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Food fight



Photo by ROBERT COOK, Directorate of Logistics

A group of civilians and Soldiers eat an early Thanksgiving meal in the intricately decorated Drill Sergeant School dining facility Wednesday. The DSS dining facility staff is hoping to win the annual postwide dining facility competition, which they won last year. The DSS was the first to be judged in this year's competition.

Thanksgiving competition under way

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

Dining facilities are competing to bring Fort Jackson Soldiers and families the best culinary experience this Thanksgiving. The Best Decorated Dining Facility Competition benefits the Soldiers and also the dining facility staff said Robert Cook, a contest judge with Directorate of Logistics.

"Thanksgiving is the Army's big day for the Soldiers. You might not always have a big crowd for Christmas, but you will for

“ I enjoy the whole thing; doing the displays and preparing the food. But the look on the Soldiers' faces when they come through to see it for the first time, that's amazing. ”

— Gregory Anderson
2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

Thanksgiving,” Cook said. “That's when the food service personnel get to show off

their expertise and all of the things they've learned at culinary schools or different training.”

Each dining facility selects a theme for their decorations and prepares a traditional Thanksgiving menu for the team of three judges to sample.

“Last year we saw an NFL theme and they had a football field in the dining facility. It was very creative,” Cook said. “This year, the Drill Sergeant School had a Mayflower

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Milano: Thanks for supporting our Army

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day 2011, our nation finds itself in a decade-old war. Ironically, Thanksgiving became a national holiday more than 150 years ago as our nation was embroiled in a long and grueling Civil War so that Soldiers in the field could enjoy some of the comforts of home.

With those parallels in mind, it's only fitting that we begin this year's observance by reflecting on our deployed troops who find themselves far away from home and their families. Our Soldiers understand that their sacrifices are not in vain, and they take tremendous pride in having the opportunity to defend the privileges and freedoms that all Americans enjoy.

Personally, I could not be more proud of my chosen profession — I am very thankful that I am a Soldier. Is there any other career choice, occupational field, company or corporation that offers a stronger family tie than the one we share?

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



Becoming a member of the Army family is what makes Soldiering special. As Soldiers, we share a sense of pride that goes way beyond the mission. We have each other's back in peace and in war. We embrace the tremendous responsibilities that are entrusted in us. Despite our diverse backgrounds and individual differences, we accomplish our mission as a unit and as a family. No other profes-

sion remotely compares, and this is what makes our Army unique.

Let us all be thankful that our Soldiers are always linked to the extended Army family that stretches around the globe. From installations in the continental United States, such as ours, to remote global outposts, Soldiers everywhere display the same selfless service each and every day. That type of dedication does not go unnoticed or unappreciated, and that type of dedication is apparent to me every day on Fort Jackson. I see that not only with Soldiers, but with our superb civilian workforce as well.

On that note, I thank each of you for all that you have done in support of our Army and Fort Jackson. Your untiring effort and dedication to our mission is extraordinary by all standards.

Kim and I, along with the Fort Jackson command group, wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!
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Gap still remains between America, 'warrior class'

A year ago, David Wood, who writes about war for the Huffington Post's Politics Daily blog, wrote an article titled, "In the 10th Year of War, a Harder Army, a More Distant America." It sheds light on the budding warrior class that has been built in the forge of 10 years of war.

His article has been passed along among some Soldiers, and it has sparked more than a few conversations. Soldiers who are on their third or fourth deployment, or more, understand much of the truth Wood discusses. So much of what he chronicles rings home.

Although we have been at war for 10 years, the majority of Americans are personally unaffected by it. Their daily lives remain unchanged. There are, perhaps, only the random news headlines that serve as a reminder that we are still in Iraq and Afghanistan. Perhaps because without a draft or a world war, civilians see little reason to buy in, never mind 9/11. But the last decade has, to a large degree, set our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and DoD civilians apart.

This should logically lead us to the next step — bridging the gap between America and its warrior class. The March 22, 2010 issue of Fortune magazine features a Soldier on the front cover with a caption that reads, "Meet the new face of business leadership." It is about top American companies that see a newly discovered resource in our military leaders. I am not just referring to colonels and generals, but also specialists and sergeants who are surpassing their commander's expectations with the amount and quality of work being done. The Soldiers of my previous unit, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, are perfect examples.

In only one year, with approximately 4,000 people spread across an area roughly the size of Kentucky, the brigade delivered more than 325 small scale micro-grants worth \$2.1 million to improve the local economy; executed 324 projects worth \$163 million to provide for civil

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capacity and essential services; conducted more than 50 Medical Civic Action Programs, which provided first aid and routine medical care to Iraqis; executed more than 70 medical training exercises and activities for Iraqi Security Forces and local medical professionals; and conducted 55 Humanitarian Assistance missions, which provided food, blankets and water to Iraqis.

These contributions only scratch the surface, and it only represents the contributions of one brigade on one deployment. Behind each of those successes is a U.S. Soldier — or 30-something-year-old's charged with, "making it happen." These are the types of people companies are, or should be, chomping at the bit to hire. But why?

It is important to understand that they do it for each other. Soldiers have few others to rely on, only themselves. Some of these qualities are evident in films like "Band of Brothers," "Pacific," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Hamburger Hill." It is a Soldier's sense of duty and loyalty. It is about making life and death decisions on a daily basis and without hesitation. It's about not taking anything for granted. There is a reason only 1 percent of our population serves in uniform.

That just leaves a few unanswered questions — why are Soldiers re-enlisting so willingly despite knowing it could

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Maj. Gen. James Milano, left, Fort Jackson's commanding general, Leslie Love, second from the right, wife of Col. James Love, garrison commander, and Master Sgt. Willie Yarbray, right, were on hand to recognize the Gonzalez family, Carisa Gonzalez, Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzalez and their children Ariana, 9, Aliya, 11, and Sarina, 13, on being named Fort Jackson's family of the year in a ceremony Friday at the Solomon Center.

Post honors families of the year

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

In celebration of National Military Family Appreciation Month, the Fort Jackson community honored 16 families for their contributions to the community in its annual Families of the Year ceremony Friday at the Solomon Center.

"I'm extremely proud of each family we're honoring today. We couldn't be as good as we are here at Fort Jackson without the contributions all of our families we recognize today and others have made and the efforts (they) put forward," said Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson's commanding general. "They're great examples for all in terms of how to give back to an Army that has made great strides, particularly in the last 10 years, in ramping up the support it provides to families."

Marilynn Bailey, Fort Jackson's Army volunteer corps coordinator, said all units and organizations on Fort Jackson are encouraged to submit families for nomination.

"Once we get all the nominations, we send those to an independent panel of five judges outside the gate, have them look at the packets, and then one family will be named Fort Jackson Family of the Year," Bailey said.

This year's winning family is the Gonzalez family, who was nominated by Company F, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment.

Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzalez, a drill sergeant, and his wife, Carisa, are volunteers with the battalion's Family Readiness Group, the Richland 2 school district and the Richland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

NOMINATED FAMILIES

- Staff Sgt. Steven and Carisa Gonzalez
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Melody and Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Arnold
- Sgt. 1st Class Sherman and Angela Crosland
- Sgt. 1st Class Sean and Bonnie Riley
- Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Myers Williams
- Staff Sgt. Joshua and Stephanie Bone
- Sgt. 1st Class Jerod and Brandee Childs
- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas and Jackie Feagin
- Sgt. 1st Class Sean and Tara Nelson
- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas and Regina Sweat
- Sgt. 1st Class Raymond and Laura Patron
- Chaplain (Maj.) Dave and Meridee Bowlus
- Sgt. 1st Class Michael and Capt. Tyshiska Reeves
- Emma and Rick Lung
- Patricia Sandgren and Sebastian Bosco
- Sgt. 1st Class Terrell Patrick and Veronica Jackson-Patrick

They also provide education about Native American culture to students at Bridgecreek Elementary School and Kelly Mill Middle School.

"I can't think of a more selfless, passionate and committed family across the battalion — and we have a bunch of great people," said Lt. Col. John Allen, commander of the 3-60th. "But this family does so much, never asks for anything, wants no recognition whatsoever, and it's always the family (participating). If we need volunteers,

it's drill sergeant Gonzalez, it's his wife, Carisa, and all three girls, all the time."

Carisa Gonzalez said volunteering is second nature to her and her family.

"I like to help people, I really do. There are always blessings that are returned back to me and my family. We just like to help out as much as we can, wherever we're at," she said. "That's how we were raised, culturally and traditionally, and I try to instill it in my children."

Bailey said many families on Fort Jackson, like the Gonzalez family, face a situation in which the service members are stateside, but the training mission requires long hours.

"A lot of nominated families this year are drill sergeants and their families," Bailey said. "They are very active either in their children's activities, youth sports, etc. They just find the time to do that as a family. ... I was very impressed with the drill sergeants and their families who are nominated this year. They're actually going above and beyond."

For the Gonzalez family, volunteering is a way to spend quality time together as a family.

"That's the only time we really do have," Steven Gonzalez said. "(My wife is) involved in my work (with) the FRG and the unit, so we always try and find stuff to talk about. We always talk about our day. ... That's what keeps us together."

The family received a trophy, gift certificates and a trip to Charleston. The couple has three children, Sarina, 13, Aliya, 11, and Ariana, 9.

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Event celebrates Native Americans

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

Fort Jackson hosted chiefs from three different local tribes during its annual Native American Heritage Month Luncheon at the Officers' Club Friday. Representatives from the South Carolina-based Catawba, Beaver Creek and Edisto tribes came to share information about their histories and futures with the Jackson community.

Chief William Harris of the Catawba Tribe, who was the keynote speaker, spoke about the importance of history in moving forward.

"Since Fort Jackson took time to create this event, it was important for me to come today," Harris said. "We have a strong history in the state, just like this base does."

The Catawba is a federally recognized tribe that has tribal lands near Rock Hill. In 1993, the tribe reached a settlement agreement with the state of South Carolina that allows the Catawbans to have approximately 1,000 acres of sovereign land.

"The agreement allows us to form our own laws, but we are still subject to the laws for this state," Harris said. "For example, we can establish our own schools and would love to build them in the future. We are moving toward self-sufficiency."

Chief Louie Chavis of the Beaver Creek tribe brought items used by his people in their everyday lives, such as a stone used to mold moccasins. Chief Anthony Davidson of the Edisto tribe showcased his handmade commercial regalia and headdress used in powwows.

"This was a wonderful event, some good education went on here today," said Davidson. "I was glad to be a part of it."

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Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Chief William Harris shares the 4,000 year old history of the Catawba tribe with the Fort Jackson community during the Native American Heritage Month luncheon Friday at the Officers' Club. The Catawbans are the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina.



Photo by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN

Catawba artisans showcase pottery made of clay from hidden tribal clay holes. Potters from each generation pass down the art of pottery making.



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Chief Louie Chavis of the Beaver Creek tribe shows a stone used to mold moccasins. Chavis brought a number of items used by his people.

Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ All housing offices will be closed Thursday. For maintenance emergencies, call 787-6416.
- ❑ Visit www.jackson.army.mil/sites/info/pages/389 for more information about what the housing offices have to offer.
- ❑ Learn to make and paint a rainbow wind chime, 3 p.m., Monday at the Community Center. Parents must be present to assist children. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 738-8275 or email ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com.
- ❑ Residents who have not yet received a utility statement from Minol should contact the company at 1-888-636-0493.
- ❑ Energy conservation tip: Keeping the thermostat set between 65-72 degrees conserves energy, minimizes usage and can reduce the utility bill.
- ❑ Parents should ensure that children do not play on retaining walls. Children who fall from the walls could be seriously injured. Call the MPs at 751-3115 to report any unattended children playing on a retaining wall.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 541 homes have been completed.
- ❑ A total of 916 homes have been demolished to date.
- ❑ Delivery of all new homes is complete, with the exception of the remaining junior noncommissioned officer homes, which are currently under construction.
- ❑ Phase III homes along Parker Lane are expected to be available this month.



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| Tuesday, Nov. 22 — 4 p.m.
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| Friday, Nov. 25 — 2 p.m.
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| Friday, Nov. 25 — 7 p.m.
Shark Night | PG-13 |
| Saturday, Nov. 26 — 4 p.m.
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IMCOM gets new commander

By **TIM HIPPS**
U.S. Army IMCOM

SAN ANTONIO — Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter took the reins of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command from Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch during a change of command ceremony Nov. 17 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno presided over the changing of the guard for the command, which relocated from suburban Washington, D.C. to South Texas during the past two years as part of Base Realignment and Closure.

Ferriter, a 1979 graduate of The Citadel, came to Texas from a tour as deputy commander for advising and training for United States Forces Iraq, supporting Operation New Dawn. Before that, he commanded the U.S. Army Infantry Center and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Ga.

Ferriter is also now the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management.

All three Soldiers served as "battle buddies" at some point during the war in Iraq.

"Both Rick Lynch and Mike Ferriter, I've known for awhile," Odierno said.

"Most important, I got to see them operate in combat. These are two Soldiers who not only understand what it's like to take care of our families, but they understand what it's like being at the tip of a spear. There's no better person to lead us in installation management than somebody who's experienced both."

Ferriter's combat tours include Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and two tours in Iraq.

"I'm confident that Mike Ferriter is the right man for the job — a proven leader with the right experience to lead us into the future," Odierno said. "He understands Soldiers and family and is the right leader at this important time of transition for our Army."

Ferriter and wife Margie have four children who understand Army life: Dr. Meghan Ferriter, Capt. Dan Ferriter, Capt. Paddy Ferriter and 1st Lt. Mary Whitney Whittaker.

"The Ferriters are a great Army family and IMCOM is fortunate to have them," Odierno said. "Always remember that the strength of our nation is our Army. The strength of our Army is our Soldiers. The strength of our Soldiers is our families. And that's what makes us Army Strong."

Ferriter said, "There are hundreds of

thousands of Army families that are exactly the same, and that's where we get our inspiration."

Lynch, the only commander IMCOM has known, was quick to thank Odierno for his mentorship.

"I've been blessed in my 35 years of uniformed service," Lynch said. "One of the top ... blessings is my relationship with Ray Odierno."

Odierno thanked Lynch for a career well done, capped by the complex move of an Army command from the nation's capital to the heart of South Texas.

"Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch has served selflessly in our Army with extraordinary distinction for nearly 35 years," Odierno said. "He's devoted his career to taking care of Soldiers and their Families. I have watched Rick for years, always step forward, raise his right hand, and say 'Put me in. I want the toughest job. I want the tough jobs and I'll make it work. I'll make it happen.'"

"We thought he was the perfect person to lead IMCOM and transform it into a world-class organization focused on our customers. The customers are our Soldiers and their families and our retirees."

He cited the 120,000 people who make up IMCOM.

Career Day



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Joshua Kaplan, a drill sergeant with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, speaks to a group of Caughman Road Elementary School students Friday during the school's Career Day. The battalion also provided military vehicles and other visual aids for the children to view. The battalion works with the school as part of the Adopt-a-School program.

News and Notes

THANKSGIVING DFAC MEAL SET

The Thanksgiving meal for retirees is scheduled for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday at the 120th Adjutant General (Reception) dining facility.

HOURS CHANGE FOR HOLIDAY

The Fort Jackson Commissary will be closed Thursday and Friday in celebration of Thanksgiving. The Commissary will reopen Saturday.

ROAD CLOSURE SCHEDULED

A portion of Strom Thurmond Boulevard between Marion Avenue and Caldwell Dental Clinic will be closed for 10 days beginning Wednesday or Thursday.

TREE LIGHTING SET FOR DEC. 1

A holiday Tree-Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m., Dec. 1 in front of Post Headquarters.

SMA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Fort Jackson Sergeants Major Association is taking applications for a \$500 scholarship for the spring semester. Those eligible to apply are: any non-commissioned officer currently assigned to Fort Jackson and his or her immediate dependents (i.e., spouse, child, stepchild, etc.); any member of the Sergeants Major Association and his or her dependents. Email regina.h.willingham.mil@mail.mil for an application packet. Applications must be received by Dec. 1.

HOLIDAY MAIL DEADLINES SET

The Military Postal Service Agency has set the following deadlines for holiday mail being sent to APO/FPS addresses:

- Parcel post — deadline has passed
- Space available — Monday
- Parcel-airlift — Dec. 4
- Priority and first-class letters or cards — Dec. 11.

The Postal Service's free Military Care Kits are also available. Each kit contains six Priority Mail flat rate boxes, six customs forms, six Priority address labels and one roll of military tape. Call 1-800-610-8734 to order a kit.

GATE 4 PROCEDURES CHANGE

Gate 4 is open only to inbound traffic from 6 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays. During these times, motorists will not be able to exit the installation through Gate 4.

GATE 1 SHOP CHANGES HOURS

The Gate 1 Express (formerly called the Shoppette) is now open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Secondhand smoke a danger

By VICKY DERDERIAN

Army Public Health Nursing, MACH

In 2006, the Office of the Surgeon General released evidence that secondhand smoke represents a dangerous health hazard, particularly for children. Secondhand smoke is defined as a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar, and the smoke exhaled by smokers.

Secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 substances to include formaldehyde, benzene, arsenic, ammonia, and hydrogen cyanide. The surgeon general concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke; even brief exposure can be harmful. Children are generally exposed to more secondhand smoke than nonsmoking adults.

Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of secondhand smoke because they are still developing physically, have higher breathing rates than adults, and have



little control over their indoor environment.

The health effects of secondhand smoke in children can include:

- ❑ Ear infections, often resulting in surgical intervention to insert ear tubes for drainage
- ❑ More frequent and severe asthma attacks
- ❑ Increased number of new cases of asthma in children who have not had previous symptoms

who have not had previous symptoms

- ❑ Respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath)
- ❑ Respiratory infections (e.g. bronchitis, pneumonia)
- ❑ Increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome

A study by the U.S. Environmental Pro-

tection Agency found that parents are responsible for 90 percent of children's exposure to secondhand smoke. You can protect yourself and your children from the risks of secondhand smoke by:

- ❑ Making your home and vehicle smoke free;
- ❑ Requesting that people around you and your children not smoke;
- ❑ Ensuring that your child's day care center or school is smoke-free;
- ❑ Choosing restaurants and businesses that are smoke-free;
- ❑ Teaching children to stay away from secondhand smoke;
- ❑ Support tobacco free legislation.

If you are a smoker, the single best way to protect your family is to quit smoking. Moncrief Army Community Hospital supports tobacco cessation by providing classes for beneficiaries through the Department of Behavioral Health. For further information, call 751-2235.

Other resources include: American Lung Association at www.lungusa.org and American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

AFAP reviews on-post school admittance

Special to the Leader

Army Family Action Plan recently conducted its steering committee meeting in conjunction with the 2nd quarter, FY11 Installation Action Council. The committee is chaired by the garrison commander and representatives from key installation agencies, as well as family member, retiree and single Soldier representatives. The committee meets twice a year to review and take action on issues raised by the Fort Jackson community through the AFAP resolution process.

The following issue was discussed:

Fort Jackson Issue #09-04: Off-post Access to On-post Schools

Scope: Dependent military children living off post are not allowed to attend schools on post. On-post schools are more convenient and close to the working parent, such as in the case of illness and special events. Allowing these children to attend school on-post will decrease the number of "latch key kids" and maintain mission readiness.

Recommendation: Change section 2164 of Title 10 U.S. Code and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary

Schools Financing Systems to allow children living off-post access to on-post schools. The change would include implementing a "lottery" system to allow these children the opportunity to fill vacancies at DDESS schools.

Update: Issue was submitted for consideration at the 2010 TRADOC AFAP Conference.

TRADOC Disposition: This issue was not prioritized at the TRADOC Conference. Delegates felt the scope of the problem was limited to Fort Jackson.

Council Discussion: Fort Jackson's housing occupancy has greatly increased over the past year, resulting in increased enrollment in schools on post. "Vacancies" that existed when this issue was initially surfaced no longer exist.

Outcome: The AFAP steering committee voted this issue unattainable; however, community members may resubmit it for consideration in the future if deemed relevant.

The next AFAP steering committee meeting is scheduled for March 23. As the "voice of the military community," AFAP is an avenue for Soldiers, retirees, civilian employees and family members to submit concerns and proposals to Army leadership. For more information on Fort Jackson AFAP or to submit an issue, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_afap.

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Photos by ROBERT COOK, Directorate of Logistics

A replica of the Mayflower sits inside the Drill Sergeant School dining facility during last week's Thanksgiving meal. Alongside the ship were placards that listed the actual ship's floorplan and other historical facts, such as information about the crew.

Post dining facilities compete in annual contest

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theme and their special thing was the time and effort they put into their display. They actually built a ship and did the historical research about the Mayflower and the people who sailed on it."

The facilities can win honors in four different categories: Best Decorated, Most Original, Best Thanksgiving and Best Culinary Display. The winners will receive trophies presented by the post commander.

Thanksgiving decoration themes will differ at each facility on post and are determined by the dining facility staff.

"This year our theme is 'Thanking the American Farmer,'" said Gregory Anderson, the manager of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment Dining Facility. "No one thinks of the farmer that gets up at 3 a.m. to take care of animals and does all of the things that need to be done in order to make sure people have what they need. Farms are an important part of our lives."

Anderson and his staff will also be preparing a special carving station for Soldiers this year as part of their menu.

"We're doing a beef roast steamship round in a carving station. It is 300 pounds of roast and it takes



WATSON



At left, Linda Watson, the Drill Sergeant School dining facility manager, and her staff completed the organization's theme by dressing the part. Above, a juice fountain rounds out the decorations.

about eight hours to cook in the oven."

Anderson and his staff of 80 feed approximately 1,200 Soldiers each day during the basic training cycle. He said that he enjoys every part of this competition that he has been participating in for the last seven years. "I

enjoy the whole thing; doing the displays and preparing the food," Anderson said. "But the look on the Soldiers' faces when they come through to see it for the first time, that's amazing."

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UP CLOSE

Fair spells fun for family members



Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Kelaiah Alvarez, 7, and her brother Malachi, 3, swing through the air on a ride during Saturday's National Military Family Appreciation Month Family Fun Fair at the Solomon Center. In addition to the rides outside, games, bounce houses and even a scavenger hunt, were set up inside the center.



Kelis Ransom, 4, squeals while coming down the slide of a bounce house during Saturday's Family Fun Fair.



Keyona Bartley, 9, runs toward the finish line during a game in which participants race to see who can put on a suitcase full of clothing the fastest.

Patience necessary to bridge cultural gap

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lead to yet another deployment? Is it because of the poor economy? Perhaps for some, but not any that I have met. Do Soldiers think they will not fit in with the civilian lifestyle? I know this is true for some, but I would refer you to the Fortune article mentioned earlier: Behind that article are dozens of companies looking for experienced Soldiers.

I believe it goes beyond all the tangibles. It is something all Soldiers have. It is our sense of purpose. I believe Soldiers do what they do because they see it has purpose. It is fulfilling. It motivates them to try harder, to get better, and to follow through regardless of the obstacles that stand in their way.

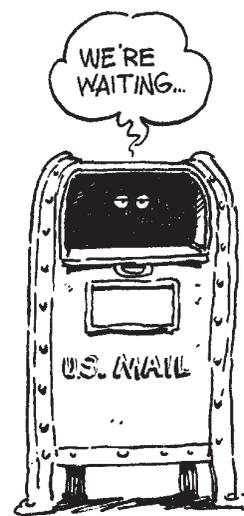
Bridging the gap between America and our warrior class may seem like an

insurmountable task, but “can’t” is not in the dictionary of the Soldiers I know. Our veterans have more to offer now than ever before.

I believe the way ahead is through patience. We all need to take our time to understand the purpose that drives our warrior class. Set a goal to read a little bit each week about our troops. Encourage others, who seemingly have no stake in the war, to do the same by telling them about the missions being accomplished. Push them to take an active interest.

Those who think we are “losing” the war just have not opened their eyes yet. There is a wealth of information covering our successes in plain sight.

Reconnecting with our nation’s warriors is just a story away. You can start at www.facebook.com/pattonsown.



The *Leader* welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should include the name and address of the writer. Letters should also include a phone number for verification purposes. The *Leader* reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, style, spelling and brevity. Send your letter to FJLeader@gmail.com.

Call 751-7045 for information.

Calendar

Wednesday

Postwide Thanksgiving service

11:30 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel
Light refreshments will be offered after the service. For more information, call 751-4966/4961.

Monday through Friday, Dec. 9

Army 101 lunchtime course

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Family Readiness Center
RSVP is required by Wednesday. For more information, call 751-6315.

Housing events

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

Through Sunday

Turkey coloring contest

Pick up your coloring sheet at the Community Center. Entries will be displayed in the Community Center. Each sheet is entered into a raffle for a gift card. To receive a coloring sheet by email, send a request to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com.

Monday, 3 p.m.

After school snack attack club

Children receive free snacks while supplies last.

Announcements

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross has set up blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 9 at the Balfour Beatty Community Center conference room. To sign up, call 738-8275 or 360-2036. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the main entrance parking lot of Moncrief Army Community Hospital in front of the Troop Clinic from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dec. 15. To sign up or to get information on additional blood drives on post, call 360-2036.

FREE TICKETS FOR GLORIOUS

The Installation Chaplains Office gives out a limited number of free tickets for the Christmas music program "Glorious," which is scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Shandon Baptist Church. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

CHILDWATCH PERSONNEL SOUGHT

The Fort Jackson Main Post Chapel is looking for applicants interested in working at its child care ministry Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 751-4961/6681

AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a DoD agency, is accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Nominations may be submitted through Jan. 16. For more information, visit www.freedo-maward.mil.

SPORTS BANQUET

Fort Jackson's annual sports banquet is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 6 at the Solomon Center. The banquet is open to all who participated in the sports program throughout the year. RSVP is required by Nov. 29. For more information, call 751-3096.

THREAT AWARENESS REPORTING

Briefings for the postwide Threat Awareness Reporting Program, formerly known as SAEDA, are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Jan. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26. The briefings will take place in the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) Chapel.

SPOUSE ASSISTANCE CHANGES

Effective with the academic year 2012/2013, Army Emergency Relief will consolidate its overseas and stateside spouses education assistance programs. All spouses will be allowed to attend school part-time or full-time. Funding will be available for fall and spring semesters only.

Other changes include minimum credit hour requirements, scholarship eligibility and a modified overseas application pro-

cess. For more information, call 751-5256 or email education@aerhq.org.

REUSE CENTER

Fort Jackson military and civilian personnel and on-post residents can obtain free overstock items at the Reuse Center. The center carries paint-related materials, adhesives, cleaners, printer cartridges, light bulbs and office supplies. Donations are also accepted. The Reuse Center is located at 2558 Essayons Way and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BOSS FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will conduct a clothing drive through Dec. 15. For more information, call 751-1148.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

The Victory Chapter Sergeants Major Association 2011 Holiday Extravaganza is scheduled for 6 p.m., Dec. 17 at the NCO Club. Tickets cost \$25. For more information, call (919) 605-4283.

DHR TRAINING CLOSURES

Some Directorate of Human Resource offices will be closed for training on the third Tuesday of each month. Each month, a list will be available indicating which activity will be closed that month for training.

CHANGE IN HOURS

The Personal Property Office has changed its hours of operations for walk-in services. The new office hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (limited services from noon to 4 p.m.); Tuesdays; 7:30 a.m. to noon, Thursdays. For more information or in case of emergencies, call 751-5137/5138.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be closed Thanksgiving through Nov. 29.

All Thrift Shop and expired items will be 60 percent off Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

The Thrift Shop will be giving out one free Christmas basket each Wednesday after 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop will accept Christmas items through Dec. 15.

The Thrift Shop will award \$2 coupons off any item every other week to customers who wear college colors.

The Thrift Shop's Cinderella Project has free ball gowns for sergeants and below and spouses of active-duty sergeants and below.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

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.

SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR

A Richland 2 choice fair featuring expanded choice and magnet programs is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Nov. 29 at Spring Valley High School. Applications will only be accepted online. The application process runs Jan. 3 through 27. For more information, visit www.richland2.org or call 738-3248/3314.

2ND DIVISION SOLDIERS SOUGHT

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is looking for Soldiers who served in the 2nd Infantry Division. The association is planning a reunion in August. For more information, visit www.2ida.org or email 2idahq@comcast.net.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

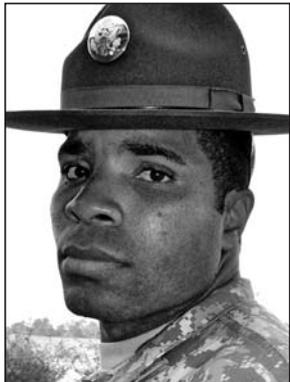
Send all submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com. For more information, call 751-7045.

For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157. Classified ads may also be faxed to 432-7609. For information about display advertising, contact Kathy at 786-5681.

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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Jessie Edison
Company B
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Clovis Kell

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Nicole Burns

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Joseph Truesdale

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Keith Feldman



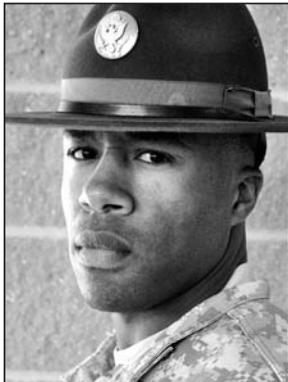
Staff Sgt. Joseph Chickos
Company C
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Jessica Westerman

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Shannon Tuiolemotu

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Jessica Westerman

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Michael Edgar



Sgt. Antoine Britt
Company D
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Ronald Martin

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Camille Williams

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Joseph Shaugnassy

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Sherad Temple



Staff Sgt. Mynor Rivera
Company E
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Rebecca Carpenter

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Aubrey Call

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Zachary Grace

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Nicholas Hatch

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Staff Sgt. Robert Canfield

SERVICE SUPPORT
Allen Gibbs

FAMILY SUPPORT
Maria Baker

TRAINING SUPPORT
Staff Sgt. Eric Jordan

DFAC SUPPORT
James Mosley

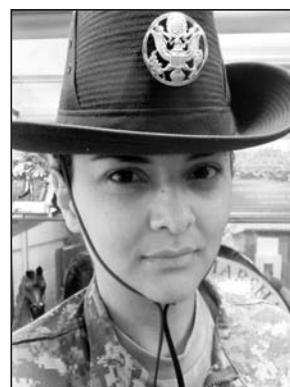
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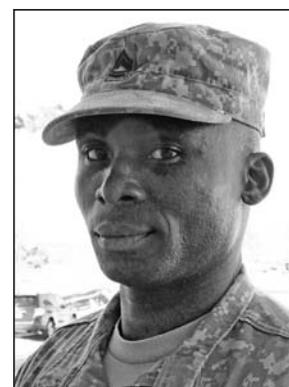
Sgt. 1st Class Donald Hicks
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company A
Task Force Marshall



Sgt. 1st Class Cornelius McClurkin
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company B
Task Force Marshall



Sgt. Natalia Rooks
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company E
Task Force Marshall



Sgt. 1st Class Adeola Ayegbaraju
Instructor of the cycle
369th Adjutant General
Battalion



Staff Sgt. Gregory Noble
Platoon sergeant of the cycle
369th Adjutant General
Battalion

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ACS Calendar of Events — December

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

- ❑ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **EFMP outing Teddy Mountain** — 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Village at Sandhills; new participants only

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

- ❑ **Survivor Outreach Services holiday wishes** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Officers' Club; RSVP required by Nov. 23
- ❑ **Foreign born spouses group: lights before Christmas** — 6 to 9 p.m.; Riverbanks Zoo; tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 3 and older; meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Strom Thurmond Building

MONDAY, DEC. 5

- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

- ❑ **Relocation planning (stateside workshop)** — 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ❑ **Lunch and learn seminar: scholarships for family members** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library
- ❑ **EFMP holiday party** — 6 p.m.; Solomon Center; bring your favorite dish; call 751-5256 to RSVP

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

- ❑ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Post newcomer orientation/tour** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Post Conference Room; call 751-1962 for more information
- ❑ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ❑ **Child safety class** — noon to 2 p.m.; Main Post Chapel
- ❑ **Phase II Levy overseas move brief** — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 213
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.;

Main Post Library

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

- ❑ **Stress management** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St. classroom
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

MONDAY, DEC. 12

- ❑ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Child safety class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; 5614 Hood St., Classroom 10

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

- ❑ **Resume writing and interviewing workshop** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Relocation planning (stateside workshop)** — 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

- ❑ **ACS instructor training course** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Family Readiness Center
- ❑ **Steps to federal employment workshop** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ❑ **Phase II Levy overseas move brief** — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 213
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

- ❑ **ACS instructor training course** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Family Readiness Center
- ❑ **Financial planning for initial PCS and relocation readiness** — 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room 206B; call 751-5256 to RSVP
- ❑ **Immigration 101 workshop** — 10 a.m. to noon;

Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

- ❑ **Anger management** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St., Classroom 10; learn to identify anger triggers and ways to control the responses
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Total Army sponsorship training** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

- ❑ **AFTB birthday celebration and holiday open house** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; cake and punch will be served
- ❑ **Foreign born spouses and Hearts Apart holiday party** — 6 to 8 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; RSVP required by Dec. 8; call 751-1124 or email *Miranda.Broadus@us.army.mil*.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

- ❑ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

- ❑ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

- ❑ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

- ❑ **Parent power: systematic training class for effective parenting** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St. classroom

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

- ❑ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
 - ❑ **Teen career exploration** — 10 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- All ACS classes require registration and are subject to change. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/4862/6325.*

Office snacking can pack on pounds

By **LT. COL. TWYLA LEIGH**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

It's been a long day at the office. Visions of the vending machine flash through your mind. Caffeine and sugar are calling your name — stop!

The additional 140 calories from a 12-ounce can of soda and 220 calories (or more) from a candy bar or bagged snack, if eaten on most work days, will create a weight gain of a jumbo 25 pounds per year.

Even if the soda is diet and only the candy or bagged snack is eaten, expect a weight gain of 15 pounds per year. Add to that the extra calories we eat when someone brings donuts or other goodies to the office; and don't forget that desktop candy jar. These office hazards add to inevitable weight gain that most of us blame on aging, heredity and/or metabolism.

But we are not doomed to work in "obesifying" office conditions and can

make positive changes to manage our health and weight. Be prepared for office pitfalls (even if you work from home) and plan ahead.

Here is a list of strategies to consider for a healthier work environment:

Eat breakfast — Breakfast skippers start the day at a disadvantage and may start grazing early and feel they have no will power or resistance to sugary and fatty foods they might otherwise avoid.

Bring healthy (and portion-controlled) snacks — Prepare snacks the night before, portion in snack bags; use a coolie bag if needed. Some examples of healthy snacks include roasted almonds; low-fat cheese wedges (non-refrigerated, like Laughing Cow); fresh seasonal fruit-



apples, grapes, cherries or berries; fresh cut vegetables-celery, cucumbers, bell peppers, grape tomatoes,

baby carrots, with or without low-fat dressing, or maybe with a couple of olives or slices of pickle; 100-calorie pre-packaged snacks; low-fat popcorn if a microwave is available; hard-boiled egg; or low-fat, low-sugar yogurt.

Eat mindfully — No matter what you are eating, focus on the smell, taste and crunch. Don't eat and work or watch the screen at the same time. This type of "multi-tasking" doesn't allow you to realize that you are satisfied with your snack and you may be tempted to keep grazing.

Think thirsty, not hungry — Have lots of cool water on hand to drink throughout the day. Many times we think we are hungry and overeat when we have not had enough fluids.

Read labels — Look at the content of the vending machine. Ask the person who works with the vending company to add lower calorie, lower fat and higher protein snacks to the mix.

Move more — Take a walk. Stand up and stretch.

Identify supportive co-workers — Share recipe ideas for healthy snacks.

Encourage one another to eat healthy and exercise more.

Change the office culture — Model good eating. If you bring in a snack to share, make it healthy; fresh fruit, whole grains and lower fat recipes. Suggest non-food rewards and celebrations. Positive recognition and certificates of appreciation add to a supportive, productive and healthier work culture.

MACH UPDATES

TEXAS TRICARE LOST

Some TRICARE patients may have been affected by the loss of some data by one of TRICARE's contractors, officials recently reported. Computer tapes containing personally identifiable and protected health information of patients in Texas, or those who may have had laboratory exams sent to Texas, may be affected. The risk of harm from the missing data is expected to be minimal. The contractor will provide one year of credit monitoring and restoration services to patients who express concerns. Concerned patients may call (855) 366-1040, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for more information.

TRICARE PRIME ENROLLMENT

MACH currently has TRICARE Prime enrollment availability for active duty family members and retirees and their family members. Pediatric enrollment is also available. For more information, visit the TRICARE service center on the 10th floor.

LASIK SURGERY

The MACH Ophthalmology Clinic offers pre-operative screening exams and post-operative

care for Laser Refractive Surgery. The service is available to eligible active-duty Soldiers. The surgery will be conducted at Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, Ga. To be eligible, Soldiers must have 18 months left of active-duty service. For more information, call 751-5406.

MEDICAL HOME ENROLLMENT

Moncrief Medical Home continues enrollment to all active duty family member beneficiaries in all zip codes within the Columbia area. Visit the Fort Jackson TRICARE Service Center on the 10th floor of the Moncrief Army Community Hospital and complete the TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM change form.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for family members of Soldiers dealing with substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder and conflicts meets 5 p.m., every Wednesday in MACH Room 7-90 of Moncrief Army Community Hospital. The purpose of the group is to provide support, education and encouragement and to address issues in a safe and confidential environment.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FLU SHOT SCHEDULE

Seasonal flu shots are available to eligible beneficiaries 4 and older.

Dates and times vary. The schedule for **Room 6-67 at Moncrief Army Community Hospital** is as follows:

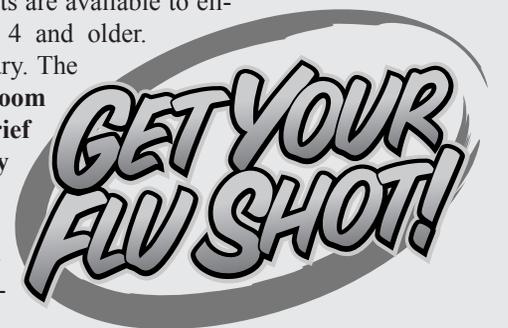
November: Vaccinations will be given 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Nov. 23. Vaccinations will

be given 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 30. The vaccination schedule for the **Main PX** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. The schedule for the **Solomon Center** is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 28. The schedule for the **Commissary** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., today and Nov. 29.

December: Vaccinations will be given at **MACH, Room 6-67**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 20, 22. Vaccinations will be given 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 7, 14, 21. The vaccination schedule for the **Main PX** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 2, 9, 16. The schedule for the **Solomon Center** is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 5, 12, 19. The schedule for the **Commissary** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15.

Children 3 and younger may be vaccinated at the Family Health Clinic on a walk-in basis.



Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the Dec. 8 Leader must be submitted

by Nov. 22.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

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for the Dec. 8 Leader must be submitted by Dec. 1. Send submissions to



Even in tough times, we are blessed

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) RANDY PERRY**
2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:3-5)

In a few days, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our families, enjoying our yearly traditional Thanksgiving meals of turkey, ham, dressing and gravy.

In America, we are truly blessed, despite the past several years of economic struggles. Our military has been engaged in the war against terrorism on two fronts in Iraq and in Afghanistan now for almost a decade. Operations in Iraq will be coming to an end by the end of December.

All Americans are hopeful that our economy will rebound with more jobs and opportunity for our citizens. The housing market has been tough and our national debt seems to be spiraling out of control. Despite current world events, God's word tells us that in the later days there will be trying times with wars and rumors of wars, nations rising up against nations, trying times of chaos, famines, crime, economic distress, earthquakes and a great falling away from faith in God. Certainly we have seen all of these things transpire in our lifetime, and it seems to be getting worse. But God has everything under control.

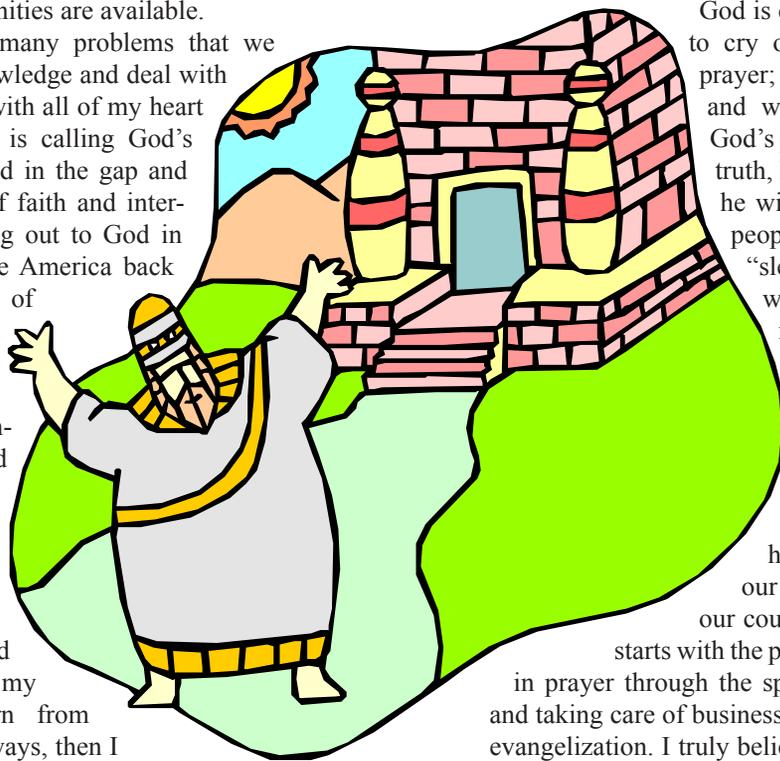
Despite all that is going on, we have much for which to be thankful. Many countries are much worse off than America. Despite all of our problems, America is still the land of opportunity where jobs are available and educa-

tional opportunities are available.

There are many problems that we have to acknowledge and deal with but I believe with all of my heart that the Lord is calling God's people to stand in the gap and be a people of faith and intercession, calling out to God in faith to restore America back to a place of prominence and prosperity.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land."

This was God's response to Solomon after he had faithfully completed building the temple of the LORD and the royal palace. God told Solomon if he walked before him, as his father King David had, and obeyed his commands and observe his decrees and laws, that he would establish Solomon's royal throne.



God is calling his people, the church, to cry out to him again humbly in prayer; fasting and seeking his face and ways. God's word is true. If God's people respond in spirit and in truth, he will hear from heaven, and he will heal our land again. God's people, the body of Christ, the "sleeping giant" needs to get to work spiritually in revival and move the heart of God for our great country!

The Lord said in Mark 10:23, "Everything is possible for him who believes."

The Lord is sending out a mobilization order to the house of faith for us to exercise our faith and stand in the gap for our country. He will heal our land. It

starts with the people of God first getting busy in prayer through the spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, and taking care of business by powerful intercession and evangelization. I truly believe that nothing is impossible with God!

Let us all do our parts and cry out to the lover of our souls in prayer and the latter rain of revival and blessings will fall back on our nation. Our land needs healing. Let this healing start today in your heart and cry out to the Lord in repentance and holiness. Amen?

God bless you and may God bless America!
Tis' the season to give thanks!



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
 - 8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
 - 10:15 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (second service)
 - 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
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Fresh Encounter Bible Study, Family Life and Resiliency Center (5460 Marion Ave., left of the POV lot)
- 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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
 - 11:30 a.m. 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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Maj. Raymond Simons

Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois

Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief



CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A civilian was denied access to the installation after attempting to enter the post with an unauthorized license plate, Military Police said. The license plate on the vehicle was issued to a different vehicle, MPs said. The civilian also had an active out-of-state arrest warrant. The state declined extradition and the civilian was cited for wrongfully using the license plate and his vehicle was towed from the installation.

❑ A Soldier was cited for improper parking after his vehicle rolled down a hill, crashing into another vehicle, MPs said. The vehicle's parking brake was

not set, MPs said. The Soldier's vehicle sustained damages to the side bumper, headlight, front fender and hood. The other vehicle's rear tire was deflated, the passenger's side rear door was dented and the rear wheel was dented and scratched. No injuries were reported.

TIP OF THE WEEK

The Directorate of Emergency Services is redoubling their traffic enforcement efforts. While most installation traffic violations result in a traffic citation, there are a few violations that require the offender to be processed at the Military Police station.

Any speeding violation exceeding 25 miles per hour more than the posted speed limit, driving without insurance, driving with a suspended or revoked license and

driving without a license are a few of the more serious violations that will result in the offender being transported to the Military Police station for processing.

Any traffic incident in which a driver is under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in immediate revocation of the driver's on-post driving privileges, regardless if the incident occurred on or off the installation.

The safety of our community is a top priority for the Directorate of Emergency Services. Strenuously enforcing traffic policies and laws is one method of ensuring the safety of the community.

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