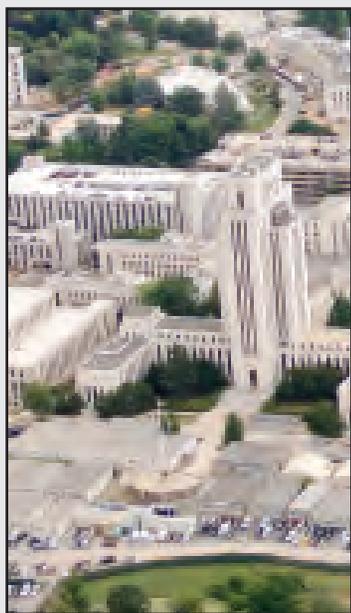


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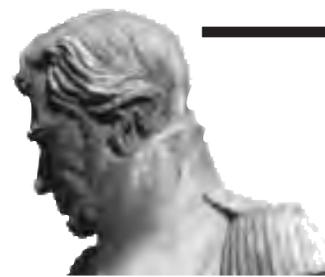
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Career on track

Fort Jackson Soldiers get trained on ACT

By **CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Soldiers spoke and the Army listened. Now there is a new tool aimed at helping them track their Army careers.

The Army Career Tracker is a new system born out of a 2006 Army Review of Education and Training of Army Leaders, or RETAL, study which recognized a large need in the lives of Soldiers attempting to plan a career in the Army.

"In the RETAL, 2,600 Soldiers were surveyed and two of the major things that

“ This system broadens your visibility and access to information on your career.”

— **Anne Szymanski**
IBM

came out of that was the first-line leaders were challenged in being able to provide the right information to Soldiers when it comes to their career progression,” said Master Sgt. Penny Bell with TRADOC’s Institute

of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development. Bell was one of the presenters during a brief training to Fort Jackson Soldiers this week. “Also, when referencing the Internet, Soldiers found it hard to find information pertinent to their career stages because there was just too much out there and it was overwhelming for them to figure out what was right for them.”

Once these hurdles were identified, the Army chief of staff issued a directive for the inception of a centralized program and ACT

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Birthday balloon fun



Photo by **CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**

Children with Fort Jackson’s School Age Services program make balloon crafts during Fort Jackson’s 94th birthday celebration Friday at the Solomon Center. Youth groups from Columbia and Spartanburg were also in attendance for the community event. For more on the birthday celebration, see Pages 20-21.

ACS program helps spouses find jobs

It's hard enough nowadays to find employment when the playing field for job seekers is level, much less when the turf is uneven. Military spouses are used to dealing with adversity and additional hurdles when it comes to job hunting. Over the years, they have dealt with unnecessary challenges and obstacles, mainly due to the frequent moves that their military families are required to make.

Sometimes it's difficult for a military spouse just to get a foot in the door, because employers are not always willing to work with someone who at some point will be moving on to the next duty station. When military spouses go looking for employment, they just want to be treated like any other job seeker. They want a fair shot at the job based on their qualifications, history and experience — nothing more, nothing less.

Spouses are not expecting entitlements or looking to receive special treatment; they are simply hoping for opportunities. It is a tough economy as unemployment rates continue to soar. According to the latest figures, South Carolina's unemployment rate is 10 percent, slightly more than the national average rate of 9.2 percent.

But there is good reason to believe the future will shine a bit brighter for military spouses seeking employment. Just recently, the Department of Defense launched a program with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO
Fort Jackson
Commanding
General



program has about 80 employers committed to opening their doors to military spouses seeking work, so that they get a fair shot at any job openings.

That's a very positive step in the right direction, considering that roughly 25 of those employers are located in Fort Jackson's area and work very closely with our Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program specialists, according to our ERP manager.

Here on Fort Jackson, spouses can receive a variety of education and employment assistance through our Employment Readiness Program. ERP provides two types of direct services — core and intensive. With the core services, people who are looking for short-term assistance, such as resume help or training, are best served. The intensive services are geared for those people who

are seeking more individualized assistance with their employment searches. The ERP provides the intensive services to at least 250 spouses per month and has helped many spouses become employed.

Job searching workshops are held bi-weekly, and the job seeker receives individual guidance for resumes and job searching. There is also an employment resource center that operates as an office while the person is developing a job-search strategy. The center has a computer area for job searching and for job skills training such as Microsoft Word and other useful electronic office programs.

Job training skill classes vary from week to week. In addition to computer skills, classes are available for customer service, time management, grammar and basic sales. There are library and communications areas, as well as a place where job seekers can get labor market information such as listing of major South Carolina employers, salary information and county employment profiles. Other assistance is also available, such as information on work-from-home opportunities and small business setups.

I would advise any spouse who is in the job market to check out what ERP has to offer. Good preparation is a key component to success. That applies to just about everything we do here.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!

Fort Jackson talks back:

Staff writer Cursha Lunderman asks recent Basic Combat Training graduates: 'What are your goals in the Army?'



Pvt. Jeffrey Harley
Company A, 2-60th

"I eventually want to go aviation and learn how to fly helicopters."



Pfc. Angel Connor
Company C, 2-60th

"I plan to get a degree and go to Officer Candidate School."



Pvt. Ethan Vorwerk
Company A, 2-60th

"I'd like to go to diesel tech mechanic school. ... I have loved the Army so far."



Pfc. Pamela Kiker
Company B, 2-60th

"I hope to use my time in the Army to further my education and become a warrant officer."



Pvt. Jacob Hawkins
Company A, 2-60th

"I want to go to school for a medical degree and (until then) do my best as a track vehicle mechanic."



Pvt. Joseph Briscoe
Company C, 2-60th

"I want to retire from the Army after 20 years or more ... (as an) automated logistical specialist."

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News and Notes

CELL PHONE MISUSE COSTS DRIVERS

Anyone who receives a citation for using an electronic device while driving is subject to a \$50 fine, plus \$25 processing fee. It is against Fort Jackson regulation to use an electronic device, such as a cell phone, while driving. Drivers may use hands-free devices.

COMMUNITY EXPO SCHEDULED

Jackson Jubilee, an information expo that will include both on- and off-post agencies, is scheduled for 3 to 7 p.m., Aug. 8 at the Solomon Center. The expo is sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

TOWN HALL MEETING SET

A Fort Jackson community town hall meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Aug. 2 at the Solomon Center.

FAMILIES INVITED TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m., Aug. 3 at Hilton Field. The event will feature free back-to-school supplies, children's games and more. To receive school supplies, register with Operation Homefront at www.operationhomefront.net/sc. A military ID is required to pick up supplies. The event is for on- and off-post residents.

CYSS PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

The Child, Youth & School Services before and after school program registration is now open. Registration is open to kindergarten age through 12th grade. All CYSS-eligible patrons (military, DA civilians, contractors, etc.) can register. Registration hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at CYSS Parent Central in the Joe E. Mann Center. Call 751-4865/4824 for more information.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Summer registration for the 2011-2012 school year is 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday through Thursday; and July 26 to Aug. 10.

Registration will resume 9 a.m., Aug. 16. Students registering that day will begin school the following day. For more information, call 787-6815 or 782-1772.

Documents required for new registration include:

- Copy of certified birth certificate
- Current orders and military sponsor ID card
- Proof of immunizations
- Housing lease agreement or letter from housing, verifying family is on waiting list
- If sponsor is a step-parent, marriage license, spouse's ID card or verified DEERS form is required.

Age requirements are as follows:

- Pre-K: must be 4 on or before Sept. 1
 - Kindergarten: must be 5 on or before Sept. 1
 - 1st grade: must be 6 on or before Sept. 1
- Registration packets may be picked up any day during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call C.C. Pinckney at 787-6815 or Pierce Terrace Elementary School at 782-1772.

Change of command



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Col. Jamie Houston takes the guidon from Col. Lemuel Covington, commander of the Southern Regional Dental Command, in a change of command ceremony Friday at Oliver Dental Clinic. Houston takes over Fort Jackson's Dental Command from Col. Michael Cuenin, who is retiring.

MACH offers school physicals

From MONCRIEF ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Moncrief Army Community Hospital is offering back-to-school and sports physicals Aug. 2-11 for TRICARE Prime family members, ages 4 to 18.

Because schools have varying requirements, parents are asked to take the appropriate school forms and the family member's immunization records to the physical appointment. Forms for specific schools are available through the school districts. In order to expedite the process, parents should ensure forms are completed prior to the appointment. Local school district websites are:

- Kershaw: www.kershaw.k12.sc.us
- Lexington 1: www.lexington1.net
- Lexington 2: www.lex2.sc.us
- Lexington 5: www.lex5.k12.sc.us
- Richland 1: www.richlandone.org

SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS

Richland
2: www.richland2.org

According to South Carolina guidelines, the following immunizations are

required:

- Four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT); with one dose given after the fourth birthday
- Two doses of haemophilus (Hib)
- Two doses of Hepatitis A (Hep A)
- Three doses of Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Three doses of polio (IPV); with one dose being given after the fourth birthday
- Two doses of varicella (VAR)

Physicals will be completed at the Moncrief Medical Home at 1021 Pinnacle Point Drive, Suite 200. Parents may also call 751-CARE (2273) to schedule a regular appointment with their primary care managers.

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ Nominate any well-kept yards for Yard of the Month. Send nominations to Alana Youngblood at 738-8275 or email ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com. Self-nominations are also welcome.
- ❑ Pets are permitted to be outside unattended for short periods of time and in fenced areas only. They must have proper, food, water and shelter. If you see a pet outside for long periods of time, report it to the Community Management Office immediately.
- ❑ Residents who would like to have a satellite installed must obtain an alterations request form from the Community Management Office and dig permit from the Directorate of Public Works in advance. Upon filling out the alterations request, the CMO will provide instructions where the satellite dish can be installed.
- ❑ Residents should take special care to monitor children and ensure they do not play in the yards of vacant houses or use outdoor water faucets of vacant houses. A new home recently received flood damage after a water faucet was left on.
- ❑ Want \$100? Refer someone to move on post and receive \$100. Contact the Community Management Office at 738-8275 for details.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 411 homes have been completed.
- ❑ A total of 876 homes have been demolished to date.
- ❑ Families living in the senior noncommissioned officer housing area are asked to enter and exit via Capers and/or Owens roads. Mills Road to Brown Avenue is now accessible.



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July 27 — 1 p.m. Green Lantern	PG-13
July 27 — 4 p.m. X-MEN: First Class	PG-13
July 29 — 7 p.m. Super 8	PG-13
July 30 — 4 p.m. Super 8	PG-13

Adults: \$4.50
Children (12 and younger): \$2.25

Walter Reed to close in fall

By **ELIZABETH M. COLLINS**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The transfer of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's functions to Bethesda, Md., and a new hospital on Fort Belvoir, Va., is expected to finish on schedule, top military health care leaders said Tuesday.

Navy Vice Adm. John M. Mateczun, commander of Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical, told Pentagon reporters that the consolidation and integration of military health care functions in the National Capital Region is well under way, with 9,400 medical personnel and patients expected to finish moving by the end of August.

Under the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005, the Department of Defense was required to combine four National Capital Region, or NCR, inpatient hospitals — Walter Reed, Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, DeWitt Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Joint Base Andrews, Md. — into two while, maintaining the same patient care capacity.

"This is the largest medical restructuring ever undertaken in the military health system," Mateczun said, add-

ing that military medical officials have focused on three things throughout the process: "One is quality of care — all of the patient care that we're providing. A particular patient population we're always aware of are wounded, ill and injured (service members). And then the capacity to take care of the wounded, ill and injured who are returning now from Iraq and Afghanistan as we do these moves."

The new facility at Bethesda will include 345 medical-surgical beds, 50 intensive care unit beds and 20 operating rooms, while the expanded DeWitt will hold 120, 10 and 10, respectively, Mateczun said, adding that the numbers have been carefully studied.

The two facilities should have more than enough capacity to care for all combat casualties, as well as family members and veterans, Mateczun said, especially because military medical facilities nationwide and civilian TRICARE partners can take additional cases if the need should arise.

Of the 445 wounded, ill and injured Soldiers currently assigned to the Warrior Transition Brigade at Walter Reed, about a third will transition to DeWitt, while the other two-thirds will move to the

Bethesda campus, added Lt. Col.

Larry Gunther, the Warrior Transition Brigade executive officer.

Both Bethesda and Belvoir have added and renovated barracks and lodging spaces for these service members and their families.

The Soldiers who will move to DeWitt are more ambulatory and need less specialized and intensive care, Mateczun explained. They may also have post-traumatic stress disorders, mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injuries and/or substance abuse problems, as the Fort Belvoir hospital is adding additional inpatient behavioral health and substance-abuse programs.

Service members evacuated from theater and patients who need very specialized care for catastrophic injuries such as complex orthopedic trauma and open traumatic brain injuries will go to the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center along with the specialized doctors and other medical professionals who care for them. Complex surgeries such as organ transplants will also occur at the Bethesda site.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, which has served the nation for 102 years, will close its doors Sept. 15, although a ceremony to case the colors of all Walter Reed activities will take place July 27.

Getting physical



Photo by **KAREN SOULE**, Public Affairs Officer

From left, Col. Odie Sheffield and Lt. Col. Matt Zimmerman carry canoes during a morning physical training session with the commanding general at Weston Lake Tuesday. The session had post commanders completing tasks such as carrying sand bags, carrying canoes, paddling them across the lake and running to the finish line. An officer professional development with the CG followed.



Photos by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN

Anne Szymanski of IBM listens to a question from Staff Sgt. Roy Rusch, a Senior Leader Course student, after Tuesday's Army Career Tracker information session. The web-based tool can be used by leaders to help Soldiers identify training opportunities and remain competitive with their peers for promotion.

Career tracker helps keep users competitive

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was formed.

ACT is a web-based portal, similar to AKO, where Soldiers and civilians can establish career goals and share them with mentors and leaders in their unit. Different tabs and tools allow Army personnel to see many career-related opportunities such as future job positions, civilian education courses and military training courses and compare their current training level to that of their peers. In the past, Soldiers were left to forge a career path on their own, without a true guideline. TRADOC and technology firm IBM joined forces to bring a new alternative to Army personnel.

"When I was in the service I had to go into the (personnel) office and flip through clipboards and DA (pamphlets) to find out what positions and training were available," said Anne Szymanski, an IBM marketing representative who was also part of the training. "This system broadens your visibility and access to information on your career."

Szymanski and Bell conducted the training and information sessions for noncommissioned officers Tuesday at the Soldier Support Institute. ACT is currently

only available for enlisted personnel in the active, Reserve and National Guard components. In August, the capabilities will be released for DA civilians; officers will have access to the system in September. Szymanski said the portal was designed for use by the new generation of technologically savvy Soldiers.

"The Soldiers we have today love Facebook and Twitter. They want immediate access to information and this is a way for us to bring career information to them quickly," Szymanski said.

NCOs who attended the training immediately saw the benefits of the new system for both Soldiers and leaders.

"Before, it's always been a secret. If you didn't get selected for promotion you were just left to wonder, and it was just word of mouth as to why you were passed over," said Adjutant General Proponent Sgt. Maj. Demont Roberson. "Now you can see everything and, it's plain what needs to be done to get where you want to go."

Roberson also said leaders will be able to do more personalized and beneficial developmental counseling for Soldiers by using ACT.

"You can use this tool for more in-depth counseling and development because you



Master Sgt. Penny Bell, with the TRADOC Institute of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development, speaks to Soldiers during an Army Career Tracker information session at the Soldier Support Institute Tuesday.

get an accurate picture of what they are trying to achieve and help them get there," Roberson said. "Now Soldiers will look at you, at their leadership involvement and

know they are truly being taken care of."

Users can log into the ACT at: <https://actnow.army.mil>.

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Being well-trained infantryman's focus

Name

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Weiss

Unit

Company D, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

Military occupational specialty

11C, indirect fire infantryman

Hometown

Dallas, Texas

Hobbies

Running, mountain biking, kayaking, spending time with his daughter

By his own admission, Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Weiss did not know a whole lot about the Army when he enlisted nine years ago. Weiss, a drill sergeant with Company D, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, said he asked his recruiter to assign him the hardest job and he became an infantryman.

"I'm a hands-on guy. I did construction work for seven years," Weiss said, explaining why the infantry was a good fit for him. "Once I started reading about the infantry, I said, 'Yeah, that sounds about right.'"

Since then, Weiss has deployed three times to Iraq with the same platoon of the 101st Airborne Division. Most recently, Weiss has completed four training programs within the last five months — the Pre-Ranger Course, Ranger School, Airborne School and the Senior Leader Course.

Weiss said that being well trained is important to him.

"I really want to be the best leader I can be," he said. "So I figured (the training) would help me out."

Weiss' appreciation of training also led him to volunteer for drill sergeant duty.

"I've always wanted to be a drill sergeant," he said. "Ever since I went to Basic (Combat) Training, I always thought this would be a really cool job."

"... I like training Soldiers and watching that spark come alive in their eye when they realize that they were taught to do something and it actually works. I like the challenge of doing it, too. It's an interest-



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Weiss said he joined the Army as an infantryman because he has always been a "hands-on guy."

Weiss said that throughout his career, he has learned from several noncommissioned officers that to be successful as an NCO, you have to be able to deal with different types of people.

"You have to be able to adapt," he said. "You can't just be cut and dry all time."

Weiss' ability to adapt and his eagerness

to learn new things have also left an impression on one of his colleagues.

"He's always pushing me to do bigger and better things," said Staff Sgt. Curtis Washington, a fellow drill sergeant in Co. D, 1-61st. "A good NCO sets the standard and he's always willing to learn. He sets the standard. ... I'd follow the guy anywhere."

— Reporting by Susanne Kappler

The NCO Creed



No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member

of a time honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army."

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role.

All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!



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HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Today

Cholesterol, high blood pressure class
2 to 3 p.m., Room 8-85, MACH
Call 751-2115/2363 for information.

Monday

Army Move! class
2 to 4 p.m., Room 8-85, MACH
Call 751-2115/2363 for information.

Thursday, July 28

AG Breakfast
7 a.m., NCO Club
The guest speaker is Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson. For tickets, call 751-1690/3160.

Monday, Aug. 1 through Tuesday, Aug. 2

Military clothing reclamation sale
8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2570 Warehouse Row
The sale is open to service members and military retirees. Cash only. For more information, call 751-7213.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Retired Officers Wives Club welcome coffee
10:30 a.m., Officers' Club
Registration is not required.

Housing events

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

Wednesdays

Kids craft corner
3 p.m.
RSVP by email to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com or by calling 738-8275.

Friday

Grass hair planters
11 a.m.
Children 3-12 can learn how to make planters out of nylon, sawdust and grass seed. RSVP is required by Monday. To RSVP, call Alana at 738-8275.

Friday, July 29

Butterfly magnets
3 p.m.
Children 3-12 are invited to design a paint butterfly magnets. To RSVP, call Alana at 738-8275.

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible school for children 5-12 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 1-5 at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 751-6469.

INCOME TAX COURSE

A free six-week income tax preparation course for service members, family members and DoD civilians is scheduled to start in mid-August. An information meeting is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m., Aug. 11 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. For more information and to register, call 751-4862 or email Barbara.Martin@us.army.mil.

FCC PROVIDERS NEEDED

The next Family Child Care orientation training is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 1-5 at the Joe E. Mann Center. Applications will be accepted through Friday. For more information, call 751-6234.

COMMISSARY GIFT CARDS

The Commissary offers \$25 and \$50

gift cards, which can be purchased at the store or online at www.commissaries.com.

AFAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan conference scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. Volunteers will assist with facilitating, recording, transcribing, etc. Free training, child care and meals will be provided. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 751-6315.

KNIGHT POOL CLOSURE

Knight Pool will be closed until further notice for repair. All services and programs previously conducted at Knight Pool are now offered at Legion Pool.

JUVENILE CURFEW POLICY

The Fort Jackson Juvenile Policy has been recently updated. Children 14 and younger must be indoors from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 15 to 18 must be indoors from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and midnight to 6 a.m. on the weekends, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Violations of this policy should be reported to Military Police. Those who violate the policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

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For more information, call 751-7045.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

TEEN FILMMAKING CAMP

A filmmaking camp for military teenage children is scheduled for Friday through Sunday in Charleston. For more information, call 968-0388 or email babrwn@clemsun.edu.

RESERVE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

The Reserve Officer Association, Department of South Carolina, Chapter Six has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m., Aug. 4 at Doc's Barbeque on Shop Road. For more information, email Jeff.Vaughan@us.army.mil.

DAY CAMP FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services will host a day camp for military children 4-5 years old or entering Kindergarten. The camp is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Aug. 6 at the Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands, 500 Graycarn St. For more information, call (404) 988-1678 or email Travis.McKinney@usar.army.mil.

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Yard of the month

Col. James Love, right, garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson congratulate Maggie Swinson, wife of Staff Sgt. Anthony Swinson, and her daughter Hailey, 10, for being named July's Yard of the Month grand prize winner. Also pictured is neighbor Gabby Mercado, 3. Other winners are Matthew and Debbie Nolan, 1st Lt. Tonja Christensen, Staff Sgt. Travis and Ladeana Bammer, and Sgt. 1st Class Bruno and Maria Saraiva.

Courtesy photo

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Claudia Snowden
Company A
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Amanda Spear

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Matthew Olech

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jeffrey Harley

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Dustin Gill

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Staff Sgt. Eligio Marcelo



Staff Sgt. Melissa Reece
Company B
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Mark Herter

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Jacob Bennefield

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jacob White

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Dominique Bailey

TRAINING SUPPORT
Lyle Daniels



Staff Sgt. Matthew Adkins
Company C
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
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Volunteers honored



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Fort Jackson volunteers are honored in the commanding general's third quarter Helping Hands award ceremony Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center.

At your service

Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-/4329/5923	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hour 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 to 10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	(For use by Soldiers in training): Thursday, 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 1 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 and 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)	751-7592	Monday-Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers)	Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Civilians should call 751-4914.
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.
Family Life Resiliency Center	751-4961	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 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	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	Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	Tuesday-Saturday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays 1 to 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.
Pool, Knight	751-4796	**Closed for renovations**
Pool, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.
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-Thursday, 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-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 2	790-4478	Open 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.
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.
Weston Lake	751-5253	Oct. 1 through April 30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 1 through Sept. 30: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Hearts Apart program brings families together

From ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

It is inevitable that throughout a service member's career, he or she will be separated from his or her family. In some cases, families choose to move to areas closer to their other family members and friends; others decide to remain in housing or stay in the immediate area until the service member completes his or her unaccompanied tour.

For those family members who decide to leave the installation for other locations in order to be near their families and/or friends when the Soldier is away, all efforts are made to inform the family of the services available in the new location.

Regardless of the circumstance, these types of separations can become quite overwhelming, especially when families are left behind without a support network.

The Hearts Apart program is designed to assist family members to make separations more bearable during prolonged separations. When a Soldier is leaving for a deployment or an unaccompanied tour of duty, Army Community Services staff works with the Soldier to obtain accurate contact information for the family. Once the family is identified, ACS makes every effort to reach the family to assess the need for service and information, provide answers to questions with ongoing information updates and act as liaison with military and civilian organizations.

ACS invites spouses to participate in monthly Hearts Apart meetings or groups with fun-filled activities such as holiday events, arts and crafts, cookouts, outings and much more. Hearts Apart activities will differ to meet the needs and special interest of the individuals. Ongoing sup-

port from ACS, as well as from old and new friends at the Hearts Apart meetings, makes separations easier to handle.

The next Hearts Apart meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, July 28 at the Family Readiness Center, 3499 Daniel St. Plan now to attend this meeting and enjoy a free massage, and learn other techniques to relieve tension and stress.

Children are welcome and light refreshments will be provided. Be the first to arrive and receive a gift. Contact Patricia Guillory, 751-9770, Patricia.guillory@us.army.mil to register. Registration is required.

If you are aware of a family who is residing in the area and their Soldier is away, please call or encourage the Family to contact the Relocation Readiness Program at Army Community Service, 751-1124/5256.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
- Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
- Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

FRIDAY

- Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.
- Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- Friday night special at **Ivy Lanes**. Games and shoe rentals cost \$2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to all permanent party service members.
- 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. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

- Victory Bingo**, starts at 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.

SUNDAY

- Try the new Sunday Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, which includes breakfast favorites and prime rib, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. First and third Sunday of the month. Special pricing starts at \$3.
- Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available while they last.
- Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
- 4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

ONGOING OFFERS

- The NCO Club breakfast buffet is 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and is \$8 for adults.
- The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

LifeWorks

The Directorate of Emergency Services Presents National Night Out 2011!

Wednesday, August 3rd from 1800-2100 at Hilton Field!

A safe community equals a safer nation! Join us as we celebrate our police-community partnerships as well as Fort Jackson's Back to School Bash with Operation Homefront!

- Law Enforcement Parade beginning at 1700-ending on Hilton Field!
- **FREE** raffles for **GREAT** prizes, including a Hilton Resort vacation!
- **FREE** Law Enforcement Displays and Demonstrations by Fort Jackson's own DES, as well as Columbia PD, Richland County, Lexington County and SC Highway Patrol!
- **FREE** popcorn, face painting, balloon art and glow necklaces- provided by Balfour Beatty Communities!
- **FREE** school supply giveaway sponsored by Operation Homefront! For registration info, please visit: www.operationhomefront.net/sc
- **FREE** Bounce Houses from CYSS!

***In case of inclement weather, event will be relocated to the Joe E. Mann Center located at 3392 Magruder Avenue.**

Plan ahead for worry-free vacation

By JENNIFER PIVER-RENNA

U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

Nothing defines the summer season better than the ultimate vacation. In 2009, U.S. residents logged 1.5 billion trips for leisure purposes and most often traveled to visit relatives, shop, visit friends, sightsee and visit beaches. When the kids are out of school and the weather is warm, airports and highways are packed during the months of June, July and August with travelers eager to have fun or relax.

Preparing for vacation requires a good deal of planning. We put a lot of thought into where we would like to go, how we will get there, where we will stay and what we will do. In making those preparations, remember to plan for your safety, as well. While vacations are meant to relieve stress, they often include traveling to unfamiliar locations and situations which can place you at greater risk of injury, illness or crime.

To help make your next vacation worry-free, follow these simple travel tips:

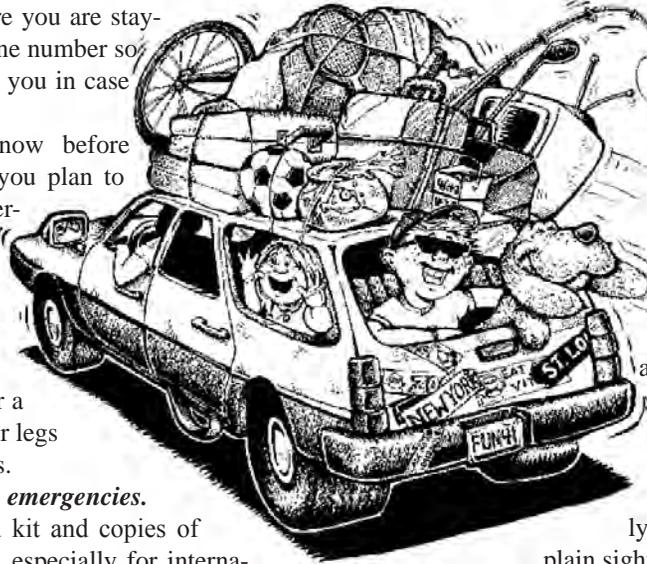
Tell a trusted friend. Make sure someone knows where you are going, the route you plan to take, and when you plan to arrive and return. Give him or her the phone num-

ber of the place where you are staying and your cell phone number so he or she can contact you in case of an emergency.

Route it out. Know before you leave the route you plan to take. Make an itinerary and include contact information for the airline and rental car company. If you are driving, identify safe places to stop for a meal or to stretch your legs about every two hours.

Action plan for emergencies. Pack a basic first-aid kit and copies of important paperwork, especially for international travel. If you are traveling with children, make sure they know what to do if they become lost or separated from you.

Vigilance is key. Educate yourself on the area before you head out to explore. Always stay alert and aware of your surroundings.



Exercise caution when discussing your vacation plans. You may be making polite conversation when you talk to neighbors or co-workers or post on social networking sites about your vacation plans, but remember that you are also advertising that you will not be home for a specific length of time.

Lock it up. Keep your valuables safe by locking up your house and leaving the key with a friend, not under a doormat. When you arrive at your hotel, ensure that the door to your room can be adequately secured. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your rental car.

Follow these simple tips to keep you and your family safe this summer and create positive memories of your vacation.

For more information on safe summer travel:

U.S. Travel Association, <http://www.ustravel.org/sites/default/files/page/2009/11/USTravelAnswerSheet.pdf>

Simple food safety tips keep barbecues fun

By TWYLA LEIGH

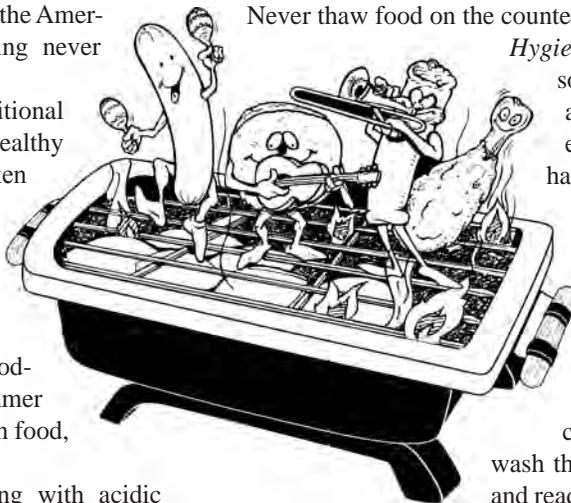
U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

The summer season is in full swing, and the American appetite for outdoor barbecue grilling never goes out

of season. Whether you are grilling traditional burgers, hot dogs and steak, or going "healthy gourmet" with fish, shrimp skewers, chicken and vegetable kabobs or grilled vegetables, these foods need to be prepared safely.

Food-borne illness occurs when the conditions for bacteria growth are present, causing bacteria to multiply quickly, and someone gets sick. Although most food-borne illness happens at home and the summer heat increases the risk of bacterial growth in food, food-borne illness is preventable.

Preventive measures include marinating with acidic marinades that contain vinegar or citrus juice to decrease potentially harmful bacteria growth. And, be sure to return marinated food to the refrigerator until it is time to grill. Here are a few basics of food safety to keep in mind:



Freshness: Buy and use fresh food that is still in date or food that has been properly frozen and thawed. Frozen food that will be grilled should be thawed in the refrigerator, in the microwave or as part of the cooking process. Never thaw food on the counter or in the sink.

Hygiene: Wash hands with soap, and dry with a clean paper towel often and before handling food, after touching raw food and after touching anything else — face, skin, pets, children, phone, cigarettes, etc. Use clean utensils, clean cutting boards (always wash them between raw food and ready-to-eat food) and use a clean platter when taking the grilled food off the grill. Do not use the unwashed platter or container that the raw food touched. Single-service gloves and hand sanitizer are helpful, but are not substitutes for

proper and frequent hand-washing.

Temperature: Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot to decrease bacteria growth. Bacteria grow fastest in the danger zone between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Cold foods should be kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit in the refrigerator or on ice. Cooked food should be cooked and held at the proper temperatures. Chicken and turkey need to reach 165 degrees; ground meats, 160 degrees, steaks and chops, 145 degrees; and hot dogs, 140 degrees.

Grilled vegetables and seafood should reach 140 degrees. Leftovers need to reach a temperature of 165 degrees. Food should be held at 140 degrees or higher until served. A pocket test thermometer (like a chef wears on a jacket pocket) is a great investment at about \$10 and the best bet for knowing if food has reached the proper temperature.

Time: Bacteria grow quickly in food that has been in the temperature danger zone for two to four hours. Take care to serve food as soon as it is cooked, hold food at the proper temperature and store leftovers in refrigeration or on ice.

Fire up that grill and have a food-safe barbecue soon.

For more information on safe summer grilling:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Barbecue_Food_Safety/index.asp

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Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson's commanding general, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall use a saber to cut the cake at Fort Jackson's 94th birthday celebration at the Solomon Center Friday.

94 and going strong

Fort Jackson celebrates birthday in style

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

Hundreds of people showed their support for Fort Jackson Friday at the post's 94th birthday celebration at the Solomon Center. The community event was attended by service members, families and children from Columbia and other parts of the state. Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson commander, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall began the festivities by cutting the birthday cake with a saber. Party guests enjoyed food and drinks provided by AAFES and children's activities organized by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For some, the birthday party was a warm welcome to Fort Jackson.

"We just moved here from Walter Reed (Army Medical Center) a few months ago," said Tennille Salkowski. "This is a nice event and we're having a good time here. It's a great way to learn more about the base."

Children from the Boys and Girls Club of the Upstate were at the celebration as part of a field trip to the post.

"We went to the water park earlier in the day and now we're having fun here," said Jayla Smith, 11, of Spartanburg. "I'm glad we made it to the birthday party."

Various activities allowed guests to take part in the celebration. More than 300 cupcakes were decorated and more than 100 people signed a birthday card that is on display at Post Headquarters. The Fort Knox-based 100th Division Army Band from Kentucky played patriotic music during the festivities and entertained party guests.

The event also served as a bridge between military families stationed here and civilians completely unaware of life on a military post.

"I've never been on an Army base before," Smith said. "I feel like I'm behind the scenes on a movie set and seeing where everything happens. I hope they bring us back here next year."

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Mark Del Cukut, 4, Jayci Kimes, 5, and Ava Dara, 5, enjoy cupcakes they decorated in honor of Fort Jackson's birthday. Children decorated more than 300 cupcakes during the festivities. The community event was attended by service members and families from all over South Carolina. FMWR provided games, a candy buffet and jump houses for family fun during the celebration.



Capt. Michelle Quille, Company A, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, signs the birthday card made to celebrate Fort Jackson's birthday. The card was signed by more than 100 people and will be placed on display at Post Headquarters.

Dealing with life's unbelievable justice

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) ANDREW SPRIENSMA**
4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment

It was shortly after noon July 5. I was running into the PX when I noticed a crowd of people; gawking at the television mounted high upon the wall. After six weeks of testimony and only 10 hours of deliberation, the jury had reached a verdict concerning Casey Anthony, accused of murdering her 3-year-old child.

I joined the crowd, and it continued to grow, as the judge silently reviewed the jury's findings. Then the charges were read, followed by the repeated echo: "not guilty." Each time those words were uttered, the little crowd in the PX erupted with sighs of disbelief, disgust and frustration. Slowly, the disillusioned crowd disbanded and returned to shopping in silence.

My intent is not to side with or against the findings of the jury. You can join in any Facebook, Twitter or news feed to enter into that banter. I simply want to explore that moment from a Christian worldview and ponder three things: namely, the case for justice, the comfort amidst injustice and the compassion amidst justice.

THE CASE FOR JUSTICE

My experience that day was not unique. Perhaps yours is similar. Crowds everywhere were filled with passion. Some were filled with righteous indignation for the perceived injustice allowed against innocent little

Caylee. Others were pleased with the justice given to her mother, Casey, in the verdict of the trial.

Everyone has a sense of morality and justice, of right and wrong. We all take pleasure in witnessing justice. We all are incensed to anger when we witness injustice. A Christian worldview gives the reason for this universal phenomenon. We are all created in the "imago dei", that is, the image of God. (Genesis 1:26, 27) Our natural sense of righteousness is a reflection of our God. We feel this way because we were created by a righteous, holy and just God.

THE COMFORT AMIDST INJUSTICE

There is great comfort knowing that this world is ruled and judged by a righteous God. Ultimately, he is the all-seeing judge and jury. Did you know that the Scottish court system actually has three possible verdicts? They are guilty, not guilty and not proven. Individual interviews with several of the jurors indicated that this third option was the opinion of the jury.

Many felt sick about saying, "not guilty," but they couldn't rely on the evidence to say without a doubt

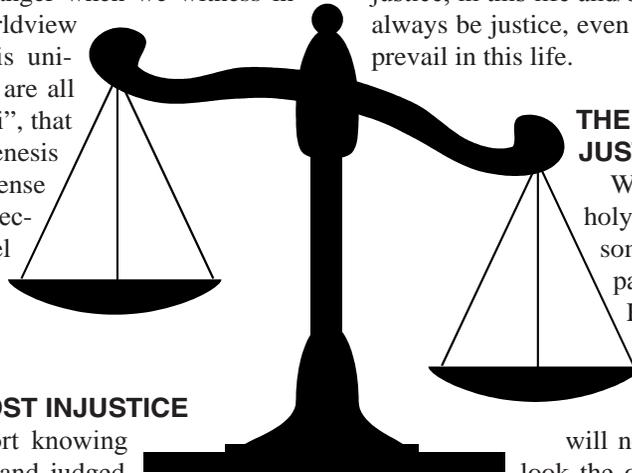
"guilty." They were unable to ascertain the truth of Caylee's death with absolute certainty. God does not have that problem. "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord..." (Proverbs 5:21). He will have his perfect justice, in this life and/or in the life to come. There will always be justice, even if sometimes injustice seems to prevail in this life.

THE COMPASSION AMIDST JUSTICE

While there is comfort in God's holy judgment, let there not be some type of unholy glee on our part. The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk's prayer is a perfect model for us. He prayed thus, "O Lord...in wrath remember mercy." (3:2) God's justice

will never be violated. He will never look the other way, and yet he is full of mercy and grace. When we stand one day before our holy God, all the evidence of our life will render us "guilty."

There is not a shadow of a doubt concerning that verdict. Yet all those who have trusted in Christ and have been washed in his redeeming blood will hear the astonishing verdict, "not guilty." There is mercy in the midst of justice.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
 - 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 10 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 10:45 a.m. 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
- Tuesday
 - 9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle

- Chapel
 - 7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Sunday
 - 5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Main Post Chapel
- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Friday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
 - 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
 - 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - 12:30 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- Friday
 - 11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
 - 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
 - 1 to 2 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
 - 10:30 to 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 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Thursday
 - 7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Family Life Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation Chaplain's Office**
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

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CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A civilian was escorted from the installation after Military Police discovered he had an out-of-state warrant for simple assault, MPs said. The civilian was initially stopped for at-



tempting to enter the post with a beginner's driving permit, MPs said. The civilian said that his wallet had been stolen.

❑ The license plate of a vehicle was confiscated after MPs responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle in the Jackson Inn parking lot, MPs said. The license plate was suspended, MPs said.

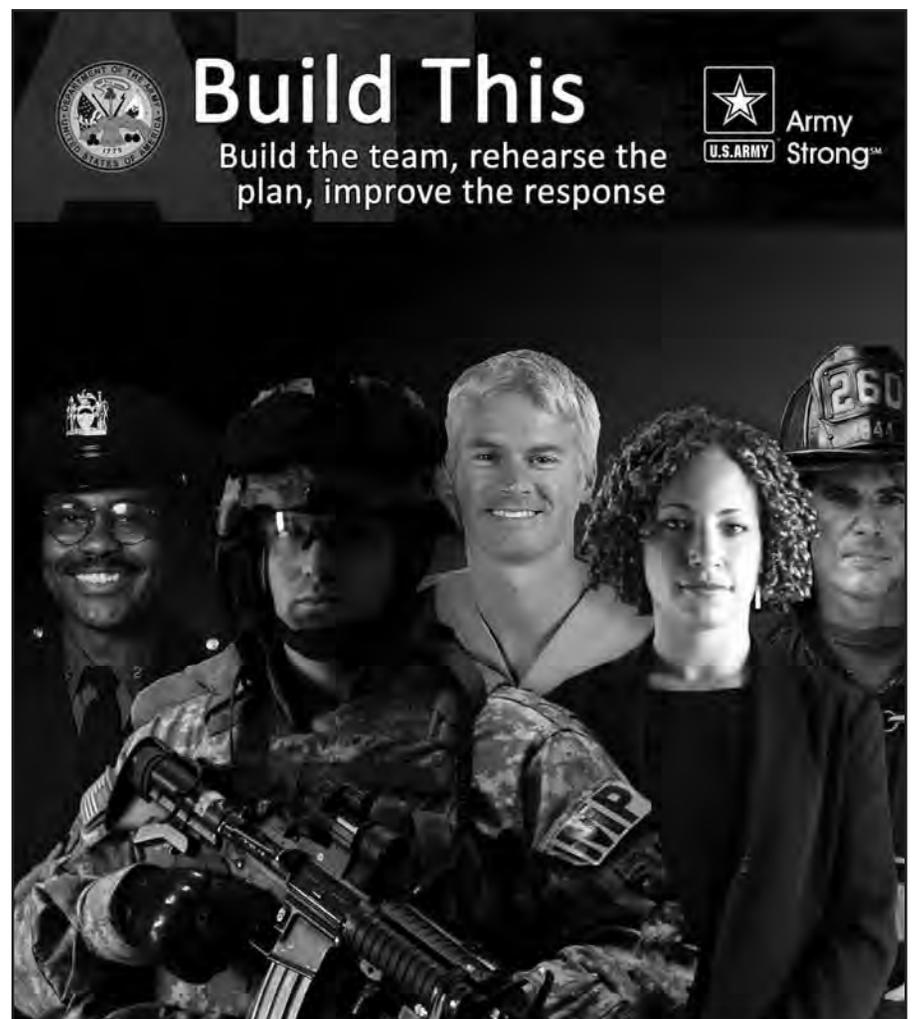
The owner of the car was given 48 hours to move the vehicle, which would then be towed.

❑ A civilian was denied access to post after attempting to enter the installation with an unregistered handgun in his vehicle, MPs said. All weapons must be registered with the Directorate of Emergency Services prior to being brought onto the installation.

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Youth athletes to compete nationally

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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Three youth athletes with Fort Jackson ties are set to make their mark on a big stage as they prepare to compete in national meets.

D'Andre Harley and DeQuan Guyton, both 14, will compete in the 4x100 meter relay at the National Junior Olympics July 26-31 in Wichita, Kan. Christopher Logsdon, 14, and Harley will participate in the Hershey Track and Field Games Aug. 4-7 in Hershey, Pa. Logsdon will compete in the softball throw contest and Harley will compete in the 200-meter dash.

"I'm excited. I know it's going to be hard," Harley said. "It's not the first time I'm going to a national competition, so I'm ready."

Harley has competed at Hershey twice in the past and placed first in his age group in the 200-meter dash in 2009. Logsdon, who has been on the Fort Jackson Child, Youth and School Services track team for three years, is new to the national stage. He said he is looking forward to meeting with other successful athletes at the meet.

"I worked hard to get there. I pushed myself and ran a lot," Logsdon said.

He said that aside from his scheduled training, he put in some extra miles to improve his conditioning.

Guyton is a newcomer to track and field. He started running competitively in May and qualified to be on his track team's relay squad.

"When he started all the other kids were faster. They had their technique down. It was just something to do (to get ready) for football," said DeQuan's mother, Vanessa Guyton, who works at the Adjutant General School. "I'm proud of him for just getting out there working really hard, competing and increasing his speed so he could even qualify to be on the relay team."

Logsdon's mother, Christy Townsend, said she thinks it is an honor for her son to be able to compete at that level and that she has seen steady progress in his performance since he started running track.

"He's very determined. Once he sets his mind to something, he goes all out in it. He's very head on," Townsend said. "That's why, I think, this year, he really tried to push himself."

In addition to improving their athletic skills, track also offers the young athletes a chance to learn about work ethic, discipline and leadership, said Harley's mother, Ruby Fletcher, who also works at the Adjutant General School.

"Because D'Andre has been running probably longer than the other kids, I try to focus on his leadership (skills)," Fletcher



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DeQuan Guyton, left, and D'Andre Harley, both 14, will compete in the National Junior Olympics in Wichita, Kan., next week. Guyton and Harley will run the 4x100 meter relay. Both athletes initially took up track to prepare for football season. Guyton is a wide receiver and Harley a running back. They will attend Blythewood High School next school year. Left, Christopher Logsdon, 14, qualifies in the softball throw for the Hershey Track and Field Games during a state meet in Charleston. He will be joined there by Harley, who will compete in the 200-meter dash. Logsdon has been a member of the Fort Jackson track team for three years. His family is scheduled to change duty station to El Paso, Texas, in August. All three athletes are children of Fort Jackson Soldiers or civilian employees.

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said. "I try to keep him positive, and then, hopefully, it'll make the other kids around him push a little harder."

Like DeQuan Guyton, Harley and Logsdon said they started track to get better at

other sports they are playing. Harley plays football, and Logsdon plays soccer, basketball and baseball. However, they all said that they enjoy track.

"It's fun. I look at it as fun as football

sometimes," DeQuan Guyton said.

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