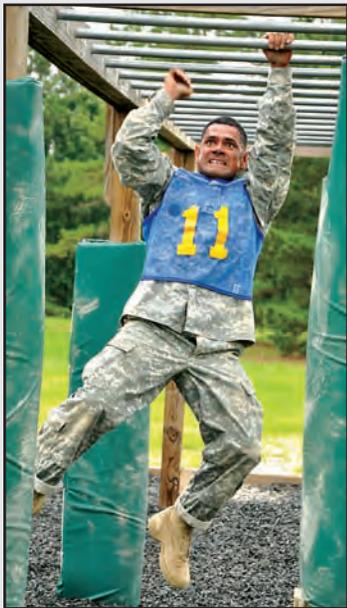


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Welcome, Sir



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS MARK BELL, 81st Regional Support Command

Maj. Gen. James Milano accepts the Fort Jackson colors from Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling during a change of command ceremony Wednesday at the Officers' Club. Milano takes over for Brig. Gen. Bradley May.

Milano takes command of Fort Jackson

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

Maj. Gen. James Milano assumed command of Fort Jackson from Brig. Gen. Bradley May yesterday during a change of command ceremony at the Officers' Club.

Milano comes to Fort Jackson from Kentucky where he served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox.

May will serve as director of the Iraq Training and Advisory Mission.

Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training,

described the ceremony as a celebration to honor the contributions of May and his wife, as well as those of the local communities and the Soldiers who have for decades started their military careers right here at Fort Jackson.

"As (the Soldiers) stand out there, they represent the literally hundreds of thousands of Soldiers who have stood on that field," Hertling said. "They are our credentials, and it's understandable that Jackson's motto is 'Victory Starts Here.'"

Hertling praised May for his many accomplishments at Fort Jackson, to include overseeing the transformation of more than

140,000 civilians into Soldiers, designing the post campaign plan, fostering programs that promote professional development, and overseeing the consolidation and establishment of many Army schools, such as the Master Resilience Training Center and Course.

Hertling also thanked May for his support in helping him implement many fundamental changes in IMT.

"During the time when we've relooked all of what we're doing in the training base from a holistic perspective and given that the environment around us has changed so radi-

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MG Milano, wife join post community

We are still busy unpacking, but I'm taking a few minutes to let you know that Kim and I are delighted to be a part of the Fort Jackson and surrounding Columbia community. We are privileged to have the opportunity to serve with all the great Soldiers, family members and civilians at the Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence and Fort Jackson.

We have been handed a fine blueprint of the task at hand, allowing us to build on the great work done by Brig. Gen. Brad May and his wife, Jan. We can't think of finer people to be taking the reins from at the Army's premier training installation.

We look forward to working with you and getting to know Fort Jackson and the surrounding community. I am interested in what you're doing and looking for you to inform me on how I can help you sustain excellence. A great team is all about great communications and great team members. I consider Fort Jackson to be a team of teams. I need everyone who is on this great team of ours

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO
Fort Jackson
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General



to be executing his or her role.

No one rests on the sidelines. No one sits on the bench. Everyone plays and everyone contributes. This is the only way in which we can effectively accomplish our goals and objectives. We have a lot going on, and given the complex, diverse and difficult missions at Fort Jackson, there's a lot at stake. That means that we need to be hitting on all cylinders, all the time.

I've had the honor of serving this great Army of ours for 31 years. My experience and judgment tells me that our Army is all about two inter-related subjects: standards and discipline. Nothing gets done right unless these two things are integrated into our mindset and work ethic.

Nowhere are these two key attributes more important than at Fort Jackson, where we transform civilians into Soldiers. It's our job to show them what right looks like from the start. Fort Jackson already does that better than any place else, and we will continue to set the pace. The Army is counting on us and we will not stop short of excellence.

NFL coaching icon Vince Lombardi once said, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

Kim and I are excited to be joining this great team and we look forward to serving with you.

Victory Starts Here and Army Strong!

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Ask the garrison commander about: Official Military Personnel File

How do I know what documents are authorized for filing in my Official Military Personnel File?

Documents authorized for filing in the OMPF are listed in Army Regulation 600-8-104, Military Personnel Information Management/Records.



Should I send the original documents or may I send a copy to be filed in my OMPF?

You should always send clear and legible copies of documents by Interactive Personnel Electronic Records Management Systems web upload through your S-1, Unit Personnel Office or Human Resources provider. You should always retain the original documents for your personal file. Remember, the more times documents are copied, the less legible they are to read.

My family and I enjoyed the NCO Club Mother's Day Buffet, is the club serving on Father's Day as well? (I need to start dropping hints.)

Yes, both clubs will be serving on Father's Day, June 20. The NCO Club will be serving 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offering a Father's Day Brunch featuring all the makings of a hearty meal for your hungry Dad. Full breakfast buffet along with marinated steaks, fried chicken, barbecue ribs and fried shrimp. Advance tickets are \$10.50. Tickets will be \$11.50 at the door. Chil-

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON
Fort Jackson
Garrison
Commander



dren's prices are \$5 for those 5 to 11 and there is no charge for children 4 and younger. For more information call 782-2218. The Officers' Club Father's Day Buffet will feature tender, slow-roasted prime rib and hickory smoked pork ribs, in addition to the regular brunch items. They club will serve 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Call 782-8761 or 751-4906 for reservations. Prices are \$13.95 for members, \$6.95 for children and no charge for children 4 and younger.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Would you like the opportunity to improve your bowling game with tips from the Professional Bowling Association Bowlers? Century Lanes in hosting a PBA Pro-Am, in which bowlers get the chance to bowl next to and interact with the PBA members. The Pro-Am starts on June 18 at 6-8 p.m. You may bowl in either squad or both squads. Each bowler will bowl three games of 9-pin no-tap with three different professional bowlers. For more information, call David at Century Lanes at 751-6138.

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



Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the July 1 Leader must be submitted by today. Announcements are due

one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the July 1 Leader must be submitted by June 24.

MACH welcomes new commander

From Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Col. Ramona Fiorey took command of Fort Jackson's Moncrief Army Community Hospital from Col. Nancy Hughes in a ceremony Tuesday at the Officers' Club.

Fiorey, who, like Hughes, has had a long career as an Army nurse, will be the second woman at the hospital's helm.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the community of Fort Jackson over the last two years," Hughes said. "I didn't (at first) realize the uniqueness of my role of being the first female — not first nurse — but first female hospital commander of Moncrief. While it has been a big responsibility to care for the Soldiers, the family members and the retirees in the community, it has been the best two years of my career.

"I think that I have grown more and learned more about leadership than in my previous 24 years in the Army. Serving with other commanders of this installation and under (Brig. Gen.) May, I feel like I leave here with a bigger group of friends and family."

Hughes credits the hospital staff with her success as a com-



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Col. Ramona Fiorey accepts the colors of Moncrief Army Community Hospital from Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho, commander of the Southern Regional Medical Command, during a Change of Command ceremony Tuesday at the hospital.

mander.

"Of course, the civilians, the contractors and the active duty staff have been an inspiration to me every day with what they do 24/7, being available for the ill

and injured and giving it 100 percent every day," she said. "It takes special people to be in the healthcare arena in any capacity. It is a true calling and a big responsibility and I know the people at

MACH take it very seriously and they do their best to take care of our beneficiaries and I would like to thank them."

Fiorey said she understands the responsibility, and it is one which

she does not take lightly.

"I am delighted to be here MACH; it is an honor to have been selected for this position. I have big shoes to fill — (Hughes) is leaving me with a hospital that works well and I am up for the challenge."

Fiorey comes to Fort Jackson from Fort Bragg, N.C., where she served as the deputy commander for patient services at Womack Army Medical Center.

Fiorey said patient care is the focus of everything the hospital does.

"I am very much focused on patient-centered care, our beneficiaries are the center of everything we do," Fiorey said. "It's our mission to support our units to be medically ready, trainees need to get in, get their care and get back to training. The Soldiers sent to protect what the United States stands for deserve the best healthcare that we can provide for them."

Hughes will go on to serve as deputy commander for nursing at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Editor's note: Leader editor Crystal Lewis Brown contributed to this report.

Fort Jackson celebrates Army's 235th birthday

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

Temperatures nearing triple digits could not wilt the celebratory spirit as members of the Fort Jackson community gathered Monday in front of Post Headquarters in recognition of the Army's 235th birthday.

The ceremony was kept short and modest as a reminder that a lot of work remains to be done, said Col. Bryan Rudacille, commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade.

"Everywhere on Fort Jackson, officers, NCOs, Soldiers and our civilian workforce are hard at work on the tasks that will make sure our nation remains free and serves as an instrument of good in a world of uncertainty," he said.

Rudacille invited attendees to reflect on the Army by remembering its history, acknowledge its present and looking to its future.

"You can be proud of the fact that when our nation is threatened, struggling for answers or needs an institution of uncommon abilities it calls upon the Army," Rudacille said. "From our first day of inception in 1775 until today, we have played, and will continue to play, a vital role in the course of American history."

He reminded the crowd that Fort Jackson

Soldiers are playing an active part in today's wars.

"Fort Jackson continues to send our incredible Soldiers to these fights," he said. "Each major command on this installation has people who have volunteered to deploy forward. They represent us well as they work tirelessly to further advance the goals and objectives that our elected officials have set for us."

Rudacille said the primary reason for the Army's success are the men and women who

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wear the uniform.

"We have every reason as we stand here today on Fort Jackson to be proud of the fact that we're part of the Army on its 235th birthday," he said.

Fort Jackson's Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall pointed out that June 14 marks not only the Army's inception in 1775, but also the date on which the American flag was adopted two years later.

"Those are the colors that we rally on," Stall said.

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Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Pvt. Shontia Jones, 18, the youngest Soldier in the 165th Infantry Brigade, and retired Maj. Gen. George Goldsmith cut the cake during the Army birthday celebration Monday in front of Post Headquarters.

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATE

- ❑ A single Soldier town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Monday 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 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 gifts to be 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 Avenue 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.

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

"Let your voice be heard!"

AG Hall of Fame inducts 11

By **BOB ORTIZ**
Adjutant General School

Eleven of the Army's top personnel and human resource leaders were honored last week in a ceremony that marked the first inductees into the Adjutant General's Corps Hall of Fame.

"This day has been a long time coming," said Col. Robert L. Manning, chief, Adjutant General's Corps.

"Adjutant General professionals have played critical roles in the history of our country since it was formed."

During an AG Corps Hall of Honor opening ceremony held at the Soldier Support Institute auditorium Friday, 10 former Soldiers and one civilian were inducted into the newly formed AG Hall of Fame.

"These men were visionaries," Manning said. "They were direct players in many landmark personnel and human resource programs, policies, prophecies, and operating systems....that have helped support literally millions of Soldiers."

Memorials honoring the inductees' contributions to the Army and the AG Corps will remain on permanent display in the AG Corps Hall of Honor within the AG School.

"And as tomorrow's Adjutant General's leaders walk the hallowed halls of the Adjutant General's school, in their quest to become more knowledgeable leaders and professionals, they will be able to see and read first-hand how we arrived at this point in our corps' history," Manning said.

On behalf of the Maude Foundation, Teri Maude, widow of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, presented a framed print titled "New Dawn," which depicts the Pentagon the day after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Maude's husband was killed in action on Sept. 11, 2001, during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon while serving as the Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He was the first to be inducted Friday. The print also hangs in the Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame opening was part of the AG Corps Regimental Days, June 10-11.

The following AG Corps Soldiers and civilian (in rank order) were inducted into the Hall of Fame as members of the Inaugural Class of 2010:

❑ **Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude** is credited for the concept of an electronic "paperless" Army and for executing the "Army of One" recruiting campaign.

❑ **Sgt. Maj. Larry Strickland** was



Photo by PHILIPS B. JOHNSON, Soldier Support Institute

Retired Lt. Gen. Frederick Vollrath unveils his photo in the Adjutant General's Corps newly opened Hall of Fame in a ceremony June 10.

serving as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel sergeant major when he was killed during the 9/11 attack. Strickland was known for his efforts in expanding education to all Soldiers and believing that "if you educate the NCO, you educate the Soldiers they lead."

❑ **Lt. Gen. Allen K. Ono** reworked the marketability of the Army to the country's civilian population in order to attract quality recruits, and led the effort to develop stringent recruiting eligibility criteria.

❑ **Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath** provided the leadership and management for the Army's enlisted force build up to support Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

❑ **Maj. Gen. Ronald E. Brooks** relocated the Soldier Support Center from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., to its current location at Fort Jackson. He also served as honorary colonel of the Regiment from 1999 to 2008.

❑ **Maj. Gen. William H. Gourley** in 1983 established personnel policies for physical profile management and enlisted reclassification, served as honorary colonel of the regiment and regimental

colonel emeritus from 1990 until his death in 2008.

❑ **Maj. Gen. Robert M. Joyce** created and was the first to command both 1st PERSCOM, USAREUR, and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

❑ **Maj. Gen. Jack C. Wheeler** developed and initiated the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System, a real time automated system that supports the management of the Active component enlisted force still used today.

❑ **Col. Frank C. Foster Jr.** is considered the founding father of the AG Corps "Regiment" in 1987. He also activated the AG Corps Regimental Association.

❑ **Chief Warrant Officer 5 Antonio B. Eclavea**, was the first in the Adjutant General's Corps to be promoted to chief warrant officer 5.

❑ **John J. Dinnien** served as an Army civilian employee for 50 years and established the USAREUR AG Liaison Office in Heidelberg, Germany and its counterpart in Alexandria, Va.

Editor's note: Leader reporter Kris Gonzalez contributed to this report.



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cally,” Hertling said, “Brad, you were the perfect choice for commanding this organization.”

Hertling gave special recognition to May’s wife, Jan, for her own contributions to Fort Jackson, to include helping establish the post Family Readiness Center, supporting the Army Family Action Plan, the Spouses Club and the Thrift Shop.

“Thanks so much to you, Jan, for all your contributions, your support, your love for our Soldiers,” Hertling said, “especially for your Soldier, Brad, and the fact that you’ve put your entire heart into Fort Jackson.”

May thanked the many Soldiers and leaders who helped him throughout his journey at Fort Jackson.

“Having responsibility for training and transforming thousands of Soldiers destined for combat, for providing the highest possible quality of life for them, our families and civilians, and for serving with you has been especially gratifying over the past two years,” May said. “The accomplishments that Gen. Hertling mentioned are clearly a tribute to each of you.”

May complimented Milano before wel-

coming him and his family.

“If there is encouragement today, it’s that the Milanos are assuming the reins,” May said. “You couldn’t pick a better command team and no team is better qualified for what lies ahead.”

Milano closed the ceremony by saying that he and his wife, Kim, are excited by the new assignment here.

“There are other missions at Fort Jackson, but our bread and butter, our reason for being, is to train 50 percent of the Army’s enlistees for potential greatness in the Army,” Milano said. “It’s where the foundation of soldiering is established...for many of those who choose to serve our great Army. I am sobered at the magnitude of this critical mission and will do my level best to uphold the great tradition of excellence that has been established and honed here.”

Throughout his 31-year Army career, Milano has served stateside assignments in Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. He served a total of eight years overseas, in countries such as Korea, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait and Iraq.

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Photos by KRIS GONZALEZ

Maj. Gen. James Milano addresses the Soldiers and civilians in attendance during his change of command ceremony Wednesday at the Officers’ Club.



From left, Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson’s outgoing commanding general, Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training, and Fort Jackson’s incoming commander. Maj. Gen. James Milano, salute during the playing of the national anthem.

Arlington to see staff changes

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army announced management changes at Arlington National Cemetery June 10 after revealing findings of unmarked gravesites, improper handling of cremated remains and discrepancies in burial records there.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh announced the creation of an executive director position for the Army National Cemeteries Program, as well as the creation of the Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission. Those changes came as a result of findings in two inspector general reports about management and operational activities at the cemetery.

During a press conference at the Pentagon, McHugh discussed the final report of an IG special inspection of the cemetery. That inspection was directed by McHugh's predecessor, Pete Geren, in August 2009. He also discussed the results of an IG investigation of the cemetery, directed by him, in November 2009.

"The majority of the findings ... are both deeply troubling and simply unacceptable," McHugh said. He said the inspection report renders 76 separate findings and makes 101 recommendations.

The findings "determined the improper interment and transinterment of remains, to include the loss of accountability of remains, graves listed as empty, unmarked grave sites, improperly marked graves, and improper han-

dling of cremated remains," the secretary said. "That all ends today."

The secretary also said the IG reported that the cemetery's mission was hampered by "dysfunctional management, a lack of established policy and procedures, and an overall unhealthy organizational climate."

As a result of the findings in the two IG reports, McHugh appointed Kathryn Condon as "Executive Director of the Army National Cemeteries Program." She previously served as the senior civilian at Army Materiel Command.

Second, the secretary announced establishment of an Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission and said former senators Max Cleland and Bob Dole will begin the work on that commission. The two are both Army veterans.

McHugh said the commission will "act as an independent oversight authority to provide a regimented review of all near- and long-term activities at Arlington."

The special inspection included five assessment objectives: policy and procedures; management, administration, and training; synergy of command and leadership structures; compliance with Army information assurance requirements; and contracting procedures.

The secretary said the investigation focused on "significant allegations" about the cemetery operations, including a "hostile work environment," inappropriate hiring practices, improper interment and transinterment of remains, including non-compliance with internal regulations policies and accountability.

On announcing the findings of the two reports, McHugh apologized, on behalf of the Army, to the families of those buried at Arlington.

"There is simply no excuse," he said. "On behalf of the United States Army, on behalf of myself, I deeply apologize to the Families of the honored fallen, resting in that hallowed ground, who may now question the care afforded to their loved ones. To the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States, to all citizens of this great nation who believe as I did that Arlington National Cemetery is the most sacred place on this planet, the Army owes better.

The secretary acknowledged that he is "unable to explain the past," but can make promises for the future. "The U.S. Army will take every step necessary to fully ensure that every challenge, and every need at Arlington is clearly understood and effectively addressed."

The current superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery, John C. Metzler Jr., was formally reprimanded by the secretary for "failure to properly execute oversight and management responsibilities to ensure ANC conducted its interment operations in accordance with applicable laws and policies."

Metzler has elected to retire, and will continue at his post until July 2. McHugh directed him to report now to Condon "for the duration of your service," and requested that he assist Condon "to ensure a seamless transition."

The deputy superintendent of the cemetery has been placed on administrative leave, pending a disciplinary review.

News and notes

1-34TH WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Quincy Norman took command of the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment from Lt. Col. Daniel Beatty during a ceremony June 9 at the Officers' Club. Norman's previous assignment was in the Office of the Inspector General, USARCENT, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Beatty's next assignment is as the G3 at Fort Jackson.



NORMAN

HEALTH FAIR SCHEDULED

The Fort Jackson Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Safety and the G3 shop have scheduled a health and wellness fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2464 Anderson St., behind Marion Street shoppette. The day's events will begin with a 2-mile walk at 7:30 a.m. The walk starts from the parking lot of the building.

Veterans Affairs, American Red Cross, TRICARE, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, AAFES, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Civilian Personnel Benefits advisers will participate.

2-60TH GRADUATION DATE CHANGED

The Family Day and graduation for Companies A, B and C, 2nd Battalion, 60th Regiment has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8, respectively. Both events are scheduled for 9 a.m. at Hilton Field.

BOSS TALENT SHOW SCHEDULED

The Fort Jackson BOSS Talent Show is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 25 at the NCO Club Ballroom. Those interested in participating can sign up at the NCO Club June 21 at 5:30 p.m. Call 751-0891 for information.



Volunteers honored

Jabari Alston, 17, receives the Volunteer of the Year youth award from Brig. Gen. Bradley May and post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall in a ceremony June 9 at the Solomon Center for his work.

Also recognized during the ceremony was: John Boron (retiree), Holly King (family member/civilian) and Soldiers with the Recruiting and Retention School Community Outreach Committee (active duty). Vicki Zelenko, Sarah Harris and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Lopez Ramos were inducted into the volunteer Hall of Fame.

Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ



June 17 — 5 p.m.	Furry Vengeance	PG	92 min.
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June 19 — 5 p.m.	Robin Hood	PG-13	140 min.
June 20 — 4 p.m.	Iron Man 2	PG-13	126 min.
June 24 — 2 p.m.	Robin Hood	PG-13	140min.
June 24 — 2 p.m.	Iron Man 2	PG-13	126 min.

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3-34th drill sergeants battle for ‘best’

From 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

The 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment pitted drill sergeant against drill sergeant in its Best Drill Sergeant Competition June 10.

Staff Sergeants Joshua Jones and Samantha Goscinski, both from Company E, came out on top in the mixed-gender competition, while Staff Sergeants Sean Nelson and Jesse Miller, Company B, won for same-gender team.

The purpose of the competition said, Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, battalion commander, was to “test the physical and mental toughness of our drill sergeants by focusing on the key competencies we expect of them to train our Soldiers on, as well as build camaraderie within the unit by finding out who is the best of the best.”

The competition started with the Army Physical Fitness test followed by a 75-meter tire flip event. Competitors then moved to the Fit to Win obstacle course where teams negotiated the various obstacles, including cargo nets and barbed wire.

The drill sergeants then tested their medical skills by taking the Combat Lifesaver exam and treating various casualty injuries during medical trauma lanes. The teams then tested their marksmanship abilities by zeroing and qualifying on M4 rifles with a timed advanced combat shoot on Aachen Range.

The tired and tested drill sergeants then moved to St. Lo to conduct a grueling land navigation course. The competition ended with a 1.5 mile run, with equipment, to the finish line.



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Staff Sgt. Philip Dentis low crawls toward the finish line during the Fit to Win obstacle course portion of the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment Best Drill Sergeant competition last week.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Staff Sgt. Zachary Tooman takes aim during a timed advanced combat shoot portion of the competition at Aachen Range.

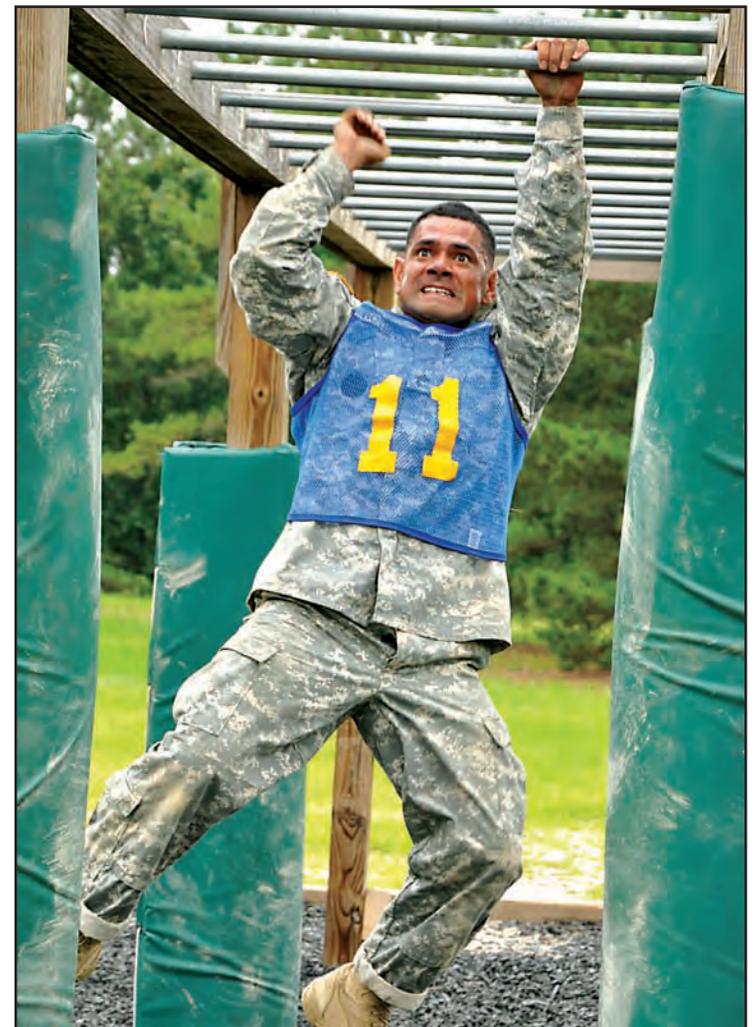


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Sgt. 1st Class Gilbert Botello navigates the horizontal bars during last week's competition.

Father receives reward in hugs, kisses

Editor's note: In honor of Father's Day, I decided to take a week off and have my husband guest write my "Crystal Clear" column. Maybe next Mother's Day, he will let me try my hand at his job.

On Jan. 23, 2009, I had to do something for which my military training had thankfully prepared me. In the middle of the night, I was awakened by something that despite all the preparation in the world, one can never fully prepare: my wife's water broke. My first thought was probably "Oh no," because I wasn't ready. I didn't have anything ready. Though my wife's clothes were packed, neither mine nor the baby's things (I was responsible for both) were ready. I thought we would have more time.

At my first duty station, I was trained as a field artilleryman. I led a platoon of infantrymen in combat. Today, I'm in charge of millions of dollars worth of equipment and numerous Soldiers. But that day, I was given what is probably one of the toughest jobs in the world: Dad.

The idea of parenthood for me was frightening because I didn't have a father to teach me the ins and outs of fatherhood. And although I had different mentors throughout my childhood — and into adulthood — I was never trained how to be a dad. And despite what G.I. Joe says ("Know-

ing is half the battle"), for me training is half the battle. And I was ill-prepared. It wasn't a matter of whether I could do it or not; it was just a matter of how I would perform.

The first few months after our son was born were a contradiction; it was easy, because that is the time in which mother and child do most of their bonding, but it was difficult, because I had yet to determine where I fit into their world. I woke up for late-night feedings, but since my son

wrestle with him afterward to give her a chance to relax with a book or magazine.

I don't think I deserve an award for things that I do for my son; all fathers have a duty to provide, protect and love a child. But let's be honest; we sometimes get the short end of the stick when it comes to the parenting thing. When people talk about parenting, it is almost always about Mom. As a matter of fact, I've yet to see a "Daddy and Me" group.

But what about the dads who, day in and day out, are responsible for dropping the kids off to school? Or the dads who take the time to comb their daughters' hair each day? Many of my own Soldiers are single fathers, playing the role of both Mom and Dad.

This week, I will attend a Father's Day event in my son's day care class. It is the first of many father/son events that we'll share. And although he's only 18 months into his life, my son shows his appreciation to me every day.

I don't know what kind of father my son will remember me as, but when he yells, "Da Da," and runs up to me to greet me when I get home, I know he appreciates me. I will just have to trust that the "hip pocket" training I gain from the daddies I encounter will be enough to get me

CRYSTAL CLEAR

By CAPT. JAMIL BROWN
Special to the Leader



was still nursing, I could only help so much.

When my wife went back to work, I did what I could, allowing her an additional half-hour of sleep by getting his diaper changed and dressing him for the day. And as he grew older, my role became more evident.

While Mom takes him to most of his doctor appointments and stays abreast of his goings-on at the day care center, I make sure that he is safe and secure in the car seat in the vehicle that transports him each day.

And though Mom may make his dinner each night, I usually



Courtesy Photo

Capt. Jamil Brown shares a moment with his then 1-month-old son, who is now 1.

to the next milestone.

So for all of you fathers out there, including stepfathers and foster dads, just know that your

children's hugs and kisses are better than any other reward you could ever receive.

Happy Father's Day.

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SEE MY CHILDREN? I MADE THEIR CLOTHES, TOO! OF COURSE, I DIDN'T MAKE THEIR SHOES -- THAT WOULD BE SILLY! KIDS GROW WAY TOO FAST FOR THAT!

OHMIGOSH! IS THAT SCARLETT? SCARLETTT! HOLD ON, I WANT TO SHOW YOU MY NEW DRESS!

HER HUSBAND'S DEPLOYED A LOT. SHE SAYS STAYING BUSY KEEPS HER SANE.

IT ALMOST APPEARS TO BE THE OPPOSITE, DOESN'T IT?

Battalion hosts semi-annual retreat

From the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

Members of the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Retreat participated in a semi-annual marriage retreat in Beech Mountain, N.C.

The 15 couples, along with some children, spent four days discussing the fundamentals of maintaining a successful marriage intermixed with outdoor activities including hiking and rafting.

"The retreat provides our cadre, who work tirelessly to transform civilians into Soldiers, the opportunity to refocus on their spouses and the important bonds that bind them together," said Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, battalion commander.

The focus of the retreat was to build stronger relationships within a marriage, open lines of communication between spouses and help them balance the demands of military life.

The retreat combined classroom instruction with physical exertion; after the morning class, couples hiked Roan Moun-

tain.

"The hike gave us the chance to stretch our legs, spend time with our spouses to discuss the material we covered in our classes and reflect on our marriages," said Hernandez. "This retreat differed than most in that an equal amount of time was divided from classroom instruction to practical application in an outdoor setting."

The hike wasn't the only outdoor activity scheduled during the retreat. Participants donned helmets, life vests and a paddle to spend an afternoon whitewater rafting the Nolichucky River Gorge in Tennessee.

For many it was their first time rafting and the experience created a shared experience of riding through Class 3 and Class 4 whitewater rapids while relying on teamwork and communication. Some, unfortunately, got the experience of being tossed from their boat and safely pulled back in.

By the end of the day, many couples laughed and shared their fears and stories of the trip with each other.



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers and family members with the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment go on a hike as part of their recent marriage retreat.

Transcom: New system makes military moves more efficient

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the busiest season for permanent-change-of-station moves under way, officials at U.S. Transportation Command are encouraging service members to take advantage of new systems designed to make the process more convenient and efficient.

Transcom launched the new Personally Procured Move, or PPM, system to better compensate service members who personally move their household goods on military orders, said Dolly Davidson, a change management outreach specialist at Transcom. PPM replaced the old "Do It Yourself," or DITY, move system.

Under PPM, service members can receive up to 95 percent of what it would cost the government to move their goods using a commercial carrier. They can hire a commercial mover if they choose, move some or all of their goods themselves, and pocket any savings they receive.

While converting to PPM, Transcom also introduced a new system, the Defense Personal Property System, to process and manage household moves.

DPS is a computerized management system for moving the household goods of military members and Defense Department civilians, Davidson explained. It automates many steps involved in military moves: pre-move counseling, scheduling, tracking, invoicing and claims-filing for household goods shipments.

This eliminates the need for service members to schedule appointments at their duty station to arrange their household goods moves face-to-face, she said, allowing them to make arrange-

ments anywhere, any time.

"In DTS, you can go in 24/7, you can counsel yourself, you can put in your shipment and move arrangements, and everything else is done automatically," she said. "You can do it from your laptop, from your work station, even your living room couch. And you can also track your shipments online, too."

And unlike the legacy paper-based system it replaces, DPS is equipped to process moves service members make themselves - which constitute the vast majority of moves.

Aside from convenience, DPS is a big money saver for the government, not only reducing PCS processing costs, but also generating lower cost estimates from many moving companies, said Roland Amos, chief of the DPS functional and requirements branch at Transcom.

That's a big factor for the military, which spends about \$2 billion a year for more than 550,000 household moves, Transcom reported.

With all these factors in DPS' favor, Transcom officials are encouraged by the dramatic increase in its use since the Personally Procured Move rollout.

"The services and the service members have definitely embraced it," Davidson said. "(Usage) went up to about 50 percent right from the get-go."

Now, Davidson added, with the legacy system expected to remain operational until December along with DPS, her mission is to encourage service members to choose DPS to process their moves. With more than half of annual moves occurring between May and August, Davidson is particularly interested in getting that word out now.

"We really want them to understand the advantages, and why it's best for them," she said.



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Young leader



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Richland Northeast High School student David Currey was recently presented the West Point Leadership Award, an award given to rising seniors for demonstrated leadership. His father, Col. Craig Currey, director of Basic Combat Training, presented him the award. David has also been selected as president of his school's National Honor Society and will serve as a Boys State representative this summer.

Yard of the Month



Courtesy photo

Col. Lillian Dixon, right, garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson honor the June Yard of the Month winners, Staff Sgt. Daniel White, MEDDAC, and his wife, Tamesha. The Whites received a certificate of appreciation, coin, reserved parking at the Main PX and commissary, free dinner, movie passes and a \$50 gift card.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Sgt. 1st Class
Company D
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt.
Susie Nuuvali
Company F
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Carmella Salgado

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Kelli Mahder

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Michael Seggel

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Nicole Meagher

HIGH BRM

Spc. David Ferguson

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Christopher Perryman

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Daniel Stoneburg

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Amie Gant

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Staff Sgt. Sheena Knight

TRAINING SUPPORT AWARD

Joe Hindsley

FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD

Flora Staley

This cycle's AIT honors



GOODWIN



LAUTIERI

Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion: cadre of the cycle, Sgt. 1st Class Marquise Goodwin; platoon sergeant of the cycle, Staff Sgt. Marvin Lautieri.

Upcoming ceremonies

CHANGES OF COMMAND

- 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.

This week's Drill Sergeant School honorees



ROY



PETERS



STEPHENS



O'NEAL

The drill sergeant leader of the cycle is Sgt. 1st Class Troy Roy. This cycle's Drill Sergeant School honor graduates are: Sgt. Sierra Peters (leadership award), Staff Sgt. John Stephens (distinguished honor graduate) and Sgt. 1st Class Darlean O'Neal (physical fitness award).

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All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-4329/5923	Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2-10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	(For use by Soldiers in training): Thursday, 1-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7593	Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers) 751-4914 (Civilians)	Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Movie Theater	751-7488	Closed Monday-Wednesday; Thursday-Sunday, hours vary
National Federation of Federal Employees	751-2622	
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers' Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open to non-members); Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m.
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday **Closed for renovations**
Pools, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Library	751-5589/4816	Monday-Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 2	790-4478	24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Calendar

Today

Bloodmobile blood drive
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., MACH

Monday

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

Fun Frugal Fashion
4:30-5:30 p.m., Thrift Shop
Learn the secrets of upscale dressing on a budget. For more information, call 787-2153.

Health and Wellness Fair

10 a.m. to noon, 2464 Anderson St.
The day's events will begin with a 7:30 a.m. walk from the building parking lot.

Friday, June 25

BOSS talent show
7 p.m., NCO Club
Those interested in participating can sign up at the NCO Club June 21 at 5:30 p.m. Call 751-0891 for information.

Saturday, July 3

Torchlight Tattoo
4 p.m., Hilton Field
Parking areas open at 3:30 p.m. A concert by the 282nd Army Band begins at 8 p.m., followed by a Salute the Nation Ceremony and a fireworks show.

Tuesday, July 13

Happy Hour comedy show
10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Solomon Center

Housing events

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

Friday

Father's Day essay contest
The essay contest winner will be announced.

Monday

Sun Safety
2 p.m.
Join in for a summer safety lesson. Handouts will be provided.

Wednesday

Neighborhood Watch meeting
4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29

Parents' Date Night
5-8 p.m.
Drop off the children for a night of activities while spending time with your spouse. RSVP at Cowilliams@bbcgrp.com.

Announcements

JR. SKIES OFFERINGS

Jr. SKIES programs are scheduled throughout the summer. The program is for children 3 to 6 and are Monday through Friday. Offerings include: football, soccer, basketball and golf. Call 751-6777/7540 for specific dates and costs.

VTC CLOSURE

The Fort Jackson Video Teleconference Center located in building 7533 will be closed June 21-25 for facility upgrades. VTC support will be provided at alternative sites on post. Call 751-5538 for information.

BOOK SIGNING

Buffy MacDonald Crabtree will host a book signing for "Grieving God's Way — He Feels Your Pain" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 8-10 at the Main PX.

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES

The Thrift Shop will be closed July 6-8. Pick up a brochure in the housing area to stay up-to-date with Thrift Shop news. 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 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.

ACS CLOSURE

The Army Community Services center will be closed June 30. An on-call caseworker will be provided to assist Soldiers who need Army Emergency Relief help to

travel on emergency leave.

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.

CPAC VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

The Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will provide a video teleconference training Tuesday 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 page.

Sports shorts

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

❑ The 171st Infantry Brigade Blackhawk 6 farewell tournament is scheduled for noon, June 28 at the Cobblestone Golf Club.

❑ The Fort Jackson Army 10-miler qualifier is scheduled for 5:30 a.m., July 17. The run will begin at the gate at Patton Stadium (Kershaw Street side). Participants may register through July 14.

❑ 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.playgolffamerica.com/ggr.

❑ The Military Long Drive Championship is scheduled on Fort Jackson for Aug. 7 at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Additional 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.

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.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park is scheduled for Friday, 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.

TINY TOT TUESDAY

Toddler, ages 2-4, are invited to participate in Tiny Tot Tuesday: Wild for Wildflowers, 11 a.m. to noon at the Robert Mills Carriage House, 1616 Blanding St. Toddlers will be taught about nature's wildflowers through interactive activities.

BOOKOO SCHOLARSHIP

Military personnel and spouses are eligible to apply for one of 10 \$1,000 scholarships as part of the Bookoo military scholarship program. Applications must be received by Aug. 1. Visit <http://www.bookoo.com/military-scholarships.jsp> for information and applications.

BUTTERFLY PROGRAM

A butterfly count is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Congaree National Park. The day will focus on field observations on the trail system and within the park's various habitats.



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More than 3,200 Soldiers from Fort Jackson's Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training units attend Saturday's Columbia Blowfish baseball game as part of the city's 235th Army birthday celebration.

Complete game

Soldiers cheer for Army heroes, Blowfish

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

For the third straight year, Fort Jackson has teamed with the Columbia Blowfish baseball club and the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the Army's birthday with baseball, hot dogs and fireworks. More than 3,200 Fort Jackson Soldiers were in attendance Saturday to witness the Blowfish' 9-3 victory over the Morehead City Marlins in the second game of a doubleheader. The Blowfish came back from a 2-1 loss.

Bill Shanahan, Blowfish owner and president, said the event is about honoring Soldiers and recognizing the Army's birthday.

"It's a great night out here at Capital City Stadium," Shanahan said. "We got a huge crowd, and I think everybody's having a great time."

But the game was about more than

just having fun. In between innings, the crowd recognized distinguished veterans who served in wars ranging from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Our youngest Soldiers see their history (in front) of them," said Col. Kevin Shwedo, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer. "And they know they have to live up to the expectations of those who preceded them."

The Soldiers at the game were mostly in Advanced Individual Training or Basic Combat Training. For Pvt. Cody Schindler, Company F, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, it was the final opportunity to catch a break before heading to Victory Forge this week.

"It's pretty fun," Schindler said. "It's a change from training."

The game was also a break from the regular training routine for drill sergeants. Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson, a drill sergeant with Company E, 2nd

Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, said he enjoyed the game.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity for the Soldiers to come out and show their support for the community and also for the Blowfish to honor the Army and our Soldiers during the anniversary weekend of our birthday," Anderson said.

Shwedo said that the opportunity of introducing the Soldiers to war heroes past and present is invaluable.

"It's interesting that many of the drill sergeants are a little hesitant about giving their Soldiers a little bit of freedom by coming out here," Shwedo said. "In about the second inning, they see their Soldiers (are) having fun; they realize that they're learning a little bit about the customs and traditions of the force; and they're then fighting for them to come back the following year. So it's a great opportunity."

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Charles Murray, left, a retired colonel who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during World War II, waves to the crowd. Also honored were retired Master Sgt. James Baker, a Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient; Lou Brissie, World War II veteran and professional baseball player; and Iraq veteran and double amputee Ramon Guitard.



Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, signs a baseball before the start of the game. In lieu of throwing a ceremonial first pitch, Fort Jackson officials tossed autographed balls to the Soldiers in attendance at Capital City Stadium Saturday.



Fort Jackson Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall prepares to throw a ball into the crowd Saturday at the Columbia Blowfish Military Appreciation Night.

Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

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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.

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Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief



dows and steal them if they are left in plain view. To reduce this temptation, always make sure that the GPS is hidden from view when not in use. Keep it in the glove compartment along with the mount in order to leave no indication that it is in the vehicle.

The same goes for purses and wallets. If they must be left in the car, slide them under the seat to keep them from plain view. It is important never to leave anything of value lying out in the open.

As always, it is important to keep the vehicle secured at all times. If a thief doesn't easily see something worth taking, he or she is likely not to take the risk to check.

Bike thefts are another problem. Just putting the bike in front of the house or even locking it down is not enough to prevent theft. Keep the bike indoors, especially at night. During the day, make sure the bike is locked and securely chained to something.

CASES OF THE WEEK

□ Military Police broke a window after a Soldier accidentally locked her child in her car, MPs said. The child was evaluated and determined to be in good condition.

□ A Soldier was charged with shoplifting in the theft of a pair of sunglasses from the Main PX, MPs said. The value of the item was \$45. The Soldier was released to his unit.

TIP OF THE WEEK

As summer approaches, crime rates tend to increase. Some of the most common crimes include the theft of personal items, such as GPS devices and bikes.

Often, these items are very difficult for law enforcement to recover, even if the crime is reported as soon as it is discovered. It is best to take a proactive approach and take steps to prevent items from being stolen.

GPS devices have always been a popular target, tempting thieves to break in win-

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

10 KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS



3. Providing financial or other material support to a terrorist organization or to someone suspected of being a terrorist.



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.

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

10 KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS



#2. Advocating support for international terrorist organizations or objectives.

Heat injury procedures



- 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!

FMWR pens commitment to customers, employees

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation recognized more than 270 employees June 4 in a ceremony that highlighted the signing of the Employee and Customer Covenant.

The covenant was signed by Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander and Dave Harmon, Family and MWR director. During the awards ceremony, Dixon expressed her thanks to the entire Family and MWR team for all of the work that they do in supporting Soldiers, family members and civilians. The covenant, Dixon said, is a promise that "We have to take care of our employees."

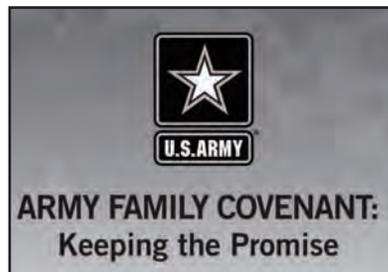
The Employee and Customer Covenant is a part of the Operation Excellence Customer Service Program. The customer service training program has been rejuvenated with the overall goal of creating, sustaining and standardizing a customer service culture within Family and MWR. This standardized training has been executed Armywide and is a Family and MWR Command core requirement.

The intent of the program is to ensure that employees are provided all of the skills and tools needed to be successful in their jobs, said Lisa Dula, Family and MWR customer service coordinator. The program will provide job performance standards, professional development training, rewards and recognition, new employee orientation, and customer service training.

To assist with the program are nine Family and MWR employees that make up a team of customer service trainers. These employees are Julie Miller, Veronica Jackson-Patrick, Dorothy Robinson, Tracy Smith, Darryl Hunter, Debbie Roomsburg, Earl Jones, Judith Travis and Donna Madl.

The theme for the awards and recognition portion of the event was the Family and MWR Peoples' Choice Awards. Recipients walked the red carpet and had their pictures taken with the garrison commander and the director of Family and MWR. After receiving their awards, employees signed the Employee and Customer Covenant banner to signify their support to providing service excellence to the post's Soldiers, families and civilians. The awards and recognition ceremony is one of the components of the Employee and Customer Covenant.

A signed copy of The Employee and Customer covenant



Army Family Covenant

By LISA DULA

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

will be posted in every Family and MWR facility.

THE EMPLOYEE COVENANT READS:

Taking care of our customers begins with taking care of you, our employees.

We are committed to providing a strong, supportive environment where you can thrive.

To that end, we promise to position you for success with:

- A robust orientation to welcome you to the Family and MWR team.
- Clear performance standards for service excellence.
- Formal and informal training to develop your skills.
- Performance support tools to assist you on the job.
- A holistic program of recognition and incentive to reward excellent service.
- Career development opportunities

to reach your full potential.

THE CUSTOMER COVENANT READS:

We are committed to providing quality through service excellence to our Soldiers and families commensurate with the quality of their service to our nation.

We understand that we create value for our customers through predictable, consistent, efficient and customer-focused service.

To that end, we promise our customers they will:

- Always be respected and treated as individuals who are valued.
- Receive a prompt and friendly greeting in a professional and courteous manner.
- Experience aesthetically-pleasing facilities.
- Receive timely, accurate and helpful information.
- Be offered high quality products and services.
- Have an opportunity to provide feedback.

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.

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.

LEADER INFORMATION

To submit an article, announcement or letter to the editor, e-mail FJLeader@conus.army.mil or call 751-7045 for information.

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.
- Suit up in protective Sumo gear and wrestle at the Magruder's Sumo Grudge Match.

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. Fort Jackson's installation number is 164.

High blood pressure can be controlled

By COL. MICHAEL CUSTER
U.S. Army Public Health Command

One of the most dangerous conditions to a person's overall health is high blood pressure. The problem with high blood pressure, also called hypertension, is that most people who "suffer" from it don't usually seem to be suffering at all.

A person can feel great and still later experience the serious consequences of high blood pressure. The best thing that health care consumers can do is understand a little about high blood pressure and make sure that if their blood pressure is high, they make the necessary lifestyle adjustments to ensure continued good health.

The measurements given when a person's blood pressure is taken reflect the pressure created when the heart contracts (systolic blood pressure) and when the heart relaxes (diastolic blood pressure). Normal systolic blood pressure is 120 or below and normal diastolic blood pressure is 80 or below.

People with a systolic blood pressure of 121 to 139 and a diastolic BP of 81 to 89 are considered pre-hypertensive. Those who are pre-hypertensive or hypertensive should work with a health care provider to regularly check blood

pressure and follow a plan as directed by the health care provider to bring it down. This may involve lifestyle changes, medication or both.

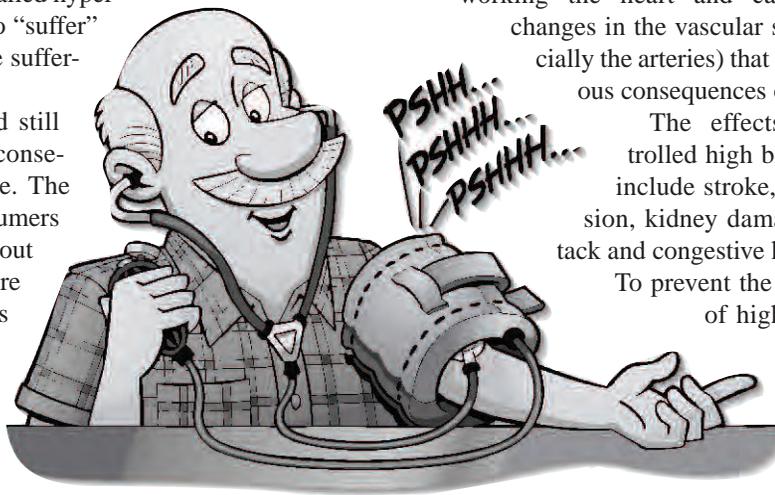
Hypertension is often called the silent killer because it doesn't have visible signs or symptoms, yet it kills by overworking the heart and causing subtle changes in the vascular system (especially the arteries) that can have serious consequences over time.

The effects of uncontrolled high blood pressure include stroke, impaired vision, kidney damage, heart attack and congestive heart failure.

To prevent the development of high blood pressure and control it in people who have already high blood

pressure, it is recommended to:

- Keep weight within normal limits.
- Exercise regularly at least 30 minutes a day, four or five days a week.
- Limit the amount of fat intake, particularly saturated fat, in the diet, and replace meat products with fruits and vegetables.
- Limit sodium intake, which means limit salt intake.



Heart health information helps TRICARE patients

From TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE is helping beneficiaries stay healthy by providing them with educational materials on how they can reduce their chances of developing heart disease, the leading cause of death in America.

Heart disease includes several specific heart conditions, the most common being congestive heart failure or a heart attack.

Although heart disease is typically perceived as a disease that mainly affects men, it is the leading cause of death among women.

Two-thirds of women who die suddenly from coronary heart disease show no previous symptoms. Many women who do not show symptoms are at-risk.

To educate beneficiaries, TRICARE and the regional health care contractors have posted a range of educational materials online.

One area that each website focuses on is the risk factors associated with developing heart disease.

Several risk factors for heart disease include smoking, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, alcohol abuse, high cho-

lesterol and glucose levels and a diet low in fruits and vegetables.

The Military Health System and regional websites also include information relating to the symptoms and stages of heart disease, prognoses for a chronic condition, treatment options and tips for healthy living.

Only a medical professional can properly determine the risk for developing heart disease.

Once a beneficiary has read through the information online, he or she can schedule a doctor's appointment to discuss possible risk factors, and, if necessary, a course of treatment.

To learn more about heart health, beneficiaries can visit the Military Health System website at www.health.mil/Themes/Heart_Health.aspx or their regional contractor's website.

Another helpful resource is the CDC at www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/.

Humana Military Healthcare Services (South Region): www.humana-military.com/south/bene/health-wellness/Disease-Management/heart-failure/HeartFailure.asp.

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 cur-

rently 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Call 751-CARE (2273) to make an appointment with a MACH provider. Call toll-free at 877-273-5584. To cancel an appointment after hours, call 751-2688.

— Drink alcohol in moderation: no more than one to two drinks per day.

— Take blood pressure medication as prescribed, and let the provider know if any additional medications are being taken.

Of course these recommendations fit with anyone practicing a healthy lifestyle and will have positive overall health effects.

How prevalent is the condition of high blood pressure among Soldiers? According to DoD's 2008 Survey of Health Related Behaviors, 16.5 percent of Soldiers have reported high blood pressure since they entered the Army. Another 1.7 percent said they never had the condition checked and 12.7 percent reported they didn't know or remember what their blood pressure was.

So even among a predominantly young and generally healthy population, the Army has a significant number of people affected by this problem or who don't know whether they have the problem.

For more information on high blood pressure, visit these websites:

— <http://www.hooah4health.com/prevention/disease/hypertension.htm>. Searching Hooah4health will provide some good information packages concerning BP.

— <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=2114>. The American Heart Association is another great site for information.

— <http://usachppm.apgea.army.mil/healthtipoftheweek/02232004.asp>. The USAPHC (Provisional) site has material on healthy hearts and addresses blood pressure.

Finding God requires heartfelt search

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) SCOTT KING**
3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Jeremiah 29:13 reads, “*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*”

When was the last time you played “hide and seek?” Perhaps it’s been quite a while.

For me, however, it wasn’t that long ago. Having two little girls at home keeps me busy playing a variety of children’s games, with hide and seek a favorite. If it weren’t for their giggling and whispers, I would have a hard time finding them. Those little ones can get into some good hiding places. It’s a lot of fun.

Now, I’ll ask the question again, when was the last time you played hide and seek? This time, I’m not talking about playing with your children or grandchildren, but with God.

I know some of you may be thinking, “What in the world is this guy talking about?” I think that we often fall into a mindset that our walk of faith is one of playing hide and seek with God, and we’re “it.”

In our minds, it seems as though God is hiding from us and we have to run around trying to find him. And just as we’re getting warmer, about to find him, he is off to a new hiding place. Thus, we spend our lives chasing after a God who is elusive and always out of reach.

However, in Jeremiah 29:13, God tells us, “*You will*

seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Although we sometimes feel distant from God and wonder where he is in our lives, we can be assured that God is not trying to hide from us. On the contrary, he desires that we have a close, personal relationship with him.

He wants us to know his purpose, his will and his presence in our lives. When we surrender our hearts to him, allowing him to be the priority of our lives, God will make himself known to us in a very real and personal way.

I encourage you to seek the Lord. He isn’t hiding from you; rather, God is waiting to be found when you seek him with all your heart.



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)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

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

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Thursday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- 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

Collection act offers debtors protection

By **CAPT. PATRICK D. BARRETT**
Legal Assistance Office

Anyone who uses a credit card, owes money on a personal loan or is paying on a home mortgage is a debtor. Those who fall behind in repaying their creditors, or have an error made on their accounts, may be contacted by a debt collector. In either situation, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that debt collectors treat debtors fairly. The act also prohibits certain methods of debt collection. The following are common questions and answers pertaining to the act.

What debts are covered?

Personal, family and household debts are covered under the act. This includes money owed for the purchase of an automobile, for medical care or for charge accounts.

Who is a debt collector?

A debt collector is any person who regularly collects debts owed to others. This includes attorneys who collect debts on a regular basis.

How may a debt collector contact you?

A collector may contact you in person, by mail, telephone, telegram or fax. However, a debt collector may not contact a debtor at inconvenient times or places, such as before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., unless the debtor agrees to it. A debt collector also may not contact a debtor at work if the collector knows that the debtor's employer disapproves of such contacts.

May a debt collector contact anyone else about your debt?

If a debtor has an attorney, the debt collector must contact the attorney. For those who do not have an attorney, a collector may contact other people, but only to find out where the debtor lives, what the debtor's phone number is and where the debtor works. In most cases, the collector may not tell anyone other than the debtor and the debtor's attorney about the debt.

What must the debt collector tell you about the debt?

Within five days after first being contacted, the collector must send a written notice telling the debtor the amount of money owed; the name of the creditor to whom the debt

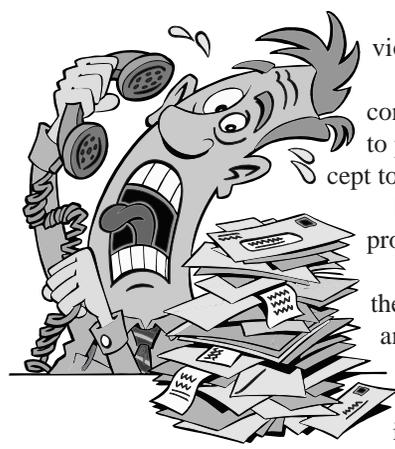
is owed the money; and what action to take if the debtor believes he or she does not owe the money.

May a debt collector continue to contact you if you believe you do not owe money?

A collector may not contact the debtor if he or she sends the collection agency a letter stating that he or she does not owe money within 30 days after the debtor receives the written notice. However, a collector can renew collection activities if the debtor is sent proof of the debt, such as a copy of a bill for the amount in question.

What types of debt collection practices are prohibited?

Debt collectors may not harass, oppress or abuse the debtor or any third parties they contact. For example, debt collectors may not:



- Use threats of violence or harm.
- Publish a list of consumers who refuse to pay their debts (except to a credit bureau).
- Use obscene or profane language.
- Repeatedly use the telephone to annoy someone.
- Use any false or misleading statements when collecting a debt.

For example, debt collectors may not:

- Falsely imply that they are attorneys or government representatives.
- Falsely imply that the debtor has committed a crime.
- Falsely represent that they operate or work for a credit bureau.
- Misrepresent the amount of the debt.

Debt collectors also may not:

- State the debtor will be arrested if he or she does not pay your debt.

State they will seize, garnish, attach or sell the debtor's property or wages, unless the collection agency or creditor intends to do so, and it is legal to do so.

Claim actions, such as a lawsuit, will be taken against the debtor, when such action legally may not be taken, or when they do not intend to take such action.

Give false credit information about the debtor to anyone, including a credit bureau.

Send the debtor anything that looks like an official document from a court or government agency when it is not.

Debt collectors may not engage in unfair practices when they try to collect a debt. For example, collectors may not:

Collect any amount greater than the actual debt, unless state law permits such a charge.

Deposit a post-dated check prematurely.

Use deception to make the debtor accept collect calls or pay for telegrams.

Take or threaten to take the debtor's property unless this can be done legally.

Contact the debtor by postcard.

What can a person do if he or she believe a debt collector violated the law?

The debtor has the right to sue a collector in a state or federal court within one year from the date the law was violated. If the debtor wins, he or she may recover money for the damages suffered plus an additional amount up to \$1,000. Court costs and attorney fees also can be recovered. A group of people also may sue a debt collector and recover money for damages up to \$500,000, or 1 percent of the collector's net worth, whichever is less.

Where can a person report a debt collector for an alleged violation?

Report any problems concerning have with a debt collector to the state attorney general's office and the Federal Trade Commission. Many states have their own debt-collection laws, and the state attorney general's office can help determine rights.

If you have any questions about debt collector tactics under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, visit the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office. To set up an appointment with an attorney, call 751-4287.

Happy birthday, Army!



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Above, More than 300 Soldiers, civilians, family members and retirees celebrated the Army's 235th birthday and Purple Heart Recipient Day with a 5K run walk and 10K run Saturday that began at Hilton Field. The event, which was sponsored by Fort Jackson's Sergeants Major Association, brought out participants of all age — some still in strollers, and even a few pets. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club also participated in setting up the event. The run ended at Semmes Lake.

At right, Soldiers battle it out in a game of mud volleyball. The 8-on-8 teams played at Semmes Lake immediately after the run Saturday morning. Team RAZA Connection won the tournament.



Courtesy Photo

Basketball standings*

Army 1			Army 2	
165th	2-1		120th	2-0
TFM	1-2	DSS	1-2	
81st	0-1	208th	1-1	
SCNG	2-1	80th Div	1-0	
Swampfoxes	0-1	4-10th	1-2	
SSI	3-0	MEDDAC	1-1	
MEDDAC 2	0-2	3-13th	1-2	

* Standings as of Wednesday morning

Softball standings*

Monday/Wednesday League			Tuesday/Thursday League	
187th	3-2		3-60th	3-3
MEDDAC	5-0	193rd**	5-2	
Shockers	2-4	Strictly Business**	7-0	
120th	2-2	MPs**	2-6	
4-10th	5-0	2-60th**	5-3	
3-34th	1-2	Blackhawks	2-6	
ACME**	0-4	CP**	7-1	
Bad Gurlz**	0-3	81st**	0-7	
		DSS	4-4	
		1-61st	3-5	

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**Denotes rec teams