7.50 per class or \$30 per month.

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.
- The EDGE! Lights, camera, action, 4-6 p.m.
- Let 'Er Roll bowling, 3:30-5 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center.
- 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.

Spirituality part of the health equation

By **CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) SCOTT WEICHL**
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With the recent influx of various programs, stand-downs and mandatory training emphasizing total health, it is easy to get confused. These concepts and approaches are well and good, but so what? How can one benefit from another program?

Let's look at what this means to all of us interested in being healthier and stronger.

To be totally healthy means striking a balance in our personal lives. The balance is among three major areas: mental, physical and spiritual. The first and second areas are easy for many to understand. A heightened mental awareness of stressors, challenges, worry and other feelings tells me to seek help when life seems overwhelming. Physically when the scale indicates I have eaten one too many doughnuts, my Class As are snug and sit-ups are not quite to standard, then more physical activity is necessary. Got it.

The third area in this trio, spiritual, is difficult to describe, yet most of us have a sense of its importance to maintaining overall health. Trying to define spiritual is like trying to nail gelatin to a tree. Spiritual means something different to everyone and the nice thing about it is each definition is correct.

While mental and physical fitness can often be quantitatively analyzed, spiritual health has a much more qualitative aspect, as it should. Something as personal and unique to our very essence cannot be mandated or structured into a

"one size fits all" form. Not only is America founded on this understanding of the free exercise of religion, but individually each person is unique and at a different stage of his or her journey on earth.

Studies indicate that a spiritual connection tends to contribute to more resilient lives. Resilience is the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and bounce back from adversity in a more healthy way. Who wouldn't want that?

So why is this spiritual thing so hard to develop and strengthen?

One reason is a misunderstanding. History, culture and just plain individualism tend to make many defensive when the spiritual word is mentioned. "Nobody is going to tell me what to believe," is a common response to the "S" word. Here again, this is not a correct response. Nobody *is* telling anyone what to believe, rather providing opportunity for growth in an area of life that makes one healthier.

OK, so what is spiritual?

Spiritual pertains to the connection of the human spirit and transcendence. Each person has a spirit that is the essence of existence. This is what energizes, enlivens, gives purpose and makes us the unique individuals we are. Transcendence is the feeling in our gut that there is something bigger than us, a meaning we cannot fully grasp or understand. These two concepts seem to be common throughout the world, indeed, throughout history. Reflect for a moment; you most probably agree this is a truth deep within.

Understanding this relatively simple definition, we can

then begin to develop our personal spiritual dimension by seeking that which speaks to our uniqueness while recognizing that there is something "bigger" than us to help determine meaning and purpose for our lives.

For some, this is traditional religion; others find a contemplative practice more meaningful; yet others may experience this transcendence in some other form of expression, commitment or activity. Human beings have been seekers since the beginning of time, and we also are part of this quest. Use the learning resources being made available at your post enabling you to also be a seeker.

The important thing to remember is this: To become healthier, a balance is necessary between the mental, physical and spiritual realms of our lives. Having a tough time? Feel like you are out of focus or life has no meaning? You are probably already striving to live healthy mentally and physically. So try living out the "S" word. Get back in balance.

These resources may be helpful:

— U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site, religion and spirituality link, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw>

— Hooah 4 Health, spiritual fitness, <http://www.hooah4health.com/spirit/default.htm>

— G. Anandarajah and E. Hight. (2001). "Spirituality and the Practice of Medicine." *American Family Physician*, 63(1), 81-88.

Or see your military chaplain for direction and assistance.

TRICARE continues OTC program

From TRICARE Management Activity

Positive feedback and cost savings means TRICARE's over-the-counter medication demonstration can continue without copayments. The demonstration allows TRICARE beneficiaries to substitute over-the-counter versions for selected prescription drugs.

Over-the-counter medications available through the program include allergy medications cetirizine and loratadine, and heartburn medications (proton-pump inhibitors) Prilosec OTC and its generic form omeprazole.

The two-year OTC demonstration,

which began at TRICARE retail pharmacies in 2007, did not require a copay for covered OTC medicine.

The demonstration was extended in 2009 and the extension coincided with the start of a new pharmacy contract. A \$3 copay was required until systems changes could be made.

"This is a very positive program and we're excited to return to a zero copay," said Rear Adm. Thomas McGinnis, chief of the TRICARE Pharmaceutical Operations Directorate. "This is one way we are working hard to keep costs lower — for our beneficiaries and for the Department of Defense."

OTC medications are generally less expensive than their prescription versions, by as much as 400 percent in some cases.

To receive covered OTC medications with no out-of-pocket costs, beneficiaries still need a prescription from their health care provider specifically for the OTC drug.

After submitting the prescription at any TRICARE retail network pharmacy or the TRICARE mail-order pharmacy, the prescription for the OTC medication is filled at no cost.

For more information, go to <http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy>.

MACH updates

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-CARE (2273) and leave a voice message.

TRICARE ONLINE

TRICARE Online is an interactive site that offers Moncrief-enrolled TRICARE Prime beneficiaries the ability to book appointments with their primary care managers and receive information on Moncrief clinics and services. TOL also offers a medication interaction checker, general health and wellness resources, and separate games and health information for children. Visit www.tricare.mil for information.

FIRST RESPONDER

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

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Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

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Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief



from another state and establishes a permanent residence must apply for a South Carolina driver's license. Any vehicles must also be registered in South Carolina.

The valid driver's license issued by the state from which a person moved can be used for 90 days upon establishing a residence in South Carolina.

After the 90-day time period, the driver must surrender the out-of-state license and obtain a South Carolina driver's license. Vehicle owners have 45 days to transfer an out-of-state vehicle registration to South Carolina.

Military personnel (and their dependents) and students temporarily in South Carolina are not required to obtain a South Carolina driver's license or register their vehicle in South Carolina. However, these individuals must have a valid driver's license from another state, as well as a valid vehicle registration, to operate a motor vehicle in the State of South Carolina.

Failure to comply with these laws can result in a monetary fine of not less than \$60 and a \$25 processing fee for a total fine of \$85.

CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A civilian was issued a one-year limited bar letter after being charged with assault, Military Police said. The civilian slammed a door on another civilian, injuring her arm, MPs said. The injured civilian was transported to an off-post hospital.

□ A civilian was ticketed for an improper vehicle tag after MPs discovered that the expired tag on his vehicle was being concealed by a piece of tape on which another date was written with a marker. The expired license plate was confiscated, and the vehicle was towed off the installation, MPs said.

□ A civilian was turned over to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department after MPs picked him up on an active warrant, MPs said. The civilian was stopped for using an electronic device when the warrant was discovered. He was issued a ticket for using an electronic device, and his vehicle was towed off the installation.

TIP OF THE WEEK

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The Seventh Sign of Terrorism

7 Deploying Assets/Getting Into Position

The seventh and final sign to look for is someone deploying assets or getting into position. This is your last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs. It is also important to remember that pre-incident indicators may come months or even years apart. Therefore, it is extremely important to document every fragment of information, no matter how insignificant it may appear.