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# The Fort Jackson *Leader*



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# Super drill



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Helgen, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, assesses the "wounds" of a Soldier playing a casualty Tuesday during the urban operations event of this year's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.

## Drill sergeants compete for DSoY title

By KRIS GONZALEZ  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

In a battle to be named the best of the best, 20 determined and highly trained drill sergeants are competing this week to earn the coveted title of Fort Jackson's 2010 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Today marks the fourth day of the competition in which these top drill sergeants will have to push their mental and physical capacities to their limits in order to run, jump and climb their way through the Fit to Win

Obstacle Course this afternoon.

Since the competition began Monday with an Army Physical Fitness Test, the cadre members have endured no less than 30 miles of road marching and several other physically and mentally grueling combat related tasks to pave their way to the finish.

Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Thomas, a drill sergeant for Company C, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, said although the competition has been tough and demanding, she's proud to say she, a logistics noncommissioned officer, can "hang" with the in-

fantrymen.

Thomas, a 19-year veteran competing in a contest like this for the first time, said she credits her chain of command for creating a program to help her prepare for the strenuous competition.

For three weeks she brushed up on Basic Combat Training, maneuvered through practice obstacle courses, completed 5-mile runs and anything else she and her trainers felt would whip her into shape.

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# Fort Jackson says 'thanks' to retirees

Once a Soldier always a Soldier. The Marines will beg to differ on how that slogan should go and claim that their variation of it is the one that's correct.

They might be right. But who's right is really not important. What is important, however, is the fact that veterans from all the armed services share a special connection and empathy for other service members, and rightfully so.

We're like a family, so to speak, friendly ribbing and bragging rights aside. Think about it. A person's greatest memories are often generated during the time spent in the service and, in many instances, the weeks spent in Basic Combat Training.

Put a group of veterans together and just watch them interact. Regardless of their ages and military experiences, they will begin reminiscing with astounding detail and clarity about their old units, friends, places they visited and the list goes on. A lot of times, someone will know someone, whom someone else knows, or two veterans will discover that they were at the same place at the same time.

Tomorrow and Saturday, Fort Jackson plans to bring our veterans — along with their families — together, as we do each year, for our two-day Retiree Appreciation Days. It's our way of giving back to those who have given so much to our country.

The 2010 Retiree Appreciation Days are very special.

## BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY W. MAY

Fort Jackson  
Commanding  
General



They are not only packed with plenty of useful information for retirees, but they also provide Fort Jackson team members the opportunity to come together as a family to meet, greet and get to know retirees from all branches of the services and their families.

I am sure there will be a lot of reminiscing going on. As always, we have a very special event planned with a number of excellent exhibits, as well fun activities and competitions. I cannot list everything that's on tap for the next two days in this space, but in today's edition of *The Leader*, you will find a supplement that you can pull out, listing the organizations that will be participating, a schedule of events, as well as a map of the layout at the Solomon Center.

Some of the scheduled highlights include:

— Recognition of retirees during Basic Combat Training Graduation at 9 a.m. at Hilton Field.

— Retired Marine Maj. Gen. James E. Livingston, a Medal of Honor recipient, will be the guest speaker at the Friday evening dinner at the Officers' Club. The event is at 7 p.m.

— Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall will head up the tribute to Fort Jackson retirees during the Retiree Recognition ceremony 9 a.m. Saturday at Darby Field.

— Also at 9 a.m. at the Health Benefits and Exposition in the Solomon Center, Retired Maj. Gen. William M. Matz, president of the National Association of Uniformed Services, will provide information about current activity surrounding legislation that deals with benefits that affect service members.

As for the competitions, don't forget the golf tournament 9 a.m. Friday and the bowling tournament that starts 6 p.m. Saturday.

Again, the Retiree Appreciation Days are our way of acknowledging the dedication and unselfish sacrifices that so many service members have made for America. They have endured deployments, changes of station, and numerous challenges that have confronted our nation.

Remember that the Fort Jackson Retirement Services is here and always available to service the needs of retirees from all branches of service and provide a bridge from active duty to retirement. Again, the Fort Jackson family offers appreciation for all who have served. You will always be part of our extended military family.

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## Ask the garrison commander about:

# Golf lessons on the installation

*I want to learn to play golf. What are my options to learn the game?*



Four PGA professionals at Fort Jackson Golf Club offer individual lessons and group clinics throughout the year. The most popular option for the beginning adult golfer is the "Get Golf Ready" Program. Get Golf Ready was developed by the PGA of America and was specially developed for beginning adult players. For more information or to register for a class, visit [www.getgolfready.com](http://www.getgolfready.com) or contact the Fort Jackson Golf Club at 787-4344.

*Once an unqualified resignation has been approved, can an officer change his or her resignation date or withdraw it?*

In accordance with AR 600-8-24, Officer Transfers and Discharges, an officer may withdraw his or her resignation at any time prior to commencing travel pursuant to orders issued for the purpose of being separated. A resignation may be withdrawn only with the approval of Headquarters Department of the Army, with the exception of an endorsing commander in the field, and returned to the officer concerned, provided the resignation has not been forwarded by the commander to CG, HRC. All date change/withdrawal requests should follow the procedures as outlined in the Army regulation.

*I was recently deployed to Cuba for a year and was wondering if I qualified for the Global War on Terrorism*

## COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON

Fort Jackson  
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Commander



*Expeditionary Medal?*

In accordance with AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, paragraph 2-18, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal may be awarded for approved operations performed in any of the following geographical areas for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days: A portion of the Mediterranean Sea ("boarding and searching" operations), personnel who participated in Operation Nomad Shadow, Persian Gulf, Red Sea Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal. The initial operations for which the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is authorized include Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. See regulation for complete listing of locations.

## FACT OF THE WEEK

Century Lanes offers various summer bowling leagues. The schedule is: Tuesday, PBA Scratch League, 7 p.m., May 18; Wednesday, Mixed League, 6:30 p.m., May 19; Friday, Mega Cash (No-Tap), 7 p.m., May 21; and Saturday, Youth PBA Experience, 3 p.m., May 22. All leagues bowling during the weeknights are adult mixed leagues. Each league will have a 20-minute meeting before bowling on the first night of the league to allow for teams to get organized and conduct a brief session on league operations. Call Century Lanes for information, 751-6138.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

**Col. Pat Devine, deputy commander of the Soldier Support Institute, addresses students of the Sustainment Pre-Command Course who visited Fort Jackson Monday.**

# SSI hosts future leaders

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

Eleven future battalion and brigade commanders visited Fort Jackson Monday to brush up on their knowledge about human resources, financial management and chaplain support. The officers are enrolled in the Sustainment Pre-Command Course at the Army Logistics University at Fort Lee, Va. and are expected to take command of a sustainment unit within the next four months.

Previously, officials from the Soldier Support Institute have traveled to Fort Lee to brief the course on human resources and financial management, but for the first time, participants traveled to Fort Jackson to get a close-up look at the SSI and U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School.

Col. Pat Devine, the SSI's deputy commander, said the visit will have a two-fold impact.

"One (impact) is visibly seeing the facilities and what the Soldiers actually go through," Devine said. "And the second thing is, we have more of a capacity for them to hear speakers, because, of course, you can't send everybody (to Fort Lee) at the same time."

Maj. Colette Moses, the Pre-Command Course director, said that visiting Fort Jackson will help the officers better prepare for their command time.

"This is their refresher course on everything sustainment-wise," Moses said. "So when they go in and actually take command, they have an understanding of what to expect."

In addition to enhancing the future commanders' understanding of how human resources, financial management and chaplains contribute to the mission, Devine said the visit shows the significance of the SSI and Fort Jackson.

"First of all, it's recognition of the importance of AG and finance, primarily, to the warfighting function. For Fort Jackson, it ... includes the Chaplain School," he said. "Secondly, it gives us more of a capability to put out our message through the experts and make sure that senior leaders get face to face with those future battalion commanders or brigade commanders as they take their command, so that when there are issues and they have questions, they can at least say, 'Oh yeah, I remember that point of contact,' and reach out and ask the question or get resolution."

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## Boys and Girls Club names Youth of the Year

### Leader staff report

For the last several years, 15-year-old Mary Shiver has been striving for academic success while volunteering her time with the Fort Jackson community. Now all of her hard work and dedication might get her the chance to be recognized by the president of the United States.

Today, as the Youth of the Year for the Fort Jackson Boys and Girls Club, Shiver will compete for the 2010 South Carolina Youth of the Year title in downtown Columbia.

Shiver will be among hundreds of local youth across the state recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for character, leadership skills and a willingness to give back to the community, said James Andrews, with Child, Youth and School Services.

"Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member can receive," Andrews said. "The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys and Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome."

Shiver, the daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class Willie J. Shiver and Thalyia Shiver, has been a member of the Boys & Girls



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

**Mary Shiver, left, Fort Jackson's 2010 Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year, talks to Shanee Jenkins, BGC teen adviser, in preparation for today's statewide BGC Youth of the Year competition in Columbia.**

Club since the fourth grade. Now a sophomore at Blythewood High School, Shiver said she plans to pursue a degree in educa-

tion and culinary arts from the University of South Carolina Upstate upon graduation. Shiver is involved in several community

activities, such as mentoring and tutoring younger elementary students, and participating in Junior Leaders, Habitat for Humanity and in Haiti relief efforts.

Shiver said she feels that being a part of a military family poses a unique challenge for youth such as herself.

"The sacrifice that military families make for freedom and peace is something that I will always be proud and glad that my family is and continues to be a part of," Shiver said.

"Mary is a super role model," said Rose Edmond, CYSS chief. "She is a true example of an extraordinary young woman," Andrews said.

The BGCA was founded more than 60 years ago by the Reader's Digest Foundation.

If Shiver wins today, she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the foundation, a chance to compete for another \$10,000 scholarship and the title of South East Region Youth of the Year.

Five regional winners will advance to Washington in September, to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year, an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and a chance to be recognized by President Barack Obama in an Oval Office ceremony.



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# DFAC doesn't sweat the heat in the kitchen

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
Fort Jackson Leader

The employees at the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment dining facility have May 12 circled on their calendars. On that day, a team of evaluators will arrive at the facility to judge its performance in the areas of taste, nutrition, food preparation, sanitation and service as part of the Philip A. Connelly Awards Program, which rewards excellence in Army food service.

However, Soldiers with the battalion should not expect to be served "special treats" specifically prepared to suit the evaluators' palettes.

"Every day in this facility is a P.A. Connelly day. When the Soldiers come through that line, we don't want to give them something that is substandard, (just) because it's not P.A. Connelly (evaluation day)," said Francisco Cruz, the 2-13th DFAC manager. "The menu we have on that day (won't) have anything special like crab legs and lobster tails. We just have the regular menu that we give the Soldiers on a daily basis."

Sidney Doctor, the facility's head cook, has worked in food service on Fort Jackson since 1996. He has never had a chance to compete in the program. He said he is looking forward to the experience.

"It's an opportunity for us to learn a lot, move forward and put us in another bracket," Doctor said. "I think it'll be a worthwhile investment."

Cruz said his expectation is that his DFAC will win the award for best large garrison dining facility.

Win or lose, though, the Soldiers eating at the facility will be the beneficiaries of the experience gained, he said.

"It makes us better. It's going to make my team a better team," Cruz said. "The bottom line is that the Soldiers are going to get a better result — whether we win or lose. ... The knowledge that we're going to get out of it, it's going to pay back."

Unlike on other Army installations, all of Fort Jackson's dining facilities are manned by contractors who work for the same company, Johnson Food Services. John Nelums, quality assurance evaluator with the Directorate of Logistics, said that the experience the company has gained from competing in previous years has been passed on to all of the installation's DFACs and had a positive impact on Fort Jackson's food service as a whole. This especially applies to the lessons learned from the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment DFAC winning the competition in 2009, he said.

"They've learned how to use different types of team work techniques in the kitchen and they've distributed that knowledge to all the dining facilities," Nelums said.

For Cruz, whose experience in Army food service encompasses more than 40 years, taking care of Soldiers is the main priority, he said, no matter whether the evaluating team is watching.

"We have to treat the Soldiers with respect," he said. "This is their kitchen. I'm their mama and daddy when it comes to feeding them."

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## Scout's honor



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

**Togo West, Distinguished Eagle Scout and former secretary of the Army and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, speaks to volunteers at a "Salute to Scouting" luncheon April 15 at the Boy Scout hut.**

# Rule to allow customers to opt out of overdraft fees

Ever wonder why banks allow customers to withdraw cash from an ATM even if it might overdraw the account? Why would a bank allow a debit card purchase to process even though there might not be enough money in a customer's account to cover it?

The answer is simple — financial institutions make some of their biggest profits by charging for what is termed an overdraft services program. Under this program, banks would allow transactions and ATM withdrawals to be approved even if the funds to cover those transactions are not in the customer's account.

The bank would then charge the customer a fee ranging from \$20-\$39 on average. The bad news for the consumer is, not only is the customer overdrawn for the amount of the withdrawal and/or debit transaction, he or she now also owes an overdraft fee to the bank.

Overdraft fees can quickly add up, causing the customer to be even further in the negative. That cycle creates a difficult financial hardship for the customer. However, the Federal Reserve Board recently approved new rules for banks that will give the customer much more control over how their account is managed in regard to overdraft fees and the transactions that may cause them.

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

By **STEPHANIE THERRELL**  
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The new rules will take effect Aug. 15. In the next few months, customers will receive notices from their financial institutions that explain the new rules in detail. These notices will allow the customer to decide if he or she wants to "opt in or out" of the bank's overdraft services program.

In the past, the overdraft services program was automatically added to a customer's account, with or without his or her knowledge. If a customer does choose to opt in, he or she should be aware that the transactions and ATM withdrawals will continue to be allowed even if the funds are not available to cover the charges. Customers will also incur the overdraft fees in the amount determined by your financial institution's overdraft policies.

Financial advisers strongly recommend that customers opt out of the automatic overdraft services program and budget their money ahead of time to cover their needs.

Although it may seem convenient for the bank to allow a customer to make a purchase or ATM withdrawal even when there are insufficient funds, the money paid in overdraft fees for that convenience is roughly equivalent to paying 30-40 percent interest on that purchase. Consider that with the amount the account is overdrawn and it is easy to see the

vicious cycle of debt this type of activity could create.

Another rule that will take effect pertains to any new accounts opened on or after July 1. Those accounts will automatically be opted out of the overdraft services program. This means that any transaction attempted would be declined if the funds are not in the account to cover

that transaction.

This will prevent the account from being overdrawn and any overdraft fees being charged to that account. Customers should pay special attention to any correspondence received from their financial institution regarding existing accounts and ensure that they indicate their choice to opt out of the

overdraft services program.

If a customer decides to participate on a new account, or chooses to continue with the program on an existing account, the new rules give that customer the flexibility to cancel at any time.

An important thing for all consumers to remember is that the new rules do not cover checks or automatic bill payments. If a customer does not want the bank's standard overdraft services program for checks or automatic bill payments, he or she will have to inquire at the financial institution concerning that institution's policies governing those types of transactions.

Some banks may give their customers the option to cancel the overdraft services program for automatic bill payments, but some may not. It is always best to plan ahead and keep track of spending so that customers won't need to worry about overdrawing their accounts and incurring overdraft fees.

For more information on bank charges or any other financial or consumer subject, contact an Army Community Services financial counselor at 751-5256.

**Editor's note:** Information for this article was obtained from <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/bcreg20091112a3.pdf>.



# Sexual assault training takes a twist

By KRIS GONZALEZ  
Fort Jackson Leader

*AIT Soldiers learn about dating, respect and how to prevent sexual assault*

“Can I kiss you?”

It’s a question not commonly asked by a man before he first attempts to kiss a woman.

Whether it’s because he thinks it “feels awkward,” will make him “look dorky” or could potentially “ruin the moment,” a man often avoids asking before making a move on a woman, said Mike Domitrz, a leading expert on dating and sexual assault awareness.

Domitrz, asserts that not only should men ask first before touching a woman, but they are obligated to do so.

“Every human being deserves to have a choice before you do something to their body sexually or intimately,” Domitrz said. “How do you normally give someone a choice in life? You simply ask.”

In his presentation “Can I Kiss You?,” an interactive forum that includes humor, everyday language and role-playing, Domitrz educated Advanced Individual Training Soldiers, cadre and other unit advocates with Fort Jackson’s 369th Adjutant General Battalion and 187th Ordnance Battalion in presentations Monday about dating, respect and sexual assault.

“Whenever you hear about a sexual assault on the news, someone always asks ‘Did she say, ‘No?’” Domitrz said. “You never ever hear anybody say, ‘Did he ask?’”

“Was she (the victim) supposed to say, ‘No’ to a question he (the perpetrator) never asked?” Domitrz asked the hundreds of Soldiers who packed the post theater.

“It wasn’t her job to say, ‘No,’ Domitrz answered for them. “It was his job to ask.”

In 1989, Domitrz received a phone call from his mother informing him that his sister had been raped. After dealing with the pain of having a family member assaulted, Domitrz reflected upon his own behavior and that of those with whom he associated.

He realized nothing was teaching men and women the intricacies of intimacy. Domitrz decided to not only speak up about sexual assault, he decided to motivate oth-

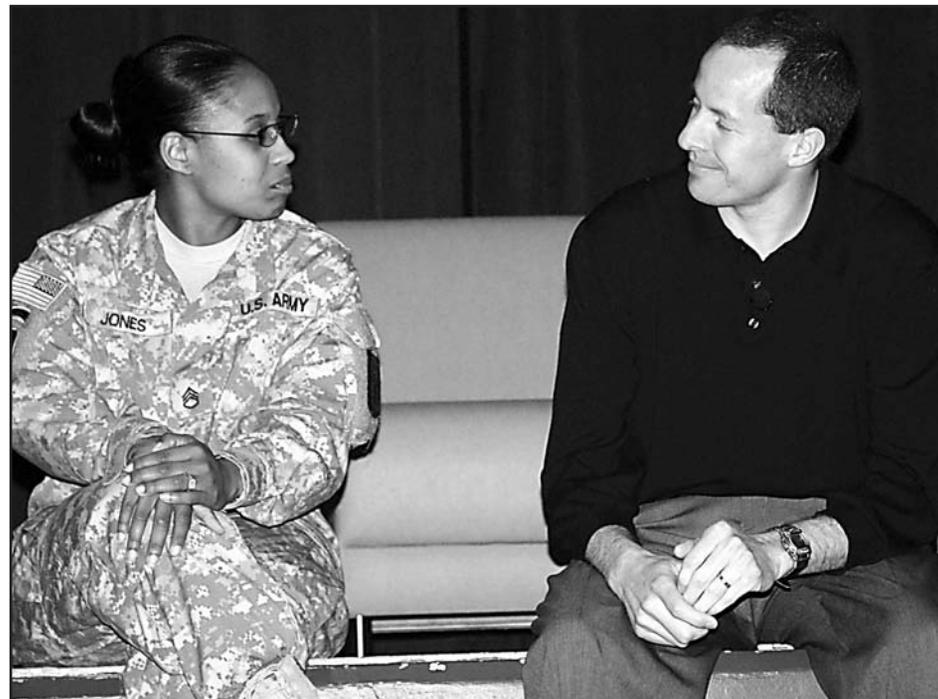


Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

**Staff Sgt. Mia Jones, Company D, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, role plays with sexual assault presenter Mike Domitrz at the Post Theater.**

ers to make a change.

Ever since, Domitrz has been traveling the country conducting one-hour programs teaching middle and high schoolers, college students and military members safe dating habits with an emphasis on communication and mutual respect.

He said the No.1 reason individuals don’t ask permission before touching someone or leaning in for that kiss is because they are afraid of the unknown.

“You don’t see it in the movies,” he said. “It’s not typically done. It’s pretty rare you hear someone ask.”

But by not asking, the person making the move is essentially assaulting that person, he said.

“We’re not giving them a choice when we go for it and they can stop us,” he said. “When you push yourself onto somebody until they have to stop you, that’s (their)

form of self-defense.”

If someone pushes a person away when somebody attempts to kiss them, it’s because the kiss is not wanted, he said. And if a person feels “too awkward” to ask for a kiss, they’re too sexually immature to be in the situation in the first place.

“If you cannot speak to another human being about what you want to do to their body, you ain’t ready,” he said.

“Some men might think they have no game if they ask,” he said. “The truth is if you have game, you always ask because you never fear the answer.

“And when a woman gives her answer, respect the answer,” he said. “Don’t cop an attitude, wait 15 minutes and try again, or ask the woman ‘Why?’”

Domitrz said he uses media stories about celebrities and athletes involved in sexual assaults as golden opportunities to drive

home his point that the last thing any person should do in a dating situation is engage in a “drunk hookup.”

“Having sex with somebody who is drunk is wrong,” he said. “It’s rape. That (intoxicated) person cannot clearly give consent.”

He asked the many Soldiers to truly embrace the phrase “battle buddy,” to look after and protect their comrades who could potentially become victims or perpetrators, equating it to stopping a drunken driver.

“A drunk driver could kill somebody,” Domitrz said. “(Your buddy) is about to try — and by the way, he’s planning — to rape someone. If you’re going to try to stop somebody from being a drunk driver, you ought to stop somebody who is going to try a drunken rape.”

Sexual assault cases tarnish the military’s image of being protectors, he said.

“If he gets charged, who else’s image gets crushed?” he asked. “Every single one of you in this room.”

A good battle buddy always keeps in mind the military acronym, A.I.M., which stands for “act,” “intervene” and “motivate,” he said.

“Think, ‘When I see wrong happening, I take action. I intervene and hopefully I motivate that person not to do what they’re doing. And if that fails, I motivate myself to do whatever it takes to stop them,’” he said.

He asked his audience to pledge to respect themselves, their partners, to ask before they act, and respect the answers they get.

He also asked them to “open a door” to let their loved ones know they can come to them and speak out when sexually assaulted.

“He taught us how to let (victims) know they’re not alone and there is somebody that they can talk to,” said audience member, Staff Sgt. Mia Jones, instructor, Company D, 369th.

For more information about healthy dating and sexual assault awareness, visit [www.datesafeproject.com](http://www.datesafeproject.com).

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## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATE

❑ Balfour Beatty Communities collects shoeboxes filled with toiletries and non-perishable items to send to deployed troops as part of "Operation Shoebox." For more information, call 738-8275.

❑ Residents who participate in the Army survey will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win 37-inch LCD TV with Blu-Ray disc player. Surveys will be delivered this month to all residents. The drop-off points are the Community Center, the RCI office and the off-post housing office. For more information, call 738-8275.

❑ Spring is here, and the grass will be cut more frequently. Please help the landscapers by keeping yards free of debris on the scheduled landscaping day. Landscapers will also be spraying fertilizer and weed killer in various areas. Residents will receive notifications the day before the spraying.

❑ Nominations for Yard of the Month can be submitted by calling 738-8275 or via e-mail to [cowilliams@bbcgrp.com](mailto:cowilliams@bbcgrp.com).

### DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

❑ To date, 96 homes have been delivered. Relocation of families into junior NCO housing is still under way.

❑ Families residing in the vicinity of Mills and Owens roads should continue to use Mills Road to enter and exit the area in the direction of Brown Avenue.

❑ Senior NCO homes are scheduled to become available in June or July. Field grade officer homes are scheduled to become available in July or August.

## Got GAT?

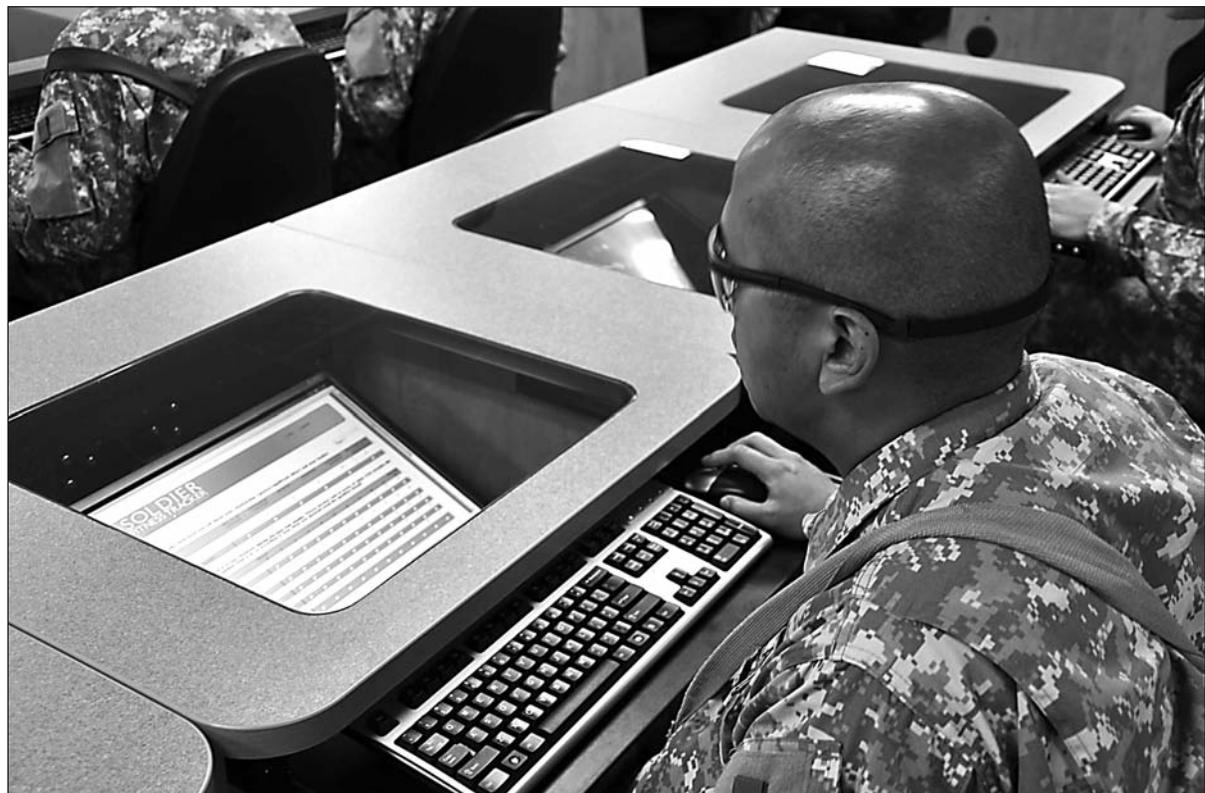


Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON, Public Affairs Office

**Pfc. Aldrin De Vera, Company A, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, takes the Global Assessment Tool Tuesday. The battalion was the first Basic Combat Training unit to use the new GAT facility. The facility's ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday.**

## Dog day



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

**Tera Millett of the Southeastern Institute Massage School gives Akira, a service dog with Palmetto Animal Assistant Life Services, a doggy massage during a break at the Resilience Block Party Tuesday at the Solomon Center. The event informed the Fort Jackson community about services available that enhance the quality of life.**

# Underage drinking leads to risky behavior

## Alcohol Awareness Month highlights abuse problems

*From the Army Substance Abuse Program*

Alcohol Awareness Month was created to educate the public about underage drinking and its consequences and to inform communities about ways they can help prevent underage alcohol use.

Alcoholism is the No.1 drug problem in America and has likely already touched every one of our lives in some way. Alcohol abuse causes more than 100,000 deaths each year.

Long-term heavy drinking damages the liver, nervous system, heart and brain, causes high blood pressure, stomach problems, medication interactions, sexual problems, osteoporosis and cancer.

Alcohol plays a key role in accidents, homicides and suicides, the leading causes of death among youth.

Underage drinking plays a significant role in risky sexual behavior, including unwanted, unintended, and unprotected sexual activity and sex with multiple partners.

Underage drinking is a risk factor for heavy drinking later in life, and continued

heavy use of alcohol leads to increased risk across the lifespan for acute consequences and for medical problems such as cancers of the oral cavity, larynx, pharynx and esophagus; liver cirrhosis; pancreatitis; and hemorrhagic stroke. The economic cost of underage drinking is estimated to be nearly \$53 billion.

Let's keep our future growing: End underage drinking.

**Editor's note:** The source for this article was the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. For more information on the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence visit the website [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org). If you have any questions about substance abuse, call 751-5007.



### ASAP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 26-30, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Unit Prevention Leader: Required training for newly assigned unit prevention leader. Includes training on drugs and alcohol, biochemical testing and substance abuse prevention. Seating is limited so get the request forms in early. The uniform will be duty uniform. Reminder: Please do not schedule appointments during class time.

Classes are held in the ASAP classroom, 3250 Sumter Ave.

# Right steps help protect baby birds

*From the Directorate of Public Works, Wildlife Branch*

Spring and summer are the seasons when approximately 150 species of birds nest in South Carolina. Birds have preferences on where they nest and the type of nests they construct.

Many can be found in our backyards, while others choose remote locations such as coastal islands. These birds may nest in cavities, trees or shrubs, structures and on the ground.

Those who spend a lot of time outdoors will likely come across a baby bird that is out of its nest. Here are a few tips to figure out whether the bird is orphaned and what can be done to help.

Few baby nestling birds fall from their nests unless there has been a severe storm or other natural disaster. Many species leave the nest before their flight feathers are fully developed and are called fledglings.

The parents lead or coax the fledglings to a safe location and continue to feed and care for them as they gain the ability to fly. Parents return to feed the fledglings several times an hour; watching to see if the birds receive parental care is one way to tell that a baby bird has not been orphaned. Fledglings should be left alone so the parents can continue to raise them.

"Fledglings are quite vulnerable to predation by dogs and cats. If you find a fledgling, you should ensure your and your neighbors' dogs are contained and cats are kept indoors. Millions of baby birds are killed each year by uncontrolled pets," said Fort Jackson Wildlife Branch biologist Stanley Rikard.

It is acceptable to move a fledgling in harm's way to a nearby tree or shrub if it appears to be in danger. It is an old wives'



*Photo by BRUCE COLE, Directorate of Public Works*

**Baby birds, like this killdeer fledgling, are vulnerable to backyard predators such as dogs and cats.**

tale that once a human touches a baby bird the parents will not accept it.

Anyone who finds a nestling or fledgling that is clearly not being cared for, or that is clearly injured in some way, there are several steps that can be taken.

The first step is to try to locate the nest, as most of the time it will be close by and well hidden. Once the nest is located, a nestling can be returned to the nest and monitored to see if the parents return. Fledglings placed in a nest will continue to leave the nest and move out on limbs or on the ground.

If step one does not work, the second step is to contact a local veterinarian or conservation department for the nearest

wildlife rehabilitator.

On Fort Jackson, call the Wildlife Office at 751-5376 or 751-5011. One wildlife rehabilitator in the Columbia area is Carolina Wildlife Care. Their website is [www.carolinawildlife.org](http://www.carolinawildlife.org) and their injured animal hotline is 772-3994.

"What you should not do is try to raise the baby bird on your own. Many bird deaths are caused by well-meaning people," Rikard said. "Improper feeding and stress can cause the death of a baby bird, and forcing birds to drink water can also cause drowning and death. Young birds need to eat every 15 to 20 minutes from sunrise to sunset and each species has a specific diet. Most people are unable to

provide this much time and effort in raising young birds."

It is illegal to possess a wild bird, and holding wild birds in captivity without special state and federal permits is illegal. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 contains specific details on the protection of all birds that inhabit the United States.

While helping baby birds may seem the altruistic and best alternative, it is best to leave them alone so the parents can properly care for them. Some things that can be done to help are: Do not trim trees or shrubs during nest season (April-August), contain dogs and cats and avoid disturbing a nesting bird or parents attending fledglings.



## Fun and games

**Sgt. 1st Class Michael Carr, 17th Military Police Detachment, scores a goal in a foosball match against Spc. Geraldine Hernandez, middle, and Sgt. Dagmar Walker, both with the 193rd Infantry Brigade, Friday during the grand opening of the new game room at the Single Soldier Community Building on Bragg Street.**

*Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ*

# Eye infection disrupts family routine

It's 8 p.m. Dinner has long been finished, milk has been drunk, play outfits have been replaced by pajamas. My son is lying on the floor, trying his hardest to watch the Backyardigans while my husband lies across his legs to keep them from moving.

One hand is on my son's forehead, the other holding his chin. All the while, I hover above them both, waiting for the perfect moment; the moment our son tries to catch a glimpse of the cartoon; the moment in which I can squirt a thin strip of eye ointment into his infected eyes.

If it seems like torture, that's exactly what it sounds like at our house four times a day for five days. Parents call it pink eye. Doctors call it conjunctivitis. I call it "the infection with the absolute worst treatment ever."

I should have known the ointment would be a problem when both the physician's assistant and the nurse cautioned me when they explained the prescription they were giving me.

"You will probably need someone to help you," each of them had said, eyeing me with what I now know must have been pity.

The first time wasn't so bad. But that's because he didn't understand what we were doing. The next time, he was ready; arms flailing, head turning, and all the while, his eyes were snapped shut.

Seven treatments into it and it seemed using the ridiculous eye ointment was getting more difficult, instead of easier.

So I did what I usually do when I'm having trouble

## CRYSTAL CLEAR

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**

Fort Jackson Leader



with something: I googled it.

This is what I found:

1. Place the fingers of your non-dominant hand along your child's forehead.

2. Place the thumb of that hand gently on the child's cheek just below the lower eyelid.

3. Gently pull down on the cheek skin with your thumb.

4. This will cause the lower lid to curl outward — you should see the thin pink "shelf" of the lining of the lower lid.

5. Using your other hand, gently apply the ointment along that thin pink "shelf." Start at the inner corner of the eye and smoothly move across to the outer corner.

Sounds easy, right? Wrong.

Where in the directions does it address the crying that starts — and continues — as soon as we initiate step 1?

What about the wails of torture the child emits as the eye

ointment hits the eyelashes time and time again (which means that the medicine has not gotten into the eye, which means you must repeat each step)? And where does it mention that the child will eventually start to wail as soon as he or she sees the ointment tube?

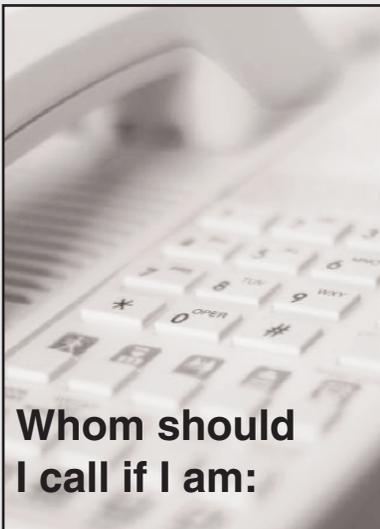
I even checked my precious book — the one I consult for everything from runny noses to speech progress. Nothing.

We tried it with my husband holding him as I aimed the ointment from above. We tried sitting in the floor, me holding him and my husband wielding the tube. We tried it with him in a chair, we tried it with him lying there. It became as repetitive as a Dr. Seuss book. As I smeared the cream on his bottom eyelid with a Q-tip ("This totally counts," I asserted to my husband) all I could do was laugh. Who, pray tell, came up with the idea of squirting a strip of ointment into the inner eyelid of a wriggly infant? Probably the same person who decided that giving a dog nightly mouth rinses was an "easy" way to keep his teeth clean. It's as though someone was sitting in a room thinking, "Hmmm, what's the most physically and mentally trying task that we can give a parent just getting used to parenthood? I know! Eye ointment."

With the eye ointment glistening on his bottom lid, our now-exhausted son fell asleep in my husband's arms. The day's treatments were finished.

Only 12 more to go.

**Editor's note:** Crystal Lewis Brown is editor of the Fort Jackson Leader and an Army spouse of five years.



### Whom should I call if I am:

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Relocation and Referral Services  
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223,  
751-1124

**Looking for a job?**

Employment Readiness Program  
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223,  
751-4862

**Looking for child care?**

Child, Youth and School Services  
Joe E. Mann Center, 751-4865/4824.

**Leaving the Army?**

Army Career and Alumni Program, Building 4600, Room A200, 751-4109

**Looking for an off-post school?**

School liaison officer, 751-6150

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McWethy Troop Clinic, 751-5183.

**Being abused?**

Family Advocacy Program

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Mobilization and Deployment  
Family Readiness Center, 751-7220

**Having trouble balancing the family budget?**

Financial Readiness Program  
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223,  
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**In legal trouble?**

Legal assistance office  
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**Looking for spiritual support?**

Family Life Center  
Main Post Chapel, 751-5780

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MACH, 751-2123/2425/2778

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Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
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Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Kyela Yarbrough, 5, reaches into a pool for a toy at Saturday's Family Fun Fair at Hilton Field. Games for children of all ages were available.



# Fun fair delights military children

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

Capt. Marla Washington, with Moncrief Army Community Hospital, sat in the grass surrounding Hilton Field as her 1-year-old daughter, Nyla, and friends ate snow cones. The foursome were taking a break from the games and activities in which they participated at Saturday's Family Fun Fair.

The fair was hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation as part of its activities aimed at celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child.

Washington said she and her small group came out to support the event and have a little fun.

"It's great," she said. "It creates ... support for the families so that they know Fort Jackson cares about them by providing activities that are cost free," she said.

What is normally used as parking during Basic Combat Training graduations had been transformed into a carnival with fair rides, an "animal" house, oversized bounce house, giant inflatable slide and a rock-climbing wall.

There were also smaller activities going on, including face painting, bowling and a separate area for younger children. Some children even walked away with prizes. Darin the D.A.R.E. Lion and McGruff the Crime Dog also stopped by the fair.

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Top: Tayla Anderson, 4, sits still as a volunteer paints a butterfly on her face.

Left: Michael Steyer, 2, squeals with laughter as he and his mother, Susan, slide down the inflatable slide at Saturday's Family Fun Fair.

# DSoy to be named Saturday



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

**Staff Sgt. Jason Stephens, Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, reassembles a machine gun during the urban operations event of this year's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.**

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She said getting in shape may give her a slight edge over those who had less time to train, but she said she must still face her biggest challenge, speed.

"Men are faster and stronger than most women," Thomas said. "Not in all cases, but let's be honest here, their speed is really something difficult to keep up with. I have to give it to them, they're fast."

And road marching with all her gear on doesn't help, she said.

Staff Sgt. Daisy Martinez, Company C., 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, another among only five female competitors, agreed that the heavy equipment is a burden to carry.

"Before I put my gear on, I weighed 135 (pounds)," Martinez said. "After putting it on, I weigh 195, and that's not including my weapon."

Martinez, who has been in the Army for 12 years, said she was "volun-told" she would be competing just two days prior to the start of the competition. Even with almost no time to prepare, Martinez said she's still going to do her best to compete against what she calls "outstanding competition."

If either Martinez or Thomas wins the competition, it will be the first time a female has been named Fort Jackson's DSoy since 2003.

Last year, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cavezza, Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, won.

As the reigning DSoy, Cavezza designed this year's

competition based on his experiences competing for the TRADOC DSoy title last year. He included more obstacles, foot marching and elements of surprise for the contenders, he said.

"The main emphasis this year was to have the competitors execute the tasks while under stress," Cavezza said. "Putting them in full gear, road march a couple of miles, then go ahead and execute a major task. Not knowing what's coming up next is the biggest obstacle," he said.

Staff Sgt. Richard Love, Company F, 1st Battalion 34th Inf. Reg., said the unexpected events in between each major event is exactly what he finds to be the most challenging.

"I'm sure they're trying to break us down between events," Love said. "The surprises may just be what make or break you, as far as physical fatigue."

The competition ends tomorrow with a formal board, which Martinez said she is anticipating.

"It's all knowledge," she said. "I can (display) that better than I can do physically. I think I'll do well."

The winner will be announced Saturday and recognized later in a ceremony. The winner will serve as the liaison between drill sergeants and the post command group, and will also compete in the TRADOC DSoy competition in June. In the event the Fort Jackson DSoy wins the TRADOC title, he or she will make a permanent change of station to Fort Monroe, Va. Hence, the runner-up will serve as the Fort Jackson DSoy.

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## News and notes

### ARCHEOLOGICAL VISIT

The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division is hosting an Archeological Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at a prehistoric archeological site Training Area BA-2, located near the intersection of Dixie and Boyden Arbor roads.

Visitors will be shuttled from the Marion Street Station parking lot at 4522 Marion Ave. Archeologists will be on-site to describe their work, display artifacts and discuss the information gained from the site. For more information, please contact Chan Funk at 751-7153 or e-mail [Paul.S.Funk@us.army.mil](mailto:Paul.S.Funk@us.army.mil).

### AFCC DEDICATION

The Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., May 6.

## 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 of 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.

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**April 22 — 5 p.m.**

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Journey to the Center of the Earth PG 85 min.

**April 23 — 6 p.m.**

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**April 24 — 6 p.m.**

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# Officer joint-service rules change

By ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct. 1, active-duty officers wanting to get self-nominated credit for serving in a joint-service environment will need to do it quickly — the Joint Qualification System is changing its requirements.

Under the current JQS, a validation system that documents officers' joint service in their official records, officers can file for joint credit dating back to Sept. 11, 2001. However, after Sept. 30, active-duty officers will only be able to file retroactively within 12 months from the date they completed their joint-experience assignment.

Having joint-service credit is important for officers, because it portrays them as being well-rounded, and active-duty officers can't make the rank of general without it, Army Human Resource Command officials said.

"The cut-off date is a management mechanism to finally close out the old legacy retroactive joint-duty credit system ... which is a good thing," said David Quimby, deputy chief of plans and operations for the officer directorate at Army Human Resources Command.

Quimby said that for years, services were requesting waivers for officers to receive this retroactive credit, and now that grace period has expired. Bottom line: if you want joint credit to count, don't wait.

"The global environment that the United States is in right now and the potential threats from any direction demands that we think, act, operate and train in a joint-service environment ... It's a must," said Quimby.

"Putting emphasis on joint experience is critical because when you fast-forward to the younger generation today, when they are our generals and senators, and they don't understand how to operate in a joint environment, we will fail in our mission to defend the United States," Quimby explained.

In 2007, Congress modified the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 to allow officers to gain joint experience through two paths. Previously joint credit was only given to those in an officially sanctioned joint-duty billet, considered the "standard" path.

Now officers can also self-nominate themselves to receive joint credit if they've served in a non-appointed joint position, such as on a deployment, or a combined joint task force for humanitarian relief. This is called the "experience" path.

Using a point system, one point is awarded for every 30 days served in a joint environment, and "intensity factors" depending on what kind of assignment the service is fulfilled in, can add additional points.

The Army's goal is for all officers to have at least 36 points by the time they are eligible for brigadier general —



Photo by AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. SUZANNE M. DAY

**In this file photo, members of the joint honor cordon carry weapons at port arms as they get ready at the U.S. Capitol for the 56th Presidential Inauguration to begin. Beginning October, active-duty officers wanting to get self-nominated credit for serving in a joint-service environment will need to do it quickly — the Joint Qualification System is changing its requirements.**

achievable in one year for an officer in a combat zone, where the intensity factor is three.

The JQS packets are then sent to the Joint Manpower Information System, and quarterly panels are convened to determine the validity of the points, and if the assignment meets the definition of "joint matters."

"To have this credit, it really distinguishes you and sets you apart from your peers," said Lt. Col. Maria Quon, a public affairs officer with the Army's Human Resources Command in St. Louis.

The Army Reserve is implementing a similar deadline, but it is more relaxed because of the difficulty Reserve officers have accumulating JQS points, explained Maj. Mary Lepley, an Army Human Resources Command Reserve Career Manager.

Reserve officers will have until 2013 to file for JQS dating back to 1986. The retroactive date goes further back for the Reserve because the 2007 Congressional modification to the Defense Reorganization Act was only for active duty.

Reserve officers can also get joint credit for attending

joint military education courses under certain circumstances.

After 2013 though, just like their active-duty counterparts, Reserve officers will have a maximum of one year after completion of their joint-related assignment to submit their self-nomination application into JQS.

The Army National Guard's new JQS deadline mirrors the Reserve's.

"It's human nature to procrastinate, until it's right at your doorstep," said JQS manager Joe Palermo, who warned of putting off filing.

Palermo however, made it clear that as long as officers file their paperwork by Sept. 30, they've met the deadline for applying for retroactive joint-service credit.

To self-nominate for JQS, go to [www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/jmis/JQSindex.jsp](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/jmis/JQSindex.jsp), or call (703) 325-8192 for active duty, and (314) 592-0096 for Reserve. Also, more information is available at the website of U.S. Army Human Resources Command at [www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opdistjp/index.htm](http://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opdistjp/index.htm) (AKO login required).



## Helping hands

About 150 volunteers are honored for their service during the second quarter Helping Hands award ceremony Wednesday at the Joe E. Mann Center. This was one of the largest number of volunteers to be honored in one quarter. It was also the last time Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson's commanding general, would present the awards. May will relinquish command this summer.

Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER



## Shared experience



*Courtesy photo*

**Virginia Holt, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), shares stories of her 43 years at the Fort Jackson reception station with Maj. Gen. Sean Byrne, commanding general of the Human Resources Command, during his recent visit to Fort Jackson.**

## STRIKE MASTERS

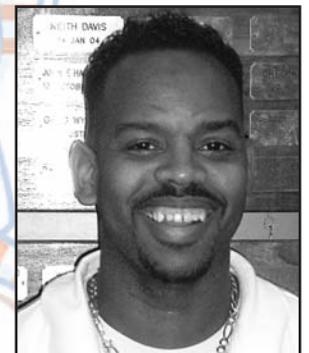
Century Lanes Bowling Center salutes the following league bowlers on their honor scores:

### March 31

John Harris rolled a 290, throwing 11 strikes in a row.

The winner of March's King of the Hill tournament is Gregg Chism.

For more information about Fort Jackson bowling programs, call 751-6138.



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# Saluting BCT honorees

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## Upcoming ceremonies

### CHANGES OF COMMAND

- 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Collin Fortier will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Glenn Blumhardt, 9 a.m., May 18, at the Officers' Club.
- 2nd Battalion, 307th Field Artillery Regiment: Lt. Col. Richard Howard will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Angell, 10 a.m., May 21, at the 157th Infantry Brigade headquarters.
- U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School: Col. Samuel Boone will relinquish command to Col. David Smartt, 2 p.m., May 26, at the Solomon Center.
- 157th Infantry Brigade: Col. Timothy Vuono will relinquish command to Col. David Bushey, 10 a.m., June 1, at the Officers' Club.
- 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Alan Deogracias will relinquish command to Lt. Col. John Allen, 9 a.m., June 3, at the Officers' Club.
- 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Daniel Beatty will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Quincy Norman, 9 a.m., June 9, at the Officers' Club.

- Moncrief Army Community Hospital: Col. Nancy Hughes will relinquish command to Col. Ramona Fiorey, 9 a.m., June 15, at MACH.
- 193rd Infantry Brigade: Col. Brian Prosser will relinquish command to Col. Drew Meyerowich, 9 a.m., June 24, at the Officers' Club.
- Garrison: Col. Lillian Dixon will relinquish command to Col. James Love, 9 a.m., June 25, at Post Headquarters.
- 171st Infantry Brigade: Col. Karl Reed will relinquish command to Col. George Donovan, 9:30 a.m., July 9, at Darby Field.
- Training Support Battalion: Lt. Col. Lawrence Anyanwu will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Sula Irish, 8 a.m., July 12, at the Officers' Club.

If any of the information changes, please send updates for changes of command and changes of responsibility to [FJLeader@conus.army.mil](mailto:FJLeader@conus.army.mil) or call 751-7045. The *Leader* covers changes of command and responsibility for battalion-level or higher organizations only.

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## Calendar

### Today

#### **PWOC Royal Ambassadors**

9:30 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel  
All military wives and female service members are invited.

### Wednesday, April 28

#### **Single Soldier Focus Group**

8 a.m. to noon, Family Readiness Center  
Call 751-4926 or e-mail *Dennis.Ramirez2@conus.army.mil* to participate or submit quality-of-life issues.

#### **Red Cross blood drive**

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SSI Library  
Donors will be entered into a statewide drawing for a cruise. Call 360-2036 for information.

### Saturday, May 1

#### **Bike Rodeo**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Semmes Lake  
Events include: bike safety/maintenance class, bike registration, helmet fitting, rules of the road and more. Call 751-3149 for information.

### Wednesday, May 12

#### **American Red Cross Luncheon**

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The theme is "American Red Cross: Down the street. Across the country. Around the world." Call 751-4329 for information.

### Friday, May 14

#### **EFMP Talent Show**

6 p.m., Solomon Center

### Saturday, May 22

#### **8K Volksmarch**

9 a.m., Solomon Center  
The walk, hosted by Fort Jackson's Army Public Health Nurses, starts and finishes at the Solomon Center. Call 751-5251 or *Kenneth.Cobb@amedd.army.mil*.

## 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., Imboden and Chesnut streets  
Stop by for a free lunch on the way to school.

### Friday

#### **Housing shred day**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Bring by personal items to have them shredded.

### Monday, April 26

#### **Operation Shoebox**

Fort Jackson is collecting items for Operation Shoebox through April 30. Operation Shoebox is an initiative to send support, snacks and personal care items to deployed Soldiers. A list of items is available at the community center.

## Announcements

### EFMP TALENT SHOW

The Exceptional Family Member Program is looking for participants for its EFMP Talent Show, which is scheduled for May 14. Categories include: singing, dancing, poetry reading, skits, artwork, gymnastics and more. Entry forms are due to EFMP by April 30. Call 751-5256 or e-mail *Brandi.Palmer@us.army.mil* for information.

### AAFES FIT YOUR FOOT PROGRAM

AAFES "Fit your Foot" program offers shoppers a way to choose a running shoe based on correct size and foot type. The PX has the "Brannock Device" available to measure foot length and width to determine shoe size, as well as brochures that explain how to determine what type of foot a person has. Select shoes in the "Fit your Foot" program are color-coded for easy recognition.

### SINGLE SOLDIER ISSUES

Quality-of-life issues affecting single Soldiers are being collected for the Community FIRST/AFAP Single Soldier Focus Group on April 28. Issue forms are available online at: <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/Community%20FIRST/Issue%20Form.htm>. Call 751-6315 or 751-4926 to receive an issue form. Forms may be submitted by Friday to be addressed.

### 187TH SPRING BALL

The 187th Ordnance Battalion Spring Ball is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., May 22, at the Marriott Hotel and Resort. The theme is "Spring toward a new beginning." Formal attire required for civilians. Call 751-5161/4098 for ticket information and prices.

### GARRISON GARDENERS

The Garrison Gardeners are seeking volunteers to help spruce up the Gate 1 traffic circle and guard house. Volunteers are needed from 9-11 a.m., May 1. Master gardeners will be on hand to help. Call 751-7271 for information.

### FMWR SCAVENGER HUNT RIDE

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Department and the Solomon Center are conducting a Scavenger Hunt Bike Ride for those 18 and older. Each rider will be given a map and three hours to collect all items on the list. The fee is \$10 for those who need to borrow a bike and helmet. Visit [www.fort-jacksonmwr.com](http://www.fort-jacksonmwr.com) for more information or to download a flyer. Registration will be at the Solomon Center. Call 751-5768 for information.

### FCC PROVIDERS TRAINING

Fort Jackson Child, Youth and Schools Services is currently seeking Family Child Care providers. The next Family Child Care orientation training is scheduled for May 10-14. Applications must be

turned in by April 30.

The FCC program offers employment for military spouses who enjoy working with children. FCC providers who can accept children younger than 2 are especially needed. FCC providers must be: living in government quarters on post, or be a Department of Social Services registered off-post provider. An amnesty program is available for those who are providing child care on post but are not certified. Call 751-6234 for information.

### ESSAY CONTEST

Children are invited to participate in this year's Month of the Military Child essay contest. The theme is "How the military has impacted your life." Age groups are: 5-10 and 11-16.

One winner will be selected from each age group. Be sure to include contact information on the essay. Winners will be notified April 30. The contest runs through Friday. E-mail *RosenbergJ@aafes.com* for information.

### QUIT SMART PROGRAM

The Department of Behavioral Health is sponsoring "Quit Smart" smoking cessation classes. Classes are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., April 27, May 11, May 25 and June 1. Evening classes are scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m., April 29, May 13, May 27 and June 3.

### TRANSITION CLASSES

Transition classes are geared toward any Soldier who deployed during OIF/OEF. The class meets 6-7:30 p.m., each Tuesday, in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital staff conference room. The class is geared toward helping Soldiers transition from life in the combat zone. Call 751-5911 for information.

### FORT JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD

There are four open seats on the Fort Jackson School Board. Nomination forms will be sent home with children this week, and may also be picked up at the school. Nomination-candidate interest forms must be turned into the school by April 30. Elections are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 7, at C.C. Pinckney and Pierce Terrace elementary schools.

### AG CORPS BALL

Tickets for the Adjutant General's Corps National Regimental Ball are now on sale. The ball is scheduled for June 11 at the NCO Club. Brig. Gen. E. Eric Porter is the guest speaker. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. Visit [www.agball2010.com](http://www.agball2010.com) for more information or to purchase tickets online.

### AAFES PHOTO CONTEST

AAFES customers are invited to join its "My Story" contest for a chance to win a digital camera and a \$500 shopping spree. Entrants should send a photo and a story of their military service, active duty or civilian, along with a 50-word description. Grand prize, first place, second place and two runners-up will be awarded. Photos

and descriptions should be e-mailed to *PatriotFamily@aafes.com*. Entrants must include name, address, phone number, rank or occupation. Photo information should include location, date and who is in the photo. The contest runs through April 30.

### ARMY HOOAH RACE

Registration for the ninth annual Army Hooah Race is now open through June 10. The June 12 race marks the Army's 235th birthday, as well as the final race in the metro Atlanta area. Race events include a 5K walk/run, 10K run and 100-yard Tot Trot (ages 10 and younger). Register online at [www.armyhooahrace.army.mil/armyhooahrace](http://www.armyhooahrace.army.mil/armyhooahrace). Mail-in registration forms are also available at the site. The 5K starts at 7:30 a.m. at the East Point Library. The 10K starts at 8 a.m. at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. The Tot-Trot starts at 9 a.m. at Fort McPherson's Hedekin Field.

### TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

The Mass Transportation Benefits Program provides non-taxable personnel benefits of up to \$230 per month for mass transit commuting costs. Qualified means of transportation include commuter bus. Interested employees must submit a completed and signed Mass Transportation Benefit Program application and a Commuter Expenses Calculation worksheet to the Patti Thornall. Call 751-4392 or e-mail *Patti.Thornall@us.army.mil* for information.

### POP WARNER FOOTBALL

Registration is now open to Fort Jackson youth, 5-12, for a Pop Warner tackle football and cheerleading for Mid-South Bulldogs. The season begins Aug. 1. Call 466-5828 or (757) 814-5188 for information.

## Off-post events

### NFFE LUNCH

The National Federation of Federal Employees Local 1214 invites all bargaining unit employees to lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 19 at Union Hall Headquarters, 4405 Forney St.

### GOOD CLEAN FUN

Keep the Midlands Beautiful is hosting a photo contest on its Facebook fan page through April 30. Enter the contest by becoming a fan and posting pictures of friends, relatives and neighbors having Good Clean Fun. The winning photo submitter will receive an eco-friendly grand prize basket worth more than \$250. The winner will be announced May 13.

### PALMETTO PAINTERS

The Palmetto Painters, an S.C. Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters, will meet 10 a.m., May 8 at Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Road, West Columbia. The meeting focus will be a fabric painting project. Call 781-2340 or visit [www.PalmettoPainters.com](http://www.PalmettoPainters.com) for information.

## 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

### CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A civilian was charged with aggravated assault with a vehicle after striking a Soldier with her vehicle, Military Police said. The Soldier and the civilian were fighting prior to the incident, MPs said. The Soldier was transported to the hospital for his injuries, the extent of which were unknown. The civilian left the scene, but later turned herself in, MPs said.

□ Three civilians were issued post bar letters after attempting to enter the post with one of the civilians hiding in the trunk of the vehicle, MPs said. The civilian who was hiding was cited for criminal trespassing, while the driver and passenger were cited for being parties to a crime. Three-year post bar letters were initiated for the driver and the person



in the trunk. A limited one-year post bar letter was initiated for the passenger.

□ A civilian was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and not having a driver's license in possession after being stopped for a cell phone violation, MPs said. The civilian was initially stopped for talking on her cell phone while driving when MPs discovered that her driver's license had been suspended. The civilian was also cited for a cell phone violation.

### TIP OF THE WEEK

Though sometimes a parking spot may not be as close to our destination as some of us would like, there is adequate parking is available on the installation. Fort Jackson Supplement 1 to AR 190-5 states that it is a violation to park: "on a seeded area or other area containing vegetation which is maintained by mowing, to include, but not lim-

ited to roadsides, lawns, athletic fields and flower beds unless specifically authorized by competent authority."

This means don't park on the grass. Military Police will cite those owners who park their vehicles on seeded areas. Those who violate this policy can be issued a government ticket, which is reported through the offender's civilian and/or military chain of command and carries a point assessment against the violator's driving privileges on the installation. Accumulation of an exces-

sive number of points can result in the revocation of driving privileges on the installation. So, find a parking spot — even if it is not right next to your destination — and take the time to walk and enjoy the spring weather.

**crimestoppers**  
1-888-559-TIPS  
[www.midlandscrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandscrimestoppers.com)

## FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

# MEDIA AWARENESS



Never Discuss Operational Information!!!



You can say No or Refer Media to the Public Affairs Office.



Protect Soldiers by Protecting Information!!!



## Don't let a heat injury take you out of the fight



- Call 911 at the first sign of heat injury (including mental status change).
- Use ice sheets
- Give the Soldier sips of water
- Monitor him or her at all times.

### Emergency numbers:

Cell phone users: 803-751-9111.  
Alternate 1: Range control via radio.  
Alternate 2: Range control at 751-7171/4732.  
Alternate 3: MP desk at 751-3113/3114/3115.

*Never leave the Soldier unattended!*

**911 & ICE:**  
**At the first sign — every time.**

# Military spouses find careers through ASEP

As a military spouse, it can seem like having a career has to be put on hold until the Soldier's career is complete. And for many years that was the norm for Army spouses. But through the Army Family Covenant and the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, this is no longer true. Army spouses can cultivate and nurture flourishing careers while supporting their Soldiers.

ASEP is a self-sustaining and expanding partnership that is mutually beneficial to the Army and corporate America. The partnership provides Army spouses with the opportunity to attain financial security and achieve employment goals through career mobility and enhanced employment options. Corporate partners are provided the capability to tap into a readily available, diverse and talented pool of candidates.

"For example, if a spouse works at Home Depot, an ASEP partner, and that spouse gets word that (she and her family) are moving across the country, the human resources manager here contacts the corporate office to find out about possible openings with Home Depot at or near the new duty station," said Barbara Martin, program manager, Employment Readiness, Army Community Services.

Through ASEP and its database of some 50,000 jobs, the Army hopes to facilitate the employment of Army spouses to the mutual benefit of the Army and corporate America. Spouses can view and search jobs and submit resumes at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) and [www.msjs.org](http://www.msjs.org).

"Many spouses think the only way to have a career is to work on post," Martin said. "There are so many more opportunities since ASEP was launched in 2003. All of these partner companies are Fortune 500 companies and are



## Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O'HAGAN

*Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

companies you can find outside the gates of most U.S. military installations as well as some that are international."

In order to get the word out to additional spouses, the Employment Readiness Program will host an ASEP Awareness Fair, 9 a.m., May 11 at the Main Post Chapel, Room 211. Dr. Lillie Cannon, program manager, ASEP, Department of the Army, will be the guest speaker. Participants are encouraged to bring their resumes. Fifteen local ASEP partners will be on hand to meet with spouses and discuss career opportunities. Interested spouses should call ERP at 751-4862 to reserve a space. Participants need to arrive between 8:15-8:45 a.m. to check in and receive their information packets.

ASEP currently consists of 39 partners — 37 from the private sector and two from the military. Others are being considered and screened

through an intense application process.

The original 13 partners from the private sector include: AAFES, BellSouth Corp., Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Computer Sciences Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Dell Inc., Home Depot, Hospital Corporation of America, Lockheed Martin, Manpower Inc., Merck & Co., Sears Logistics Services Inc. and Sprint. New partners include: Adecco, N. A., Defense Commissary Agency, Eurpac Services Inc and Sears, Roebuck and Co. Military partners include: Army Career and Alumni Program and Army Civilian Personnel.

## Current EDGE! classes

☐ **Earth Smart Craft**, 3:30-5 p.m., today at the Community Center. Children 9-15 can celebrate Earth Day today and next Thursday by creating crafts from things that would normally be thrown away.

☐ **Biking on the Edge**, 4-5:30 p.m., Friday and Monday, at the Youth Services Center. Children 10 to 15 years old can learn the rules of the road and the best places to bike on Fort Jackson. The classes wrap up with a postwide bike rodeo May 1.

☐ **Voyage on the Titanic**, 3:30-5 p.m., Friday. Assume the identity of a passenger on the Titanic and explore the reasons why the ship sank. For ages, 9-16.

☐ **Raise a Racquet**, 3:30 p.m., today, tennis courts, Brown Avenue. Tennis classes are open to ages 9-16.

☐ **Egg-stravaganza**, Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Dye, boil, devil, scramble and eat eggs. Open to ages 9-16.

☐ **Tend My Garden**, 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, City Roots organic farm. Transportation from 5955 Parker Lane. Help green the world by learning to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables. Open to ages 9-15.

*The EDGE! offers free classes as part of the Army Middle School and Teen Initiative for those older than 10 years old. For children 9-10 years old, classes are \$5 per hour. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>. Become a fan of the Fort Jackson EDGE program on Facebook. For more information, call Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053.*

## 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.

### 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.
- ☐ 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

- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.
- ☐ Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for Sunday brunch. Coat and tie not required. Call 751-4906 or 782-8761 for reservations.

### 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.
- ☐ 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.fort-jacksonmwr.com](http://www.fort-jacksonmwr.com).

### ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ Child, Youth and School Services provides free child care and youth programming on Saturday for active-duty parents who must work as a mission requirement, including parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during battle training assembly. Programming is available to other parents at an hourly or daily rate.
- ☐ Enjoy resort accommodations for between two and six people with the Armed Forces Vacation Club for less than one would pay for some hotels. For details, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988. Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. Fort Jackson's installation number is 164.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Victory Travel has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Currently offered are discounted tickets to Carowinds, \$30 per ticket, and Six Flags, \$27 per ticket, for the 2009 season. Some offers require reservations. For more information, visit Victory Travel in the Solomon Center.



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# New command takes shape

*Transformation strengthens Army public health capabilities*

**JANE GERVASONI and LYN KUKRAL**  
U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

The Army's public health capabilities are being integrated to form a new U.S. Army Public Health Command. The integration is part of the Army Medical Command's transformation from a "sick-care" system to a "health-care" system — one that emphasizes prevention and sustaining good health.

The USAPHC will incorporate select missions of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command. This integration will occur in phases over two years. The transition began with USACHPPM's conversion to the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) Oct. 1, and will end when the USAPHC reaches its full operational capability, targeted for Oct. 1, 2011.

Army public health focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their families and Army civilian employees. The USAPHC will oversee effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DOD, as well.

"To facilitate a smooth transition (and) synchronize and standardize public health services, we stood up a USAPHC Transition Team," said Brig. Gen. Timothy K. Adams, the USAPHC (Prov) commander. "The team serves as an advisory team and conducts the staff analyses necessary to fully establish the USAPHC."

The team consists of several working groups with representation from MEDCOM, MEDCOM's Regional Medical Commands, USACHPPM, VETCOM, DOD Veterinary Service Activity, the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine, and the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Lead by John Resta, USAPHC (Prov) scientific adviser, and Col. Gary Vroegindewey, assistant chief of the Veterinary Corps, the team currently is developing a detailed plan to stand up the new command, starting with a concept of operations.

"This effort should cause little disruption in service to

our customers," Vroegindewey said. "While the USAPHC is transforming, we expect that customers of the former USACHPPM and the VETCOM will deal with the same organizational contacts in the same locations where they currently have relationships."

Customers may not notice effects from forming the new command, but those involved in planning how it will eventually look and function are engaged in multiple brainstorming and analysis sessions, producing reams of slides and documents. The CONOPS was the first major document to test the results of these labors.

Public health services to installations will be organized under the command of regional medical commands or medical treatment facilities, he explained. Current VETCOM branches will merge with existing preventive medicine services to form unified installation-level teams.

"One of the biggest pieces of the CONOPS is developing coordinated and integrated organizational relationships to effectively execute missions of mutual interest," Resta said, noting that the Army Enterprise model is being used.

Resta said there will be five public health regions with subordinate public health command districts. The regions currently are located where the former USACHPPM subordinate commands were: Landstuhl, Germany; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

The plan also proposes to make what was the USACHPPM headquarters a public health institute with responsibility for developing best practices and standardizing services and programs, Resta said. The institute also would provide reach-back technical expertise and one-of-a-kind services in areas such as laboratory sciences and toxicology. It will remain at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. A small headquarters element would oversee the entire USAPHC from Fort Sam Houston.

With the CONOPs approved, the next phase of the USAPHC transition can begin, Vroegindewey said. In this phase, the USAPHC (Prov) will assume operational control of the VETCOM, and the MEDCOM's continental U.S. regional medical commands will assume operational control of installation-level veterinary service assets in their areas of responsibility. The approval of the concept plan by the Department of the Army is expected to take four to six months

## MACH updates

### RETIREE HEALTH FAIR

MEDDAC and DENTAC will sponsor the annual retiree health fair during this year's Retiree Appreciation Days, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the Solomon Center.

Services provided include oral screenings (for retirees and their beneficiaries) and blood pressure and glaucoma screenings, as well as information on self-care, nutrition, patient safety, gastric bypass surgery and men and women's health. Representatives from TRICARE, MACH pharmacy, physical therapy and occupational therapy will also attend. Call 751-2501 for information.

### DFAC UPDATE

Renovations at the MACH dining facility are ongoing. Staff and visitors can eat and be served in the dining area. The DFAC is located on the fourth floor and is now serving premium coffee and teas.

### MACH PATIENT ENROLLMENT

While MACH is currently unable to enroll adult active duty family members, there are open pediatric TRICARE Prime enrollment spaces for active duty families. Other family members may choose from a list of primary care managers who are in the TRICARE Prime civilian network.

### OUTPROCESSING PROCEDURES

Soldiers must clear the Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services and Behavioral Health prior to leaving the installation. Outprocessing includes a review of medical records and provides an opportunity for the Soldier to receive behavioral health care at his or her gaining installation. Outprocessing hours are 8-11 a.m., Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays at MACH Room 7-90. For more information, call 751-2235.

### ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

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

# Bioethics adviser to be appointed

*From Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

President Barack Obama announced that he plans to appoint Col. Nelson Michael, the director of the Division of Retrovirology at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the director, U.S. Military HIV Research program, to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

The President's Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues will advise the president on bioethical issues that may emerge from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The commission will work with the goal of identifying and

promoting policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in an ethically responsible manner.

Obama signed an Executive Order creating the new Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues on late last year.

Michael began with the Division of Retrovirology at WRAIR in 1989, and became the director in 2006. The U.S. Military HIV Research Program is a multi-dimensional, international research program encompassing vaccine research and development, HIV prevention research and clinical research.

Michael's research interests include HIV molecular pathogenesis and host

genetics, HIV clinical research, and HIV vaccine development. He is concurrently an Associate Professor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University and is a diplomat, American Board of Internal Medicine.

Michael currently serves various NIH committees dealing with AIDS research and vaccines. He graduated summa cum laude from University of California, Los Angeles in 1979 with a degree in biology and from Stanford University with M.D. and Ph.D. (cancer biology) degrees in 1986. He trained in internal medicine at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital from 1986-1989. Michael has co-authored 120 papers in the peer-reviewed scientific literature.



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# God sees us through the eyes of love

By **CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) WILLIAM BAREFIELD**  
*193rd Infantry Brigade*

Once upon a time, there was a king with only one daughter, Ellen, who was very beautiful. She was so beautiful, princes from all over asked for her hand in marriage. She refused them all. The aging king began to worry because he knew Ellen needed to find a husband.

Ellen thought a long time, before she announced, "I will marry the man who brings me moon snow." The king was confused. "What is moon snow?" he asked. Ellen simply said, "I can't tell you now, but I'll know it when I see it." The king and his confused advisers agreed that messengers should be sent to all the neighboring countries announcing Princess Ellen would marry the suitor who brought her moon snow.

Soon, young men, many handsome and rich, began to arrive with their interpretation of moon snow. One nobleman brought the princess a bottle of rare white wine, thinking that it was cold and wet, like snow. But Ellen shook her head no. Then a rich merchant presented Ellen with a piece of the softest, sheerest white silk brought all the way from

China. That was not it either.

The king began to worry she would never find a husband. Then one day, a barefoot boy in tattered clothes dirty with smudges entered. "He's just a chimney sweep," the other suitors said, and they all thought he had a lot of nerve asking Ellen's hand.

The king heard their grumbling and decided to have the chimney sweep thrown out. But Ellen stopped him. "Father, she said, I will marry the man — any man, who brings me moon snow." So the young man came forward and Ellen saw that beneath the dirt he had fine features and lovely blue eyes. He smiled shyly at the princess and reached out his hand. She took his gift and everyone craned their necks to see what such a person would give a princess. They were amazed, for in her hand she held a mound of soot.

"It's moon snow," she cried happily. "Look, he has brought me moon snow," she said and they sat down and began to talk and laugh like old friends. Confused, the king exclaimed, "That's just soot!" "But your majesty," his adviser answered, "She is seeing through the eyes of love." Seeing the faraway look in his daughter's eyes, the king remembered when he had fallen in love. "Yes, of course," he

said nodding happily at the young couple.

You know, God sees us through the eyes of love. No matter who you are, what you have done, or where you have been, God loves you. He is able to see you through the eyes of love. Be encouraged today — God sees you through eyes of love.

With God's help, we in turn can see those around us through the eyes of love. Just like Ellen saw through the eyes of love. The following are some practical ways:

— Make the irrevocable decision to be noncritical of the people God has put in your life.

— Study the people in your life. Be sensitive to your friends in the areas in which they are not confident. Think of ways to build them up.

— Think every day of positive qualities you admire and appreciate in your spouse.

— Recognize people's talents, abilities and accomplishments.

— Communicate your respect for their work.

— Always exhibit the greatest courtesy to each other.

God sees us through the eyes of love. See your world through the eyes of love.



## PROTESTANT

### ■ Sunday

9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel  
9 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater  
9 a.m. Task Force Marshall Chapel, McCrady Training Center  
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel  
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))

## 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

8 p.m. Task Force Marshall Chapel, McCrady Training Center

### ■ 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

# Tips help ensure smooth PCS move

By **CAPT. SCOTT SOMERSET**  
Legal Assistance Office

With the permanent change of station season fast approaching, there are several matters with legal consequences to consider.

Are you going to lease a house or apartment at your next duty station? What about buying or selling a house? Can you deduct moving expenses from your income taxes? What about changing your driver license or car registration? Are spouses eligible for unemployment compensation if he or she leaves a job because of a military reassignment?

Following are some frequently encountered legal situations and how they can affect you.

## MILITARY TERMINATION CLAUSE

Before signing a lease at the new duty station, check the lease for a military "termination" clause suitable for the military community in case the lease must be canceled before the end of the full term. Among other things to review:

- Does it anticipate PCS situations?
- Does it incorporate any state law provision?
- How do military community members find out about it? Is it part of the welcome packet?

Check with the local housing or legal assistance office before signing a lease and have a trained professional review the lease to ensure you are covered.

## HOME-BUYING WEBSITES

— <http://homebuying.about.com/realestate/homebuying/library/blbuykit.htm>

This site is a great resource for someone considering buying a home. It offers links to calculators to help decide how much you can afford.

— <http://kiplinger.com/tools/housing.html>

This is a site for those wondering how much they may/can/should spend on a house. Before the homeowner can know how big a mortgage payment he or she can af-

ford, he or she must tally other monthly expenses. The first part of this calculator helps do just that. Part two helps estimate future costs, or savings, associated with the home.

— <http://www.ricedelman.com/planning/home>

This site offers a quiz on who is ready to buy.

— <http://www.hsh.com/calc-incomequal.html>

The site offers a calculator for how much a lender might let a person borrow. Use it as a benchmark, because property tax and home insurance vary from loan to loan and state to state.

— <http://www.hsh.com/calc-howmuch.html>

This site offers a calculator for how much house a person can afford.

## TAX PLANNING AND MOVING EXPENSES

Those who plan to PCS can deduct the reasonable unreimbursed expenses incurred for:

— Moving household goods and personal effects, including expenses for hauling a trailer, packing, crating, in-transit storage and insurance.

— Travel and lodging expenses from the old home to the new home, including automobile expenses and airfare.

No deductions are available for any expenses for meals, the cost of unnecessary side trips, or lavish and extravagant lodging.

Only unreimbursed expenses incurred in actually moving from the former home to the new assignment are deductible. The expense of pre-move house-hunting trips are not deductible, nor is there a deduction for any expenses for mov-

ing services provided by the government, or that were reimbursed and not included in income. For more information visit the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## DRIVER LICENSING/VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Check the Department of Motor Vehicles in the new state to find out what you need to do for vehicle registration and drivers license. Some states allow you to keep renewing your vehicle registration while away from the state on military orders while others require you to register a vehicle in the state you live. Some states have property tax on vehicles and some will waive the taxes if you are in the state on military orders. To find out more about each state's rules, visit: [www.usps.com/moversnet/motor.html](http://www.usps.com/moversnet/motor.html).

## SPOUSE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Check out the Military Spouses' Career Network site at [www.mscn.org](http://www.mscn.org) to download the guide "Unemployment Compensation: A State-by-State Guide to the Laws as they Affect Military Spouses' Eligibility for Benefits Upon PCS-Related Job Loss."

## AUTO LEASE

More and more people are leasing cars. There are several Internet resources to help one decide if this is a good idea. Military personnel who lease cars should consider whether they will deploy or PCS during the lease period and plan for that contingency. Check the lease terms to see what happens during an out-of-state or international move.

Consider these items while planning the move to or from Fort Jackson. If you have any questions about a contract and/or lease agreement, have it reviewed by a legal assistance attorney before signing.

If you are moving from Fort Jackson, contact the Legal Assistance Office where you will be stationed for state and post-specific information. To set up an appointment with an attorney, call 751-4287.

