



Looking back

BG May prepares for next challenge

By **KRIS GONZALEZ**
Fort Jackson Leader

For two years, Fort Jackson's commanding general has overseen the transition of thousands of civilians to Soldiers at the Army's largest Initial Entry Training center. Soon, he will rely heavily on the knowledge he has acquired here as he heads downrange.

Brig. Gen. Bradley May will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. James Milano during a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., June 16 at the Officer's Club.

May, who has commanded Fort Jackson since July 2008, will head to Baghdad, where he will become the director for the Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission.

In his new assignment, which will include overseeing training of the Iraqi Security Forces, May said he will have a rare opportunity to see the correlation between the ac-

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complishments made during his command and the real-world operations and procedures that are being implemented downrange where U.S. Soldiers continue to engage in combat and are in the midst of turning over more control to Iraqi forces.

"In terms of me leaving this job and going to the next job, I couldn't have asked for one that has a better translation," May said. "If I was going anywhere else, I wouldn't be able to say that.

"This assignment (at Fort Jackson) has allowed me to see things that (without this assignment) I would not be able to have that frame of reference going into it," he continued. "Particularly from the systemic stand-

“ I couldn't be more grateful for having the opportunity to serve with everybody here. ”

— **Brig. Gen. Bradley May**
Fort Jackson Commanding General

point that we have here training and transforming Soldiers — that transformation, some of the same things, will have to happen over there, so a lot of it will be applicable.

"And now I'll be able to see the fruits of the labor as the Soldiers go through the ranks," he said. "I'll see some of them in combat, and I'll see them down the road, and some of them will be ser-

geants major one day. There's a whole host of second and third order of effects with this that make one extremely proud."

During his

tenure here, May worked with a team of military and civilian leaders to create and institute a comprehensive strategic plan, which concentrated on three general areas of operation for Fort Jackson: training; quality of life; and support and sustainability. Those areas were built on a mission with the mantra: tradition, training, transformation.

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BG May bids Fort Jackson farewell

I have never been good at saying good-bye. Considering the fact that career Soldiers say it so often, you would think it would be easy. Being conditioned for these types of moments, however, does not make them any easier, as most senior Soldiers who have made a number of PCS moves will tell you.

The time has come for me to make my final remarks as Jan and I make way for your new commander, Maj. Gen. Mike Milano and his wife, Kim, before I head into theater to train and advise Iraqi security forces.

I thank each and every one of you for providing me with some of the proudest moments in my career. I take great comfort in the knowledge that I will be packing my Fort Jackson memories and lessons learned so that I can revisit them often in my future assignment and well beyond. So, in that sense, the bond that we have formed and share today will forever be intact.

It's strange how life is so unpredictable. I can remember the day when I found out that I had been selected to come to Fort Jackson. I was surprised, because this was not an assignment for which I thought I would even be considered. Fast forward, two years later, and I look back with tremendous gratitude for having had the opportunity to command this installation. The mission and people have made it wonderful.

Let's face it, training and transforming those who volunteer to serve our nation into Soldiers who are destined

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for combat, coupled with all the great people here and in the Midlands, make this an opportunity of a lifetime for a career Soldier.

Just to put a footnote on it, "great" is actually an adjective that still falls short of adequately describing our folks.

I have been fortunate in that this type of excellence at Fort Jackson permeates the entire post. It spreads from gate to gate and through all of our units and tenant organizations. I noticed this early on when we found ourselves preparing for some natural disasters that forced us to come together as an installation. I am not talking about just Basic Combat Training leaders, but about all of the units across post. The bonds that we shared became the impetus for the Fort Jackson Campaign Plan - which, in turn, continues to serve as a driver for daily ac-

tivities and accomplishments.

I would just like to thank so many Soldiers, family members, civilians and other Fort Jackson team members; way too many to list in the space that I have been allocated here. I have grown to really appreciate the hard work and results, day in and day out. I have watched our team tackle tough tasks and handle some extremely challenging issues. That's where you really gain an appreciation and learn a lot about people. I need to thank our civic leaders, as well, for all the community support that Fort Jackson has received from the city of Columbia and the Midlands in general.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge my family, my amazing wife, Jan, for all her support and for all of her accomplishments. She has worked tirelessly and passionately in support of our Soldiers and families. I thank my son, Chad, whom we moved here at the beginning of his senior year in high school. He handled it very well, I must add, and continues to do well.

I thank God that he brought us here. You have made me one very proud commander. Keep up the great work and give the Milanos the same support you have given us as they take Fort Jackson to the next level.

As a special note, as I wrap up this final column, I must thank Joe Monchecourt for his splendid work on my column over the past two years. Well done, Joe.

Take care and may God bless all of you.

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Ask the garrison commander about: Finding deployment resources

Where can I go to find information and resources about deployment?

You can find information about deployment and some



of the stressors that come in every stage of deployment at the Army Community Services, Mobilization and Deployment office. There are a variety of resources and information to support Soldiers and their families during all stages of deployment.

Operation READY (Resources for Educating about Deployment and You) provides the majority of the resources. Operation READY training materials are developed for different audiences that include Soldiers and families, leadership, Family Readiness Groups, and family program staff. Some of the resources are: U.S Army Deployment Support handbook: Child and Youth, Trauma in the Unit; Care Teams Handbook; Soldier and the Family Readiness Handbook; and reunion/reintegration CDs/brochures. The Mobilization and Deployment Program also has a library.

I've received an assignment to Military Training and Transition to Kuwait. As of Aug. 1, the training site will be at Fort Polk, La. Do I have to move my family members to Fort Polk since this is a permanent change of station move?

No, you do not have to move your family members. You have two options. The first option is that you may elect Kuwait as your PCS assignment for a dependent-restricted tour. You will have the option of relocating

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your family members to a designated location or leaving them at their current location. You will also be authorized to participate in the home-base advance assignment program. You will PCS to Kuwait with temporary duty en route to Fort Polk for training.

The second option is that you may elect to change your PCS assignment to Fort Polk. Normal PCS instructions apply. You will be able to discuss your preference during your reassignment briefing. Once you have initiated irrevocable PCS actions (e.g., shipment of household goods: movement of family members), you cannot then elect to change your assignment back to Kuwait.

FACT OF THE WEEK

The Mobilization and Deployment library has a ton of great books, CDs, and calendars that deployed Soldiers and their families to check out. Books, brochures and CDs are available for every age group. Some of the books are: "Surviving Deployment," "Coping with Anxiety"; "Fighting for Your Marriage"; "Personal Finances for Military Families"; "The Bravest of the Brave"; "Moving Again Mom"; and "Life after Deployment". The reading/resource library is located at the Family Readiness Center building 3944, Room 108.

To submit questions for the "Ask the Garrison Commander," e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@us.army.mil.

Post readies for active storm season

Soldiers, families urged to prepare

By KRIS GONZALEZ
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Hurricane season has begun and Fort Jackson leaders say they are prepared to keep things calm before, during and after the storm.

Officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are predicting a higher than normal number of severe storms this hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends Nov. 30. Of the 14 to 23 named storms predicted, eight to 14 are expected to turn into hurricanes; three to seven of those could be major.

John Coynor, Fort Jackson's force protection officer, said though most of the severe storms that affect South Carolina don't usually develop until late summer and early fall, post emergency personnel are already ready for what may come.

Hurricane Hugo of September 1989 was the last hurricane to have a major impact at Fort Jackson. It was a Category 5 storm that moved across the Atlantic, weakening to a Category 4 by the time it reached this area. Fort Jackson and the Columbia area experienced moderate damage, Coynor said.

"It made a mess out of this place," he said. "It didn't rip roofs off buildings at Fort Jackson, but there were knocked down trees and tree limbs everywhere. It was very difficult to drive down roads."

But to the Soldiers' and their leaders' credit, Fort Jackson was cleaned up and ready to go long before the surrounding communities, he said.

The quick clean-up was the result of good planning, he said, something he believes would still hold true today.

"We have a very comprehensive plan for dealing with severe weather at Fort Jackson, regardless of what form of severe weather it is," he said. "It's very detailed and takes in all the contingencies that we could think of, all the worst case scenarios."

The crisis management plan provides guidance to ensure the Fort Jackson community could remain self-sufficient for up to 72 hours following an emergency, he said.

The Joe E. Mann Community Center ballroom would serve as a central location where those who require shelter prior to or following a storm would register, be assigned to one of seven possible shelters, have any special needs identified, have any disabilities or handicaps accommodated and would be given assistance in commu-



Courtesy image

A 1989 satellite image shows Hurricane Hugo, which reached the Fort Jackson area as a Category 4 storm, causing moderate damage.

nicating with loved ones, Coynor said.

Both Coynor and Robert Frazier, Fort Jackson's emergency manager, recommend that every household also have enough supplies to be sufficient for at least three days.

Highlighting the Ready Army campaign, which encourages Soldiers, Army civilians, and family members to be proactive in preparing for hazards such as hurricanes, Frazier suggests that families get a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

"A Soldier's first instinct is to take care of his or her own family during a disaster," he said. "With education, a family can be better prepared. If a Soldier feels comfortable his family is OK, he can fulfill his mission and help save other lives."

The kits should be tailored to each family, Frazier said, but each should include the basic essentials such as nonperishable foods and water.

"Be prepared to be without power for a while," said Coynor, who suggests storing a generator and a propane stove or grill, filling vehicle gas tanks and getting about \$100 in cash from the ATM a few days in advance.

"If gas stations lose power, you can't pump gas," he said. "If ATMs are down, you can't get money. Having that cash could make all the difference in the world."

He also advises families to fill pitchers

or empty milk containers with tap water for drinking. Just prior to the storm, he recommends filling a bathtub with water to be used for flushing. When that water runs out, nearby lake water or pool water can be used for flushing as well.

"The reason we lose water is because ... whoever is in charge of the water supply in your area — as the storms approach or actually get here — turn the water off to keep the sewage from going up the water supply," he said. "As soon as they know that the flooding situation is gone, they turn the water back on. You're generally not out of water for long, but you could be for a few days."

"Being prepared gives the first responders, and water and power companies time to get their systems up and running again," Frazier said. "So you're not only helping your families, but you're helping your local support get things in order."

And even if people are not prepared at this very moment, Coynor said, they still have time to get ready.

"Being hit by a hurricane is like being hit by a glacier; we see those things coming a week out," he said.

But one thing Coynor doesn't recommend to anybody, is waiting until the last minute.

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BASIC EMERGENCY KIT

- Water — at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food — nonperishable food for at least three days
- Manual can opener, preferably on a multi-tool
- Reusable plates, cups, utensils, saucepan (note, a metal bowl can double as a cup or plate)
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications, medical equipment, care aids, extra eye glasses
- N95- or N100-rated dust masks
- Personal sanitation supplies, such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Hand-crank or battery operated flashlight
- Hand-crank radio or battery operated cell phone charger
- All-hazards NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio
- Extra batteries at the size required
- Brightly colored plastic poncho (can be used as shelter, clothing or a marker)
- Weather appropriate clothing to keep your family warm and dry
- Any tools needed for turning off utilities
- Local maps and your family emergency plan
- Your command reporting information — know the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System
- Important documents, including birth certificates, Social Security cards, passports, wills, medical and financial power of attorney, medical instructions, insurance policies, property documents, bank and credit card account numbers, inventory of household goods
- Emergency preparedness handbook
- Cash

Additional considerations

- Infant supplies, including formula and diapers
- Pets supplies, including food, water, medication, leash, travel case and documents
- Disinfectant
- Matches or flint in a waterproof container
- Sleeping bag or other weather-appropriate bedding for each person
- Coats, jackets and rain gear
- Fire extinguisher
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, toys and other activities for children
- Any items necessary for a specific type of disaster

For more information, visit http://www.acsim.army.mil/read-yarmy/Emergency_Kit_Fact_Sheet.pdf



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<http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>

Combat vets share struggles, similarities

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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Several generations of warfighters struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder had a chance to share their experiences and support each other during a visit by the South Carolina Combat Veterans Group to Fort Jackson last week.

After touring Fort Jackson, the group learned about the mission and goals of the Warrior Transition Unit and the Soldier Family Assistance Center before meeting with wounded warriors.

"The Combat Veterans Group was organized to be a therapeutic support group for combat veterans suffering from PTSD. I could not think of a better group of professionals to meet with Soldiers assigned to the WTU," said Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, who invited the veterans to Fort Jackson.

Tommy Olds, commander of the group, said he is glad to see that the military addresses combat-related stress head on.

"I'm very impressed," Olds said. "This is something that is very much needed. It's something that would have benefitted thousands of Vietnam veterans."

Robert Harris, a Vietnam veteran, said that if programs like the WTU had been available during the Vietnam War, a lot of issues that veterans are dealing with today could have been prevented.

"When we came back — straight from the war — it was kind of hard to adjust," he said. "I'm just happy the (service members) who are going to war now are not going the way we went."

Capt. Michael Block, commander of the WTU, said he hopes to establish a partnership between the veterans' group and the WTU.

"I believe that the South Carolina Combat Veterans and the wounded warriors from the WTU will help each other to conquer some of the symptoms associated with PTSD, because the warriors from the WTU will be relieved to find other veterans in their community who can relate to their



Photo by **SUSANNE KAPPLER**

Robert Suber, right, with the South Carolina Combat Veterans Group, talks to Capt. Michael Block, commander of the Warrior Transition Unit, during the group's visit to the WTU last week.

experiences while providing much needed camaraderie and practical guidance," Block said. "On the other hand, the South Carolina Combat Veterans will find fulfillment by serving as mentors to the wounded warriors and knowing that they are doing their part to help the next generation of wounded warriors to heal from PTSD."

The veterans left an immediate impression with the WTU Soldiers, Block said.

"I was thrilled with the visit because I got a chance to see my warriors' faces light up as they spoke to the South

Carolina Combat Veterans and realized that they could relate to their struggles," he said.

Dixon said she hopes the new partnership will also help keep the veterans connected to today's military.

"I am always impressed with the South Carolina Combat Veterans Group," Dixon said. "They are proud Soldiers whom should be reminded that they are still a vital part of our Army family and deserve our thanks for the many sacrifices they made for our country."

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Band celebrates Army birthday with free concert

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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Fort Jackson's 282nd Army Band is getting ready to celebrate the Army's 235th Birthday in style, and everyone's invited. The band will perform a free concert 7 p.m., Monday at First Baptist Church in Columbia.

"We've been rehearsing for about the last three weeks, but the preparations began back in January," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Scott MacDonald, commander and conductor of the 282nd. "To plan any type of event this big takes a tremendous amount of coordination."

The two-hour concert will tell the Army's story and will include modern technology to accentuate the point.

"We'll have some multimedia, some videos that show the Army in action, that show the history of the Army. That goes along with the music that we're playing," MacDonald said. "So, it's not just a concert that you might go to see..., but this is a little bit more interactive for the audience, as well."

MacDonald said band members have



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he said.

One of the highlights of the concerts will be a musical streamer ceremony.

"We're going to have the stripped down Army flag, and we're going to discuss through music all of the different engagements the Army has participated in during its 235 years," MacDonald said. "Each of those conflicts has a set of streamers that go with it, and those will be hung back on the Army flag."

MacDonald said that in addition to telling the Army's story, he hopes the concert will showcase the band's multifaceted capabilities to those who may only be fa-

been producing the videos themselves.

"Hopefully, there are a lot of scenes that, when you see them on the screen, the music enhances the experience at the same time,"

IF YOU GO

The 235th Army Birthday concert is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday at First Baptist Church on 1306 Hampton St. Tickets are free and available at the Victory Travel Office at the Solomon Center. Tickets are also available at various off-post locations. Concertgoers without tickets may be admitted if space is available.

miliar with traditional military marching bands.

"That's the tip of the iceberg for what we do on a daily basis. We do a wide variety of music," he said. "I think folks are going to be very surprised at what they see. There are going to be some things that maybe they didn't know about the Army. There might be some things that they didn't realize that an Army band can play."

The band performs about 100 concerts annually at community events throughout the area.

"The band is an integral part of Fort Jackson's community relations program,"

said Kara Motosicky, Fort Jackson's community relations chief. "Always professional, (the musicians) leave lasting positive impressions of the Army and Fort Jackson in communities around the region.

"... They use their skills as professional musicians and Soldiers to entertain and educate by marching in parades, performing concerts, supporting civil ceremonies and operating music skills clinics at local schools — all in addition to their on-post missions."

MacDonald said that the big concerts, like the one on Monday, are some of his favorites because they allow for interaction with the crowd.

"When we have a sizeable crowd for any event, the band always plays better and we feed off of each other," MacDonald explained. "A crowd can feel the music and be part of it, and we feed off of that enthusiasm."

He said he hopes to attract a large crowd for the birthday concert, enough to fill the venue to capacity.

"We want to pack the place, that's the whole idea," MacDonald said.

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Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATE

- ❑ A single Soldier town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., June 21 at the Solomon Center. Installation representatives will be there to answer questions, resolve issues and assist single Soldiers where possible. Single Soldiers living on post are encouraged to attend.
- ❑ Residents are encouraged to conserve energy by turning off their porch and patio lights during the day.
- ❑ Vacation services for residents are now available. Services include plant watering inside and outside and pet care (for no more than two days). Balfour Beatty Communities can also retrieve mail and hold it at the Community Center. For more information, call 738-8275.
- ❑ Gift wrapping services are now available for residents at the Community Center. Residents can either use the gift wrapping station themselves or drop off the gift and have it wrapped by staff members. Wrapped gifts can be delivered to the home or picked up.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- ❑ To date, 155 homes have been completed.
- ❑ Road closures are expected on Brown Ave. this week.
- ❑ Senior NCO homes are expected to become available this month.
- ❑ Asbestos testing is complete on many Phase II homes and demolition is scheduled to begin shortly. Balfour Beatty Communities will ensure that proper environmental procedures are used to comply with state environmental requirements for handling.

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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Torchlight Tattoo set for July 3

Leader Staff Report

Fort Jackson will celebrate its annual Torchlight Tattoo July 3 at Hilton Field.

The Independence Day celebration will feature a concert by the 282nd Army "Victory" Band, beginning at 8 p.m. The Salute to the Nation ceremony is scheduled to start at 9 p.m., followed by a 30-minute fireworks display.

Parking areas will open at 3:30 p.m. Concession stands and a children's play areas are scheduled to open at 4 p.m.

Gary Taylor, special events coordinator for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said the Salute to Nation ceremony, in which each state is represented by a Soldier bearing that state's flag, and the fireworks display are always crowd pleasers.

"I think it's the best fireworks show in South Carolina," he said.

Vehicles that are not registered with DoD can enter the post through Gates 2, 4 or 5. Gate 1 is open for DoD-decal vehicles only. Traffic control points will be set up throughout the installation to ease the traffic flow.



Leader file photo

Visitors to this year's Torchlight Tattoo ceremony can expect a variety of activities and fireworks.

Residents urged to complete housing survey

Leader Staff Report

Fort Jackson family housing residents will receive a DA resident survey within the next few weeks, and housing officials are urging all residents to participate.

The survey will be distributed to all installations participating in the Residential Communities Initiative, a program which privatizes on-post housing in an effort to enhance the quality of life for service members and their families. The input provided

through the confidential survey allows the housing office to make better decisions about how their limited housing dollars are spent.

"This survey tells us and the Department of the Army how residents feel about the housing and the amenities we provide," said Emma Watson, RCI director. "It also identifies areas in which we are doing well or need improvement. This input is very important to us."

RCI staff is also stressing that because

the surveys are anonymous, residents should be "frank" with their answers. Answering the questions honestly will ensure the office has all the information necessary to best serve the residents. The results may also help with decisions regarding services and facilities that residents deem important.

"This annual survey is very important and we hope residents will take time to complete it," Watson said.

Call 751-9325/7567 for more information.

Community covenant



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and Dave Harmon, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, sign the Employee and Customer Covenant in a ceremony Friday. The covenant, a promise to Family and MWR employees, aims to take care of customers by taking care of employees.

Army Reserve joins survivor outreach

From the 81st Regional Support Command

Losing a loved one is one of the hardest experiences that one may encounter.

America's fallen warriors have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and the Army has a lifelong commitment to their families. It has been nearly 150 years since President Abraham Lincoln affirmed a sacred obligation to provide for the families of those who perished on the battlefield, but his words live on with the Army Reserve Survivor Outreach Services program.

The Reserve SOS program came on board in January,

following in the footsteps of the Active Duty and National Guard SOS programs. Fort Jackson has recently brought Megan McCullough on board as the Army Reserve SOS Support Coordinator.

McCullough serves survivors of fallen Army Reserve Soldiers throughout South Carolina and Georgia by providing support to surviving families for as long as they need. The rest of the SOS team is spread across the United States to serve Army Reserve survivors nationwide. McCullough, a licensed social worker, is also an Army veteran and spouse.

The goal of the SOS program is to provide survivors with long term support to ensure that any needs or con-

cerns are expeditiously met. SOS works closely with installation Casualty Assistance Centers in order to assist casualty assistance officers in supporting survivors.

Services may include financial counseling and budgeting, referrals for grief counseling, benefits information, child care information, and coordination of support groups. Services continue for as long as the survivor desires, and SOS services are available to survivors of a fallen Soldier regardless of how the Soldier died.

For more information about the Army Reserve Survivor Outreach Services program, please contact Megan McCullough at 751-9903 or at megan.r.mccullough@us.army.mil.

Taking the guidon



Courtesy photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Lee, left, takes the guidon from Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Brown as he becomes the new commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Monday.



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Above, Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson's commanding general, shares a laugh with the audience during a post event. Right, May accepts command from Lt. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, during a Change of Command ceremony in July 2008.

May headed to Iraq

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"He quickly built consensus among key leaders, gave timely guidance, and worked personally on the areas where he felt he could obtain the greatest value for Fort Jackson," said Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, chief of staff. "In the end, the campaign plan was an inclusive unifying document that guided all our major actions and activities during his command tour."

The plan, with its "holistic approach," became a strategic road map for the future of the installation, May said.

"It serves as a driver as to where we're going," he said. "Now we've got a package that not only allows us to see the vision, then the mission, but also what's been accomplished."

May said he is proud of the strides that have been made as an extension of the campaign plan, especially in respect to his number one priority — training Soldiers.

"Training and transformation is job No. 1," he said. "The transformation of civilians and Soldiers that are destined to combat, it's truly been just incredible to watch how that transformation works and the talented folks we have out there executing, and how we've worked hard to make sure they have the resources to do that."

"I've really gotten the chance to get up close and personal, and watch this team in action under some challenging conditions, and it goes across the entire installation; it reinforces with me how proud I am of the way they responded to the challenges they faced. We're truly blessed to have such fine Americans serving in the ranks. I couldn't be more grateful for having the opportunity

to serve with everybody here."

May said he'll also miss the surrounding community of Columbia, where he said the residents and city and county leaders have helped him fulfill his second priority of providing a good quality of life for those serving at Fort Jackson.

"If you went out and said, 'Go pick the community you want to live in,' it would be Columbia," he said. "Because they are just so supportive. They have played a real role in taking care of our Soldiers and helping to provide the quality of life that our Soldiers, families and civilians deserve."

Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, shared May's sentiments.

"General May has been very accessible and responsive to the community and very open and straightforward in his communications with us," McLeese said. "He and (his wife) Jan care very deeply about Soldiers and their families."

Sanderson said it was obvious that May was more than just a boss; he was also a role model.

"General May was a joy to work for. He was always positive, energetic, and most of all encouraging," Sanderson said.

"He is a man of strong faith and conviction and one who believes strongly in the concepts of honor, integrity and personal character. He was an excellent role model for all of us as we undertook our daily duties and this led to the positive command climate he established during his tenure here at Fort Jackson."

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Honoring a hero



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Benjamin Mabry and Abigail Ferrick, two of the children of the late Maj. Gen. George Mabry, along with Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, unveil a sign for the new general and senior officer housing area Wednesday. The housing area is named after the Medal of Honor recipient.

Courage marked Mabry's military career

Sometimes it takes a split-second decision to turn an ordinary Soldier into an extraordinary hero.

For then-Col. George Lafayette Mabry Jr., the decision came on Nov. 20, 1944, as he was commanding the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany. During an attack in the early phases of an assault, his battalion was immobilized by heavy hostile fire.

As they moved forward, some of his men stepped on S-mines; mines that launch into the air when triggered. Facing a decision to withdraw to the beach or charge ahead, courage overcame fear as Mabry advanced alone into the mined area and established a safe route of passage for his men.

Mabry decided to personally lead the attack and moved ahead of the scouts. He charged ahead until he ran into a booby-trapped

HONORING VETERANS

By **TERESA SANDERSON**
Leader correspondent



obstacle, which he disconnected with the assistance of the scouts.

Forging ahead, he discovered three enemy soldiers in foxholes, and he captured them at bayonet point. Continuing the assault with his men, they found three log bunkers, that housed mutually supported automatic weapons.

Mabry raced ahead of his men to the bunkers and discovered the first one had been abandoned. He went on to the second bunker and found it occupied by nine enemy soldiers. Using the butt of his rifle, he stopped one enemy sol-

dier and struck another with a bayonet as the scouts came to his aid, assisting him in overcoming the rest with hand-to-hand combat. As the riflemen

continued forward, they encountered small arms fire.

Mabry stepped forward, charging the third bunker and prodded six enemy soldiers at bayonet point. After this confrontation, he led his battalion across 300 yards of fire-swept terrain to take an elevated piece of ground. This established a defensive position for his troops and provided a foothold on the approach to the Cologne Plain. For his efforts, he received the Medal of Honor. The official citation reads, "Col. Mabry's su-

perlative courage, daring and leadership in an operation of major importance exemplify the finest characteristics of the military service."

Many people refer to these courageous heroes as winners instead of recipients. However, it is clear that these honorable men did not "win" this prestigious award, they earned it. The award not only stands for their gallant efforts, but for the efforts of the Soldiers who stood with them and, most importantly, for their fallen comrades who never returned home.

Balfour Beatty Communities honored Mabry Wednesday by naming the general and senior officers' housing area Mabry Manor, the second post area to be named after him. On June 14, 1995, Fort Jackson's Noncommissioned Officer Academy was dedicated as Mabry Hall.

Mabry died July 13, 1990.

GEORGE L. MABRY JR.

Born:
Sumter,
Sept. 14,
1917

Died:
July 13,
1990

Service Branch:
U.S. Army

Years of Service: 1940-1975

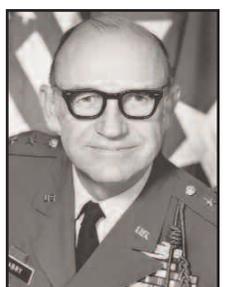
Battle: World War II

Interesting Facts:
Landed H-Hour, D-Day on Utah Beach, June 6, 1944.

First Soldier to make his way inland to contact the American paratroopers.

Fought through France, Luxembourg, Belgium and into Germany.

Second most highly decorated Soldier in the American military, the first being Capt. Audie Murphy.



News and notes

3-60TH WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Lt. Col. John Allen took command of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment from Lt. Col. Alan Deogracias during a ceremony Thursday at the Officers' Club. Allen previously served as executive officer of the 165th Infantry Brigade. Deogracias' next assignment is at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



ALLEN

165TH CSM RELINQUISHES RESPONSIBILITY

Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Watson relinquished responsibility during a ceremony Monday at Darby Field. The Assumption of Responsibility for incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Dooley has not yet been scheduled.

ARMY CELEBRATES 235TH BIRTHDAY

The Army's 235th birthday commemoration is scheduled for 11 a.m., Monday at Post Headquarters. In addition to the presentation of the Army flag, the commanding general and the 165th Infantry Brigade commander will be joined by the brigade's youngest Soldier in cutting the Army cake. Refreshments will be served.

ROAD RESURFACING CONTINUES

Road resurfacing work is scheduled for Wildcat Road, beginning June 21. Work is expected to be completed within 30 days. Work will begin at the intersection at Dixie Road. Drivers should expect temporary delays and single-lane blockage during the road work.

FREE MILITARY ENTRY FOR BALL GAME

In honor of the Army's 235th birthday, military members, civilian employees and their dependents will receive free admission to Saturday's Blowfish baseball game. The 5 p.m. game will be a double-header against Morehead City. An ID card is required for entry.



June 10 — 2 p.m.

The Losers PG-13 98 min.

June 10 — 5 p.m.

Death at a Funeral R 90 min.

June 11 — 6 p.m.

A Nightmare on Elm Street R 96 min.

June 12 — 4 p.m.

Furry Vengeance PG 92 min.

June 13 — 4 p.m.

Furry Vengeance PG 92 min.

June 14 — 4 p.m.

Aliens in the Attic PG 88 min.

Fort Jackson Reel Time Theater

(803) 751-7488

Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Ticket admission

ADULTS \$4

CHILDREN (12 and younger) \$2

Visit aafes.com for listings

Civilians voice concerns

Customer Management Service, in partnership with Army Family Action Plan, recently facilitated a civilian employee focus group at the Family Readiness Center.

The purpose of the focus group was to provide a forum for delegates to raise issues that affect all civilian employees in the Fort Jackson community.

Five issues were prioritized during the focus group:

Issue: Timely processing of work orders

Scope: Work orders that are submitted take extended periods of time to complete. Funding is not available for "low priority issues," which can take one year or more to complete. The mission of Fort Jackson requires facilities to operate properly to serve Soldiers and family members. Daily operations are affected by incomplete work orders, which can create safety violations and negatively influence morale.

Recommendation: Increase DPW budget to work "low priority" projects. Allocate end-of-year funds for low priority projects and allow the directorates to contract work directly.

Issue: 52 weeks time-in-grade requirement

Scope: GS civilian employees are required to work in one grade level for 52 weeks before they are eligible for another level. This practice is not consistent with outside (non-governmental) agencies. Many qualified employees are restricted by this policy which decreases career progression and employee morale.

Recommendation: Revise current OPM policy to eliminate time-in-grade requirement or decrease current policy restriction to 26 weeks time in grade.

Issue: Noncompetitive transition from term to permanent status

Scope: Currently, a qualified term employee must compete for his or her position once it becomes permanent. This results in the Department of the Army losing qualified employees, experiencing higher turnover rates, unemployment benefits and loss of continuity for the employer.

Recommendation: Change the policy to allow term employees noncompetitive appointments for positions they currently hold.

Issue: Legal assistance for civilian employees

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

Scope: There is no legal assistance available for civilian employees regarding non-union government issues. This creates a burden on DA civilian employees because of time away from work, cost of hiring a lawyer for a consultation and the lack of off-post subject matter experts to support civilian issues.

Recommendation: Revise Title 10 of the U.S. Code to allow legal assistance for DA civilian employees.

Issue: On-post healthy restaurant options

Scope: There are not enough healthy restaurant options to meet the needs of civilian employees and the Fort Jackson population. The current options are fast food establishments that do not offer enough balanced alternatives.

Recommendation: Establish additional restaurants on Fort Jackson where menu is healthy. Expand current restaurants' menu options to accommodate better nutritional choices.

All issues were out-briefed to Aaron Hayes, who was representing the garrison commander. Hayes told the delegates he was very impressed with the quality and thought that went into each issue, and he reminded them how important the forums are in improving the well-being of all who serve on Fort Jackson.

ICE APPRECIATION

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



Fire!

Brian Verhagen, a representative from Pierce Manufacturing, points out features on Fort Jackson Fire Department's new fire truck. The new truck is able to pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute and has an easy-to-operate pump system with lever handles and direct valve access.

Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON



Spiritual salute

Students and staff from the Naval Chaplaincy School salute during the National Anthem at the 600 race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway May 30 as part of military appreciation day.

Photo by TONYA CROUTERFIELD

USO officially opens



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Joanie Thresher, USO director, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of USO South Carolina at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport as Courtney Cisson, Miss Columbia 2010, retired Col. Charles Murray and retired Master Sgt. John Baker, both Medal of Honor recipients, look on.

45 years of service



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Brenda Smith, center, is recognized by Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and Dave Harmon, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, for her 45 years of federal service during a ceremony at the NCO Club Friday.



Employees of the month

From left, Dave Harmon, Family and MWR director, Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and Scott Nahrwold, deputy garrison commander, far right, recognized June Employees of the Month, Cindy Piddock, Samuel Baker, Tammie Benenhaley and Tammie Davis (not pictured) in a ceremony at the NCO Club Friday.

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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Sgt. James Hicks
Company A
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Brian Lopez
Company B
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Sesiree-Hana Zeigler
Company C
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Eric Wiley

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Eben Sanchez

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Garret Crosby

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Jacob Schaeling

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Dennis Naranjoleiva

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Joseph Glunt

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Jonathan Harris

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Savannah Houth

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Stephen Parrish

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Christopher Wajda

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Brittani Jones
Pvt. Jay Tate

HIGH BRM
Spc. Wesley Anderson
Pvt. Jorge Lampon-Vaszques

Upcoming ceremonies

CHANGES OF COMMAND

- Moncrief Army Community Hospital: Col. Nancy Hughes will relinquish command to Col. Ramona Fiorey, 9 a.m., June 15, at MACH.
- USABCToE: Brig. Gen. Bradley May will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. James Milano, 9 a.m., June 16, at the Officers' Club.
- 193rd Infantry Brigade: Col. Brian Prosser will relinquish command to Col. Drew Meyerowich, 8 a.m., June 24, at the Officers' Club.
- Garrison: Col. Lillian Dixon will relinquish command to Col. James Love, 11 a.m., June 25, at Post Headquarters.
- 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception): Lt. Col. Michael Bineham will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael McTigue, 2 p.m., June 25, at the 120th

Chapel.

- 171st Infantry Brigade: Col. Karl Reed will relinquish command to Col. George Donovan, 9 a.m., July 9, at the Officers' Club.
- 208th Regional Support Group: Col. Peter Bosse will relinquish command to Col. Larry Cruz, 10 a.m., July 11, at Hilton Field.
- Training Support Battalion: Lt. Col. Lawrence Anyanwu will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Sula Irish, 9 a.m., July 12, at Darby Field.

Send updates for changes of command and changes of responsibility to FJLeader@conus.army.mil or call 751-7045. The *Leader* covers changes of command and responsibility for battalion-level or higher organizations.



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This week's Drill Sergeant School honorees



OWEN



WILKINSON



GORBET



ZIMMERMAN

The drill sergeant leader of the cycle is Staff Sgt. Sandra Owen. This cycle's Drill Sergeant School honor graduates are: Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Wilkinson (leadership award), Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Gorbet (physical fitness award) and Staff Sgt. Ryan Zimmerman (distinguished honor graduate).

That Guy.com

REASON #186 NOT TO BE THAT GUY:



NO ONE APPRECIATES YOUR KARAOKE WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN A KARAOKE BAR

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

Walking away stress

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

Play group

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

Range control briefing

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

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

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

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Military Widows/Widowers Association

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

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club

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

Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

Disabled American Veterans Woodrow Wilson Unit 4

Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., 511 Violet St.,

West Columbia, 788-1836 or 791-4422.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

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

— Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

La Leche League breastfeeding support group

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

American Legion Post 182

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

National Federation of Federal Employees

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

Disabled American Veterans

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

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

Purple Heart #402

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., 4405

Jackson Blvd., 751-1148.

American Red Cross

New adult volunteers orientation, second Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon, 571-4329.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

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

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room, 751-1898.

Society of American Military Engineers

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

MEDPROS training

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

Retired Enlisted Association

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

Chrome Divas of Columbia

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

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

Ladies Auxiliary Post 641

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

The Ladies Auxiliary Post 4262

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

SUBMISSIONS

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

Calendar

Today

Military Chaplains Association meeting
Noon, Fort Jackson Officers' Club

Friday

AG Corps Hall of Fame induction
9 a.m., Soldier Support Institute
The 2010 Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be followed by the Hall of Honor Ribbon cutting. A reception in the Adjutant General School will immediately follow. RSVP by Tuesday, 751- 8300 or e-mail David.Ratliff@conus.army.mil.

AG Corps Ball

5:30 p.m., NCO Club
Visit www.agball2010 for information.

Saturday

5K Run/Walk and 10K Run
7 a.m., Hilton Field
The Victory Chapter Sergeants Major Association is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run for the Army Birthday and Purple Heart Recipient Day. Games and activities for children and adults, including a mud volleyball tournament, will immediately follow.

Sunday

EFMP Palmetto Falls trip
4-7 p.m., Palmetto Falls Water Park
Reduced-price entry fee and snack combos available for families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Call 751-5256 or e-mail Brandi.Palmer@us.army.mil to RSVP.

Monday, June 21

Single Soldier town hall meeting
5:30 p.m., Solomon Center
Installation representatives will be available to answer questions, resolve issues and provide other assistance. All single Soldiers who live on post are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, June 23

Fun Frugal Fashion
4:30-5:30 p.m., Thrift Shop
Learn the secrets of upscale dressing on a budget. Seating is limited; be sure to RSVP. For more information, call 787-2153.

Housing events

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

Friday

Water Wars
3 p.m.
Join in a wild day of water wars. For children 7-14. Dress appropriately.

Tuesday

Neighborhood Huddle
5:30 p.m.
Bring any questions, concerns or com-

ments regarding housing.

Wednesday, June 16

Father's Day essay contest
Last day for children ages 5-17 to participate in the Father's Day essay contest. The topic of the one-page essay is: "What makes your Dad the best Dad in the world?" Essays can be dropped off at the community center or e-mailed to CoW-illiams@bbcgrp.com. The contest winner will be announced June 18.

Thursday, June 17

Neighborhood Huddle
10 a.m.
Bring any questions, concerns or comments regarding housing.

Announcements

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility, building 3521, will close Monday through June 18 for inventory. The CIF will only process emergency transactions during that time. Normal business hours will resume June 21. Call 751-7213 or 751-6885 for information.

CYSS MOBILE REC

Child, Youth and School Services will sponsor a Mobile Rec program from Monday through Aug. 6. The Mobile Rec, which consists of games, arts and crafts, is 9-11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School cafeteria and playground; and 9-11 a.m., Thursday at Patriot Park. Free lunch will be provided by post schools from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mobile Rec will be closed July 5. Children 6 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES

The Thrift Shop Summer Splash sale is scheduled for the last two weeks of June. On Wednesdays, come in for Wacky Wednesday and receive an additional 20 percent off non-clothing clearance items. The 50 cent clothing rack provides bargains all week. The Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday.

SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM

Free summer meals will be offered to children younger than 18 from June 14 through August 6 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. Meals will be offered at the Brown Avenue Community Center June 21 through July 23. Serving times for both venues is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be no lunch served July 5. Call (843) 846-6105 for information.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, is accepting applications for the 2010 selection. Candidates must be active duty, have completed 100 free-fall parachute jumps and have a good military and civilian record. Applications are

available at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights>. The application deadline is July 31. Selection begins Sept. 7.

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.

HR FOR SUPERVISORS CLASS

A Human Resources for Supervisors class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through June 18, at the 81st Regional Support Command, 1525 Marion Ave. The course will cover NSPS, legal and regulatory requirements and the human resources process. Priority will be given to employees who have less than two years of experience supervising civilian employees. Civilian and military supervisors are eligible to attend. Apply at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/>.

CPAC VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

The Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will provide a video teleconference training June 22 for CSRS and FERS retirement classes for civil service employees planning retirement within the next three years. E-mail Janice.Garcia@us.army.mil to enroll.

CIVILIAN TAX WITHHOLDING

Now is a good time for civilian employees to review their tax withholding information. Verify that deductions are being withheld for the correct state and locality taxes. Changes may be made via MyPay. Call 800-538-9043 for information.

PLAYHOUSE GIVEAWAY

Through June 24, PX shoppers have the opportunity to register to win a children's playhouse valued at \$165. Shoppers can register in the store.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. The community calendar is located at the bottom of the Fort Jackson home page.

Off-post events

GENEVA HOSPICE

Geneva Hospice is accepting volunteers. Volunteer opportunities vary, and training is provided. Call 213-9980 or 237-5679 for information about volunteering or hospice services.

ARMY BIRTHDAY CONCERT

A 282nd Army Band concert in honor of the Army's 235th Birthday is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, at First Baptist Church, 1306 Hampton St., Columbia. The concert will include a streamer ceremony and cake cutting. Free tickets are available at the Victory Travel office, First Baptist Church and various other local venues.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park is scheduled for June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20 at North Springs Park. The free event, organized by Awaken Church, is open to the public and features a free movie on a giant screen, free drinks and other refreshments. The event benefits the Harvest Hope Food Bank and A Home in Haiti. Take lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Food donations, including canned food, are also being accepted. Gates to North Springs Park open at 7:30 p.m., and the movie begins at sunset.

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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 Soldier was ticketed for driving under the influence after he was stopped for driving onto the concrete median and swerving, Military Police said. MPs said the Soldier failed three field sobriety tests. The Soldier's blood alcohol content was 0.21 percent. The legal alcohol limit in South Carolina is .08 percent. The Soldier was also cited for failing to stay in the proper lane.

☐ A Soldier was issued a ticket for disobeying a person directing traffic after failing to obey a traffic officer while entering Hilton Field, MPs said.

☐ One Soldier was charged with assault in a fight that sent another Soldier to the hospital after the fight turned physical, MPs said. The injured Soldier, who was hit in the eye, was treated at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, MPs said.

TIP OF THE WEEK

On-post callers requesting emergency services should be aware of their location or building number. In a real emergency, a one-minute delay in arriving at the scene could



have serious consequences. If the officers cannot find the location of the incident, it will be impossible for them to assist.

The building number and the street name are two key pieces of information that callers should know. Knowing the names of any close cross streets is also beneficial, especially if the caller does not know the building number. When calling from a landline phone, the address will automatically be displayed for the dispatcher. When calling from a cell phone, the call will be transferred to the closest 911 center, which is often located off post. Should this happen, ask to be connected to the Fort Jackson 911 center and the call will be transferred.

In addition to asking for the incident location, the dispatcher will also ask a few questions about the situation. For example, if someone is injured, the dispatcher will ask about the victim's medical history. This can also be difficult since many callers are passersby and are not directly involved in the incident.

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www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

10 KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS



#1. Advocating violence, the threat of violence, or use of force to achieve goals that are political, religious or ideological in nature.



**Missed an issue of the paper?
Catch up on your Fort Jackson news with
Victory Updates.
This week's Victory Updates include:
Memorial Day, virtual training system and
the post's new high-tech firetruck.**

[http://www.vimeo.com/
user3022628](http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628)

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.**



FMWR provides family fun activities all summer long

Though summer officially begins June 21, the season has come early to Fort Jackson. Now is the time to get out and enjoy everything Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has to offer. From good summer splashing fun at the water park, to fishing in Family and MWR lakes and ponds, to summer camps and outdoor adventures, there is something for everyone.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Palmetto Falls Water Park is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Enjoy the large looping slide, two speed slides, two gang slides, an 800-meter lazy river, family activity pool featuring dumping buckets, a lap pool, a children's pool with a frog slide, 16-feature spray park and snack bar that features freshly made food and icy cold beverages.

Prefer a smaller venue? Legion Pool is open Thursday through Sunday.

If you prefer a natural setting, the swimming beach at Weston Lake is open Thursday through Sunday and federal holidays.

Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf is 18 holes of golf on the small scale. Admission is \$4.50.

Beat the heat and enjoy family bowling at Century Lanes Bowling Center. There's something for everyone — bowling, electronic bingo and video games.

Get into an adventure with Marion Street Station's help. Sign up for one of Outdoor Recreation's adventure trips. Upcoming trips include a sea kayaking trip on Saturday, a trip to the U.S. National White Water Center on June 19 and deep sea fishing trip on June 26. For more information or to register, go to <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/outdoor/> and click the calendar link.

JUST FOR KIDS

Mobile Rec takes the fun to the streets with games, arts and crafts and more. Starting Monday, Mobile Rec 2010 will begin at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School lunch room and playground from 9-11 a.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursdays, Mobile Rec will be at Patriot Park from 9-11 a.m. Free lunch will be provided by post schools from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children 6 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or care provider.

Child, Youth and School Services keeps kids on EDGE all summer with fun instructional programs offered in monthly blocks. June EDGE! classes include Flower Power, Inner Tube Water Polo, Lights! Camera! Action!, High Adventure, Twilight Eclipse, and DiY Room Makeover. EDGE!

Current EDGE! classes

☐ **Flower Power** — 5-6:30 p.m., Mondays. Joe E. Mann kitchen, 3392 Magruder Ave. Use seasonal flowers and learn to arrange them into beautiful bouquets. For ages 11-18.

☐ **Inner Tube Water Polo** — 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays, Legion Pool. Learn to play water polo in an inner tube. For ages 9-15.

☐ **Lights! Camera! Action!** — 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting Tuesday, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn the tricks of the filmmaking trade, including writing your own screenplay, filming, editing, adding music, and the final product — your own movie. For ages 11-18.

☐ **High Adventure** — 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays. Meet at 5955-D Parker Lane for transportation to various locations.

Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

now offers door-to-door transportation for on-post youth to and from each program's location. For more information, call Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053, or go to <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/cyss/index.html>.

JUST FOR ADULTS

Magruder's Pub and Club is offering everyone a chance to settle their differences with the Sumo Wrestling Grudge Match, 7 p.m., June 18. Friends, family, co-workers and "enemies" can suit up in protective sumo suits and enter the ring to settle their differences. Those with an ax to grind can sign up at Magruder's or the NCO Club by June 17. Please provide contact information for both participants. Start something special or just make new friends with Speed Dating at Magruder's Pub and Club on July 16.

In August, Magruder's is throwing a customer appreciation party outside with a giant inflatable water slide. Why should kids be the only ones who get to have a party with a waterslide?

Regular events at Magruder's include Happy Hour Wednesday-Friday 4:30-7 p.m. with free appetizers and various specials. Wednesday is Thunderbolt Karaoke starting at 7 p.m. Thursday nights are draft nights. Get a hot dog and 23-ounce draft for \$2.50 all night long. The first Friday of every month is Latin Night. Come out and salsa, merengue and bachata until you can't dance anymore. For more information and details on other events at Magruder's, call 790-0172.

The NCO Club features Club NCO every Wednesday starting at 8 p.m. hosted by the Big DM. Expect new DJs, lots of surprises and new prizes. Every Thursday, enjoy comedy presented by World Famous Entertainment and hosted by Johnny Green. Doors open at 8 p.m. and shows start at 8:30 p.m. Every Saturday is Classic Soul hosted by the Big DM with DJ Randall on the ones and twos. Take advantage of the best drink prices in town, and the lowest cover in Columbia — \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

For more information on things to do at Fort Jackson this summer, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com or "like" us on our Facebook page.

Rock climb, zip line, paint ball and climb the ropes course with EDGE! High Adventure. For ages 10-18.

☐ **Twilight Eclipse** — 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays, Balfour Beatty Community Center. Play Twilight trivia, make cool Twilight jewelry and T-shirts and wrap up with going to see the new Twilight movie, "Eclipse." For ages 11-16.

☐ **DIY Room Makeover** — 2-4 p.m., Fridays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Use inexpensive materials to make great accessories to give your room a new look. For ages 9-16.

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>. "Like" the Fort Jackson EDGE program on Facebook.

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 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. Be early for happy hour, 4:30-7 p.m. Appetizers are available, while supplies last.
- ☐ BOSS talent show. All interested entertainers must sign up by 5:30 p.m. Call 751-0891 for information.

SATURDAY

- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts 1 p.m.
- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Buy one wing, get one free at Magruder's Club and Pub.

SUNDAY

- ☐ Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.
- ☐ Visit the Officers' Club, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for Sunday brunch. Coat and tie are 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. New DJs.
- ☐ Karaoke night with Tom Marable, Magruder's Pub. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.
- ☐ Victory Readers Club, 6-8 p.m., Post Library
- ☐ Magruder's Pub and Club happy hour, 4:30-7 p.m.

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

ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is open to everyone.
- ☐ 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. Call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988.

Schoomaker: Army medicine stirs trust

By **JERRY HARBEN**

U.S. Army Medical Command

Army medical personnel are making progress across a broad range of issues affecting health care for Soldiers and their families, according to the Army's top medical officer.

Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, the surgeon general of the Army and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command, spoke recently to nearly 2,000 military medical professionals attending the Army Medical Symposium in San Antonio, Texas.

Schoomaker's stressed how Army medicine brings value and inspires trust, not only for patients and their families, but also Army leaders, government leaders and taxpayers.

"The warrior preparing for battle trusts that his or her medic will be there when the cry, 'Medic,' goes up," Schoomaker said. "The mother entering the delivery room trusts that her nurse midwife or (obstetrician) or that young (licensed practical nurse) has her interest and that of her

baby in mind. The wounded, ill or injured warrior trusts that we as experts in healing, rehabilitation and reintegration are focused on getting them literally and figuratively back on their feet, back into the fight or on to productive lives ... the taxpayers, Department of Defense and national leaders expect that we are doing all we can do with an eye for high value," he said.

Schoomaker said the Army is shifting from a health care system that measures success by the number of patients treated and procedures performed to a system of health that prevents patients from needing treatment and treats them as effectively as possible when necessary.

"We are not doing just more widgets of care but better quality of care," he said.

The general promoted the use of evidence-based medicine to reduce unwarranted variation in care.

"Why would you drive your car on the wrong side of the road when all evidence suggests a better result for your Sunday drive if you just follow the rules?" he asked.

He cited great progress in the past three years in care for wounded, ill or injured Soldiers who must rehabilitate

and transition either back to duty or to civilian life. Milestones include implementing an action plan for wounded warrior care, formation of a national Warrior Transition Command to coordinate such programs and local warrior transition units to provide support and supervision. More than 60,000 Soldiers have successfully transitioned through this system.

"They are hoping to change the culture of care for these warriors to one focused on ability instead of one focused on disability," Schoomaker said.

Other initiatives Schoomaker cited involve an automated system to collect information about combat casualties that has led to improved body armor and better protected vehicles, construction of more new hospitals in two to three years than in the past 20 years, improved access to primary-care clinics, improved skills for front-line medics, treatment of mild traumatic brain injuries close to the front lines and new measures to relieve pain without addictive medication.

"I submit that we inspire trust through our track record of having been there when needed," he said.

MACH goes 'green'



Courtesy photo

From left, Bert Crowell and Lt. Col. Pat Tavella, both with Moncrief Army Community Hospital are joined by Linda Palmer, Madigan Army Community Hospital (Washington state) and Gregg Chislett, Army Medical Command during the CleanMed Conference in Baltimore last month. MACH was one of four Army medical facilities that received a Partner Recognition Award from Practice Greenhealth, a national organization of health care providers who are committed to the adoption of sustainable, eco-friendly practices in the health care industry.

MACH updates

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.

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 Department of Behavioral Health, Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services 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 2-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at MACH Room 10-71 or 10-103. 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow MACH on Twitter at www.twitter.com/machcsd to receive announcements for same-day appointments.

Become a MACH "fan" by logging into Facebook and searching "Moncrief Army Community Hospital." The Facebook page provides appointment updates and more.

TRICARE ONLINE

TRICARE Online is an interactive site that offers Moncrief-enrolled TRICARE Prime beneficiaries the ability to book appointments with their primary care managers and receive information on MACH clinics and services.

TOL also offers a medication interaction checker, general health and wellness resources, and separate games and health information for children.

Visit www.tricare.mil for information.



Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the June 24 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcements are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the June 24 Leader must be submitted by June 17.

Big-hitter bragging rights on the line

Long-drive championship scheduled to start in July; post qualifier in August

By **TIM HIPPS**
FWMRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — It's time for military golf's big hitters to head to the driving range and prepare for local qualifiers in the 2010 Military Long Drive Championship.

Long-driving ability with a touch of accuracy will be tested on or near 21 military installations during first-round competitions that will begin July 15 and run through Aug. 22.

The full schedule of dates and times will be available soon at ArmyMWRGolf.com.

Fort Jackson's competition is scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

The Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-backed competition is open to active-duty U.S. military and Family members 18 and older, including National Guard, Reserve and retirees from all services.

Following a second round of competition, nine regional winners will advance to Mesquite, Nev., to challenge three-time Military Long Drive champion Ensign Ryan Hixson of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Hixson has won all three editions of the Military Long Drive Championship with blasts of 343, 389 and 367 yards in the final rounds.

The finals of the Military Long Drive Championship will be waged Nov. 3 on the same grid as the 2010 World Long Drive Championship — in a desert oasis resort town where the best in the business of tape-measure tee shots



Photo by TIM HIPPS, FMWRC Public Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard Ensign Ryan Hixson wins his third consecutive Military Long Drive Championship with a 335-yard drive on his final shot Oct. 28, 2009, at Mesquite, Nev.

congregate annually to crown their champions.

The Military Long Drive champ will earn \$10,000 and an exemption into the 2011 World Long Drive Championship, which will result in another all-expenses-paid trip to Mesquite.

First-round competitions will be hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Fort Lee and Fort Belvoir, Va.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Benning, Ga; Fort Bragg,

N.C.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Forts Bliss and Hood in Texas; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.; Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; Camp Zama, Japan; Wiesbaden, Germany; Yongsan, Korea; and a location to be determined in Iraq.

Competitors are welcome to travel to several qualifiers.

Sports shorts

□ The Victory Chapter Sergeants Major Association is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run at 7 a.m., Hilton Field, for the Army Birthday and Purple Heart Recipient Day. Games and activities for children will follow.

□ An 8-on-8 mud volleyball tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday at the Marion Street Park. The tournament will

begin immediately following the 5K Run/Walk. All ID cardholders older than 18 are eligible to play. Call 751-3096 for more information.

□ The Fort Jackson Golf Club is hosting a "Get Golf Ready" program throughout the spring and summer. Size is limited to 16 participants per class. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes dates

are: July 8 and Aug. 10. Call 787-4344 or visit www.playgolfamerica.com/ggr.

□ Spring golf letters of intent are due to the sports by July 8. The season begins July 20.

□ The Military Long Drive Championship is scheduled on Fort Jackson for Aug. 7 at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Ad-

ditional details will follow.

□ The Fitness Department offers free fitness lectures at 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays at the Post Library. Visit <http://fortjackson-mwr.com/fitness/index.com> for a list of past lecture topics.

For information about on-post sports, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

STRIKE MASTERS

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

MAY

Charles Withers was named champion during the May 8 LaneMasters Challenge.

Edward Scher put together 11 strikes in a row May 29 during the USBC South Carolina State Tournament. He finished with a 299.

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



WITHERS

Softball standings*

Monday/Wednesday League

187th	2-2
MEDDAC	4-0
Shockers	2-2
120th	2-1
4-10th	3-0
3-34th	0-1
ACME**	0-4
Bad Gurlz**	0-3



Tuesday/Thursday League

3-60th	3-2
193rd**	4-2
Strictly Business**	6-0
MPs**	2-5
2-60th**	5-2
Blackhawks	2-5
CP**	6-1
81st**	0-7
DSS	3-4
1-61st	2-4

* Standings as of Wednesday morning

**Denotes rec teams