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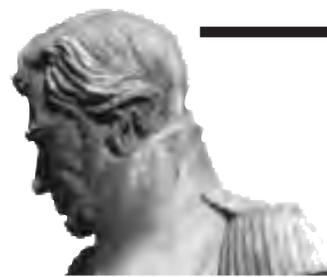
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# Crime scene

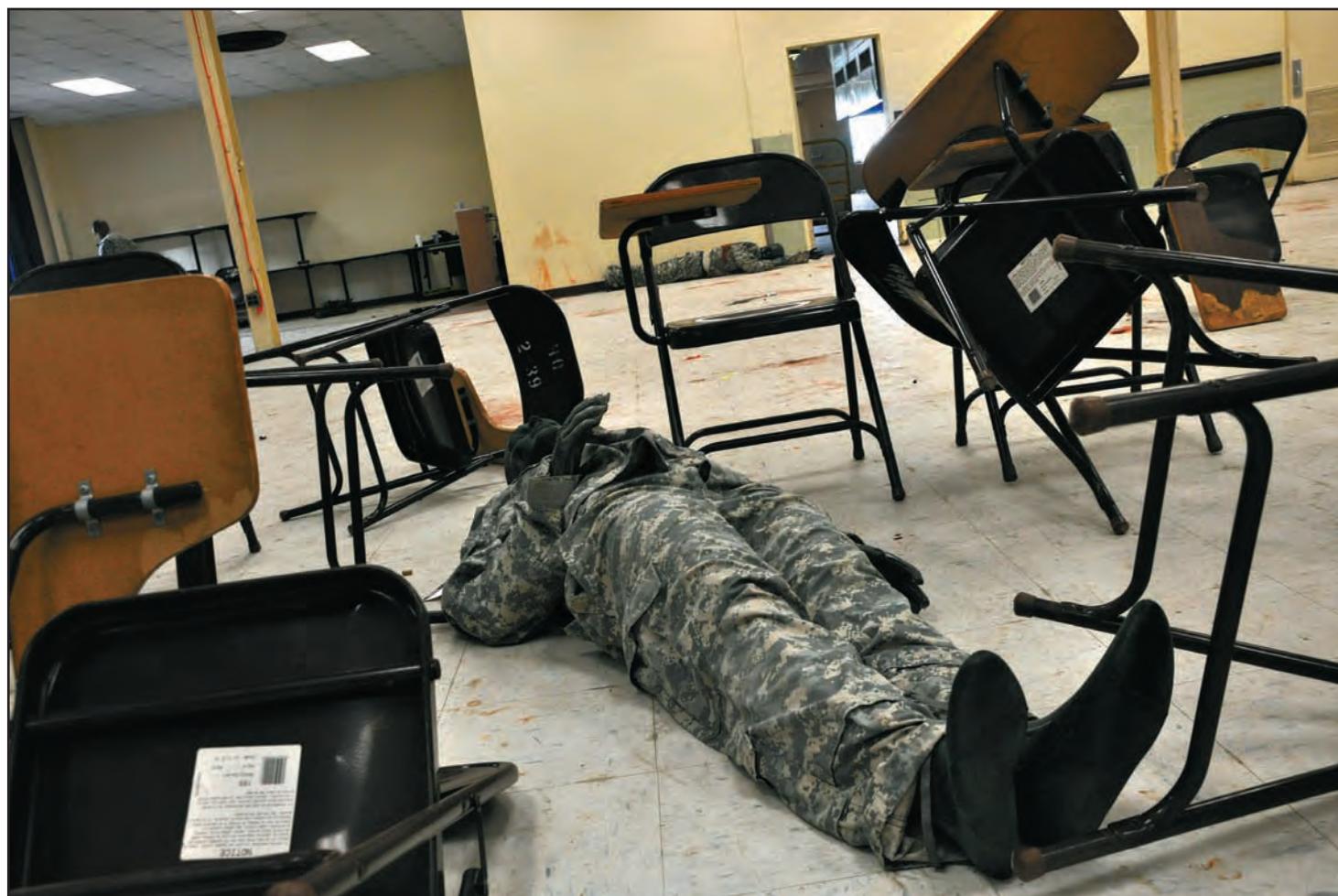


Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Chairs lay in disarray around a dummy standing in as a casualty during Tuesday's postwide mass casualty exercise. Both on and off-post law enforcement, emergency services and other agencies participated in the exercise.

## Post tests emergency response plans

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

The scene looked as if it could have been taken from the TV series CSI: Crime Scene Investigation — a group of crime scene investigators, one donning a full-body protective suit and carrying a camera, most others wearing paper booties to protect the scene from contamination, entered a building as special response team members secured the perimeter. Carrying their special kits, the small team surveyed the scene; shell casings littered the floor, an assault rifle lay nearby. Blood was spattered on the floor and the walls.

A scene like this, said one member of the group, a special agent with Fort Jackson's

Criminal Investigation Division, would take at least a week, and a lot more manpower, to process. But as part of Tuesday's mass casualty exercise, in which the group was participating, CID agents would have only a couple of hours. Fort Jackson's CID was one of more than a dozen agencies that worked as a team to simulate a postwide active shooter scenario.

Mark Mallach, anti-terrorism officer, said the scenario involved a shooter who opened fire on a group of Soldiers in one of the post's buildings. The shooter wounded 30 Soldiers before killing himself, making him among the 10 declared dead at the scene.

"We wanted to test emergency response... crisis management...and communication," Mallach said. "It's pretty much a

comprehensive postwide exercise."

Though much of the action took place at the site of the mock shooting, Mallach said that was actually just a small part of the procedures being tested during Tuesday's exercise.

Representatives from many of the post's agencies manned phones at the Emergency Operations Center, and a Family Assistance Center was established to help take phone calls and provide information to concerned family members. This year's exercise also added a Mortuary Affairs component, calling in help from the Richland County Coroner's Office to help take care of those who were killed.

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# CFC supports local, national efforts

I am proud of the Fort Jackson community for the generosity it has shown so far this year in support of the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign, which will soon come to a close. As of this week, Fort Jackson's contribution total was roughly \$510,000. These funds will go a long way in supporting a great number of charitable organizations that depend on us.

So far we have had a relatively strong showing from the Fort Jackson community in climbing toward our \$750,000 goal, which we run the risk of not meeting. The key factor in our less than desirable monetary total is that our level of participation remains low. As of last week, the participation rate was slightly under 20 percent. I am hopeful that number will increase in the final days of the campaign as we anticipate more contributions will be turned in.

This is certainly a worthwhile endeavor. I realize that we are still operating in a challenging economic climate, and I am grateful to see the Fort Jackson community do what it can to support this most worthy cause.

The economy was also sluggish in 2010, yet service members and federal workers somehow rallied and pledged more than \$281.5 million to the overall CFC effort, making the campaign-wide total the second highest in the CFC's 50-year history. Coincidentally, that sum was less than 1 percent off its record-setting effort of \$282.6 million, which it posted back in 2009. It would be very refreshing and gratifying to see a superb finish and a repeat

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



of last year. The campaign ends Dec. 15, one week from today.

As you know this is a very special year for the CFC as it marks its 50th anniversary. Since 1961, federal workers, here and across the nation, have donated more than \$6 billion, making the CFC one of the largest charitable organizations in the world.

The CFC promotes and supports philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. Pledges made by military, federal civilian and postal donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits around the world.

As you might guess, Fort Jackson makes up a signifi-

cant part of the Midlands Area CFC effort, which traditionally has exhibited a genuine willingness to reach out to the less fortunate. The Midlands goal this year is to raise \$1.5 million in charitable contributions. There are 78 local charities from which to choose, in addition to the national and international ones that can be designated. Be assured that all of the listed recipient organizations have met the CFC's public accountability standards and eligibility criteria.

Overall, CFC comprises 209 campaign regions in the United States and 25,000 charities. The CFC also supports some of our efforts on post. There are three installation programs — Fort Jackson Army Community Services, Child, Youth and School Services and the installation volunteers — that are all supported through CFC funding. Members of the Fort Jackson community should take comfort in knowing that their generosity continues to improve the lives of countless people in our own area.

As a result, numerous children, senior citizens, and disabled people receive the help they desperately need. Not only do less fortunate people receive assistance, but educational and research programs — as well as environmental incentives — are supported through our generosity. Let's see what we can do to make this another great effort this year from Fort Jackson!

Remember, any little bit helps and is greatly appreciated.

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# Ferriter: Showing we care exemplifies holiday spirit

One of the world's greatest leaders was a gate guard who worked at the main gate of Fort Benning, Ga. What made him so great was that he knew his job was more than checking ID cards. With his awesome attitude, he conveyed that he cared to every person passing through his lane.

Somehow, he succeeded in making a difference just through his genuine message of, "Welcome Home." I talked with many people who came into contact with him — Soldiers, parents visiting their Soldiers, civilians going to work and visiting retirees who were stationed at Fort Benning years ago — and all agreed. He made a difference.

We've all seen this type of inspired leadership on every installation. Showing that we care exemplifies the very spirit of the holiday season.

The great thing about being part of the Army family is that caring goes beyond the holiday season. It is day in, day out, year-round.

Margie and I and our four kids have lived and grown as a family on Army installations around the world. In addition to the gate guard, we've met many whose sense of service far exceeded their job descriptions — really dedicated people at a housing office, Youth Sports coaches, and child development professionals, to name just a few. My family's experience is not unique. Every Soldier and family member can point to service providers on our garrisons who go out of their way to help.

The same sense of caring is why so many Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees volunteer their time and talents across the installation. Our volunteers welcome newcomers. They teach classes, mentor children and teens, and run play groups for young mothers and toddlers. They plan outings for Wounded Warriors, build houses for disabled veterans, support Survivors, help prepare families

**LT. GEN. MICHAEL FERRITER**

IMCOM commander



for deployment and throw welcome home parties.

Caring and selfless service is ingrained in our Army culture, and we are much stronger because of it.

Army Strong!

To everyone who has extended a helping hand this past year, whether in a professional capacity or as a volunteer, thank you. Thank you for choosing to go the extra mile to make a difference for Soldiers, civilians and families.

Let's all enjoy what the season offers, wherever we are, and enjoy time with friends and loved ones. As we celebrate, let's remember those who are deployed and extend extra support to their families at home.

Let's also be mindful of those around us who may find this time of year more difficult. For those who need assistance, our installations provide a number of Soldier and family support services. If you are unsure where to go, start with Army Community Services or the chaplain's office.

From my family to you and yours, we wish you a safe and happy holidays and a blessed new year.

*Editor's Note: Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter assumed command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command at Joint Base San Antonio Nov. 17. He is also assistant chief of staff for Installation Management.*

# Stall to leave legacy of leadership

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

He planned to retire after serving in the Army for 20 years and one day, but at the end of this week, Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall will assume another command sergeant major position with the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, Co.

Stall will relinquish command during a 3 p.m. ceremony today at Post Headquarters.

The career Soldier will continue adding to his 28 years of service and take many lessons learned from Fort Jackson to Carson.

"I plan on reminding them to uphold the standards in their units because here, that's what the Soldiers are used to seeing," Stall said. "There are some misconceptions between the operational side and the training side. I'm going to let them know that if they haven't served here then they need to come see how the mission is getting done here."

Stall aided in mission accomplishment at Jackson by changing the look of leadership within the enlisted ranks.

"This is an equal opportunity game. When you look at any formation across Fort Jackson, that's what the Army looks like. It's diverse, and I wanted the leadership to look the same," Stall said. "Leading in this environment is not solely for males or infantrymen. When it came to NCOs, I put the right ones in place. This is a huge issue for me, so I just did it."

There were times, Stall said, when he could not get things done on his own,

which served as a growing experience.

"I've learned a lot about patience here. I came from a place where when you said it, people jumped to do it (in 2nd Infantry Division, Korea)," Stall said. "But, we work with a blended military and civilian force at Jackson, so things didn't always happen as fast as I wanted them to. I've learned to just be patient with some things, and I won't forget that."

Staff Sgt. John McNeely, who has been Stall's administrative assistant since the fast-moving days of Korea, said he has learned volumes from the senior NCO throughout the years.

"He's a great reason to come to work every morning," McNeely said. "Sergeant major took me under his wing and helped me become more confident when in charge. He's shown me how to be what right looks like at all times. He taught me about upholding the standards because you've got to have the basics down before you can move on to bigger and better things."

McNeely said he also learned about the dynamic qualities of leadership from Stall.

"His leadership style is so interesting to see in action. He can be nice and patient with the Soldiers in training because they are new to it all," he said. "When he deals with NCOs, he's much more strict and harsh because he thinks they should know better. So he leads in different ways with people and reaches out to everyone. There's no one on this post that he hasn't touched in some way, just really unforgettable."

Stall's wife, Cheryl, said she will remember the friendships they have formed



Leader file photo

**Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall, shown throwing the first pitch at a baseball game, will leave Fort Jackson this week for Fort Carson, Colo.**

at Fort Jackson.

"We've had great commanders during our time here and formed strong relationships," Cheryl said. "I've had amazing battle buddies, who I will miss."

Cheryl said she had a heart for the drill sergeant spouses and sought to improve family resources.

"It's been exciting to see the Family Resource Center take shape, and now we also have the FLRC (Family Life and Resiliency Center)," she said.

"I just encourage all spouses to volunteer and get out there to help each other.

When you help out someone else in need, it takes the focus off the hard times that you might be going through because this is a tough duty station."

That strong sense of community and dedication are part of what makes Fort Jackson a unique place to serve, the command sergeant major said.

"I'll miss the energy of it all. At least 98 percent of the people here are about the business of doing the right thing every single day," he said. "This is a very special place."

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Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

**Stall and his wife, Cheryl, have been involved in the Fort Jackson and Columbia communities since their arrival here in October, 2008.**

## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATES

❑ All housing offices will close at noon, Dec. 21. For housing emergencies, call 338-4809. Regular business hours will resume the following day. Balfour Beatty offices will remain open.

❑ Learn more about the different housing offices by visiting [www.jackson.army.mil/sites/info/pages/389](http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/info/pages/389).

❑ Be sure to disconnect water hoses to prevent pipes from freezing/bursting during the colder months. Freezing/bursting pipes can cause water damage to the home and valuables inside.

❑ Operating a home-based business: In order to operate a home-based business, residents must receive prior approval and obtain a solicitor's permit. To receive this permit, complete a solicitation packet from the Directorate of Emergency Services Military Police Station located at 5499 Jackson Blvd. It is also necessary to complete a request form from the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office at 520 Brown Ave. The completed solicitation packet and request form must be returned to DES for review and approval/disapproval. Types of home-based businesses requiring this permit include, but are not limited to: Avon, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay, etc. This requirement is in accordance with Fort Jackson regulations and is required of all on-post residents.

❑ Contact the Community Management Office for details on how to receive prorated rent for Pierce Terrace 5.

❑ Energy conservation tip: Reduce water usage by running the dishwasher when it is full, but not overloaded.

❑ Be sure to turn off Christmas lights when leaving for extended periods.

❑ The Christmas decoration contest is under way. Homes must be decorated by dusk, Dec. 22 for judging. Winners will receive a \$50 gift card.

❑ Refer someone to move on post to receive \$300. The is for December only.

❑ Any residents who have not received a utility statement from Minol should contact the company at 1-888-636-0493.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

❑ To date, 549 homes have been completed.

❑ Only 61 homes in the junior noncommissioned officer housing area remain to complete the 610 new homes planned for the area.

# New SSI commander named

## Leader Staff Report

The Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army announced Monday that Col. David MacEwen was selected to become the next commanding officer of the Soldier Support Institute. MacEwen, who is nominated for promotion to brigadier general, currently serves as the executive officer to the vice chief of staff of the Army.

The 30-year veteran's overseas



MacEWEN

Command in Germany and as chief of

assignments include two deployments during Operation Desert Storm and one deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as commander of the 1st Personnel

staff for the Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va.

MacEwen will take over for Brig. Gen. Mark McAlister, who took command of the SSI in July 2009. McAlister's next assignment will be as military deputy director for the Army Budget Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) in Washington.

A date for the change of command ceremony has not been scheduled.

## Toy drop



Photo by KARA MOTOSICKY, Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office

**Family members choose from a mountain of toys at Operation Homefront's toy distribution at the Solomon Center Wednesday. Operation Homefront partnered with Balfour Beatty and Dollar Tree to collect and distribute thousands of toys to military families across South Carolina.**

## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the Jan. 19 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 5.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the Jan. 19 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 12.

Send your submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com).

For more information, call 751-7045.



News and Notes

COMMISSARY HOLIDAY HOURS SET

The Fort Jackson Commissary will be open Dec. 19. The store will close for the day at 4 p.m., Dec. 24 and remain closed Dec. 25. Normal hours will resume Dec. 27. The Commissary will be open during normal hours Dec. 31 and be closed Jan. 1. It will re-open Jan. 3.

171ST RELOCATES

The 171st Infantry Brigade headquarters is now located at 4310 Magruder Ave.

LONGTIME EMPLOYEE RETIRES



Jeremiah Jeffcoat, a network administrator with the U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center, retired Dec. 1 after 42 years of federal service. Jeffcoat retired from the military after 20 years before entering civil service.

JEFFCOAT

CAREER LECTURES SCHEDULED

Four 20-minute lectures discussing career options in oral surgery, nutrition, gum surgery and restorative dentistry are planned from 2 to 4 p.m., Dec. 21 at Oliver Dental Clinic. The lectures are geared toward spouses, college students and high school students. Space is limited and RSVP is required. To reserve a seat, call 751-6213.

ROAD CLOSURE SCHEDULED

A portion of Strom Thurmond Boulevard between Marion Avenue and Caldwell Dental Clinic is closed for construction. Motorists may turn either left or right onto Marion Avenue. The dental clinic is accessible from the opposite direction using Strom Thurmond Boulevard.

NEC WORK ORDER CONTACTS

Customers needing to submit work orders to Fort Jackson's Network Enterprise Center can do so by calling the Army Enterprise Service Desk at 1-866-335-ARMY (2769). In addition, customers can call the NEC's local service support numbers at 751-GNEC (4632) or 751-DOIM (3646). Anyone on Fort Jackson can directly contact the AESD numbers to submit an information technology work order request. The NEC is located at 5615 Hood Street and is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of John W. Oxendine should contact 1st Lt. Paul J. Fosse Jr., the summary court officer for the Soldier. Oxendine passed away Nov. 27. Fosse can be reached at 751-2629 or email [paul.fosse@amedd.army.mil](mailto:paul.fosse@amedd.army.mil).

# Alcohol, driving don't mix

From the Army Substance Abuse Program

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends and festive celebrations, but it is unfortunately also a time when there is a tragic increase in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. According to a 2008 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, 11,773 people were killed in alcohol-impaired crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (32 percent) of all traffic related deaths in the United States.

With all of the office and holiday parties this holiday season, this is a critically important time of year to make sure you always designate a sober driver or "battle buddy" before the parties begin and to always remember that "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

Since 1982, Army installations have supported what is referred to as National 3D Prevention Month in December. The month of December and, in particular, New Year's Eve holiday are also often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

As part of the annual nationwide public information campaign against impaired driving during the holiday season, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers these reminders for a safer holiday season:

❑ Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you have been drinking;

❑ If you are impaired, call a taxi — use mass transit — or get a sober friend or family member to come and get you;

❑ Or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;

❑ And remember — Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think he or she is about to drive while impaired.

For those who are hosting parties this holiday season, remind guests to plan ahead, always offer alcohol-free beverages during the event and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only does an impaired driver risk killing him or herself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be expensive.

As a community, we have a moral obligation to take care of people with whom we come in contact; when people drink, the ability they have to make rational decisions is reduced, as well as their reflexes.

A little effort on your part could mean the difference between life and death.

So remember, this holiday season, if you catch a buzz, catch a ride.

*Editor's note: Information in this article was retrieved from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you have any questions regarding this article or other issues of substance abuse you may contact the ASAP at 751-5007. The Army Substance Abuse Program provides prevention/education to the community on topics pertaining to alcohol and other drug usage.*

## Training honors



**2nd Lt. Benjamin Pariser**  
Distinguished Honor Graduate  
Basic Officer Leaders Course  
Adjutant General School



**Capt. Maria Schmitz**  
Distinguished Honor Graduate  
Captains Career Course  
Adjutant General School



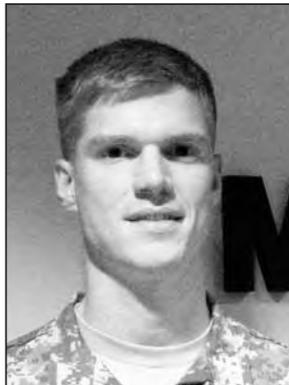
**(Lithuania) Capt. Giedre Gudaityte**  
International Honor Graduate  
Captains Career Course  
Adjutant General School



**2nd Lt. Kevin Heiderman**  
Distinguished Honor Graduate  
Basic Officer Leaders Course  
Adjutant General School



**2nd Lt. Tammy Muckenfuss**  
Distinguished Honor Graduate  
Basic Officer Leaders Course  
Adjutant General School



**Capt. Gabriel Young**  
Hawkins Award  
Captain's Career Course  
Financial Management School



**Staff Sgt. Harold Pinkava**  
Cadre of the cycle  
187th Ordnance Battalion



**Sgt. 1st Class Brian Kimes**  
Instructor of the cycle  
187th Ordnance Battalion

# Panetta honors Pearl Harbor victims

By **JIM GARAMORE**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Pearl Harbor survivors represent the best of America and serve as role models for the current generation that responded to another deadly surprise attack, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said in a message issued Tuesday to Pearl Harbor veterans.

Wednesday, Panetta placed a wreath at the Navy Memorial here to remember the more than 3,500 Americans killed or wounded in the Japanese attack 70 years ago.

President Barack Obama signed a proclamation Tuesday naming Wednesday National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and urged all Americans to fly their flags at half staff in memory of those killed that day.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor galvanized an American public that had been leaning toward isolationism. “Our enemies thought that by this sudden and deliberate raid, they could weaken America,” Panetta said in his message. “Instead, they only strengthened it. That day truly awoke a sleeping giant.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said Dec. 7, 1941, was “a date which will live in infamy” in asking Congress to declare war on the Empire of Japan. On Dec. 11, 1941, Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy declared war on the United States. The United States mobilized for the global conflict.

“In the memories of that day, we continue to draw determination and conviction to protect our freedoms, to sacrifice for our fellow citizens, and to serve a purpose larger than self,” Panetta said. “You, the survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the war that followed, embody this conviction, this determination to raise high the torch of freedom and sacrifice.”

The stories and records of the World War II generation are entering legend, and with around 3,000 living Pearl Harbor survivors, this anniversary is poignant.

“You have lived full lives and witnessed years of great prosperity because of the freedom you helped to secure for America and her allies,” the secretary continued. “I know you take great pride, as I do, that your legacy lives on in today’s men and women in uniform, who have borne the



*U.S. Navy photo by PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS DANIEL BARKER*

**Pearl Harbor survivors observe the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Concert Band of the West at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum & Visitor Center during Kama’aina and military appreciation day at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sunday. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the 1941 attacks.**

burden of a decade of war, and who are truly this nation’s next greatest generation.”

Like the Pearl Harbor survivors, the young men and women of the 9/11 generation stepped forward for military duty after another sudden and terrible attack on American shores. Today’s service members emulate the spirit of the generation that placed the American flag at the Elbe River in Germany, and raised it atop Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific.

“We treasure you,” Panetta said in his message to Pearl Harbor veterans. “You have brought everlasting credit

to your fallen comrades. Your example inspires those in uniform today, strengthens our nation’s moral fiber, and proves that with united resolve our country can surmount any challenge.”

Panetta thanked the veterans — most now in their late 80s and 90s — for their sacrifices “and for your endless zeal to see to it that our children and grandchildren can pass along a better life to the next generation.

“This has always been the American dream, a dream we can realize because of the determination of our citizens to defend it,” Panetta said.

## System gears up to track Santa’s global flight

By **CHERYL PELLERIN**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — For the 56th straight year, the North American Aerospace Defense Command will add the job of tracking the global flight of Santa on Christmas Eve to its mission of North American aerospace warning and control.

“NORAD stands the watch protecting the skies of North America 365 days a year, but on Christmas Eve, the children of the world look to NORAD and our trusted partners to make sure that Santa is able to complete his mission safely,” said Army Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr. Jacoby commands NORAD, as well as U.S. Northern Command, both based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

The NORAD Tracks Santa mission “is a duty to the children of the world and a privilege we’ve enjoyed for 56 consecutive years,” he added.

From a NORAD video of the 2010 Santa flight, a military specialist looks up from a bank of computer screens:

“Sir,” he says, turning to look at the camera, “we’ve picked up ‘Big Red’ on the radar. He’s entering from the northeast.

“Recommend fighter escort as he transitions over

North America,” the specialist adds, as the video shows an F-16 moving down the runway.

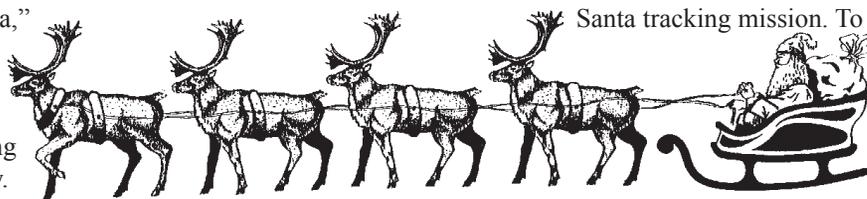
This year, the NORAD Tracks Santa website went live Dec. 1 and features a Countdown Calendar, a Kid’s Countdown Village with holiday games and activities that change daily, and video messages from students and troops from around the world.

The website is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese and Chinese.

For the first time, using free apps in the Apple iTunes Store and in the Android market, parents and children can use their smart phones to count down the days until Santa and his reindeer take off from the North Pole to deliver presents to kids everywhere.

Facebook, Google+, YouTube and Twitter also offer tracking opportunities. Santa followers can type “@noradsanta” into each search engine to get started.

And that’s not the only technology that goes into the



Santa tracking mission. To track the big man in red, NORAD uses radar, satellites, Santa cams and fighter jets.

A NORAD radar system called the North Warning System consists of 47 installations strung across the northern border of North America. On Dec. 24, NORAD monitors the radar systems continuously for indications that Santa Claus has left the North Pole.

The moment radar indicates a lift-off, satellites positioned in geo-synchronous orbit at 22,300 miles from the Earth’s surface are equipped with infrared sensors, which enable them to detect heat. Rudolph’s bright red nose gives off an infrared signature that allows the satellites to detect Santa’s sleigh.

NORAD started using the Santa cam network in 1998. Santa cams, according to NORAD, are ultra-cool, high-tech, high-speed digital cameras prepositioned at many locations around the world. They use the cameras once a year to capture images and videos of Santa and his reindeer.

# Agencies work to test procedures

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“We actually went further than we have since I’ve been here,” Mallach said.

Additionally, post employees were alerted through a mass email notification system, which apprised them of the situation and urged them to stay in their buildings. The red “ring-down” phones located in offices passed along the same message. During a real emergency, the gates would also be closed and the mass notification system speakers located throughout the post would also be used, Mallach said.

John Coynor, force protection officer, said it is important for the installation to conduct such exercises.

“A plan is just a large piece of paper until you exercise it,” he said. “You have to practice it. The main emphasis of yesterday was ... ‘What do you do after something happens?’ What we have to practice is what to do after the fact.”

In Tuesday’s exercise, this included calling in both on and off-post law enforcement to clear the scene. Both on and off-post emergency services staff also aided in removing victims from the site of the shooting, assessing their injuries and ensuring their transport to one of four local hospitals alerted to receive them.

The exercise went as far as having “dead bodies” processed and taken to special trucks for

transporting. Coynor said it was important that the Soldiers were treated just like any other Soldier killed during duty.

“There’s no difference in being wounded at Fort Jackson and being wounded in Afghanistan,” he said.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Barry Young, detachment commander and special agent in charge of Fort Jackson’s CID, led the team who processed the “crime scene” after it was declared safe to do so by special response teams. His team used the exercise as a training opportunity, as well, he said.

“We try to capitalize on these types of events. The more training we do, the more proficient we get,” he said. “I think it went well.

Working with other agencies also gave everyone a chance to learn each other’s tactics and procedures, and make sure they were “on the same sheet of music,” Young said.

Young’s team, like the other agencies, took a multifaceted approach. They not only had to process the scene, but also had to stay on alert after receiving reports of a threatening phone call and a sighting of a suspicious person in the area.

“It was great. Good team work,” Young said. We never know when something like this will happen (so) this is key and essential training we do.

“I think we can never be prepared enough for these types of situations.”

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Above, on and off-post emergency services personnel tend to the 30 “victims” of Tuesday’s mass casualty exercise at Fort Jackson. Emergency workers and medical staff assessed the injured Soldiers before transporting them to one of four local hospitals involved in the exercise. Fort Jackson has agreements with several off-post agencies that allow for the post’s emergency staff to be augmented in the case of an actual emergency. At right, Special Agent Sarah Black with Fort Jackson’s Criminal Investigation Division, takes a blood sample during Tuesday’s exercise. Black and other CID agents used the exercise as a training opportunity.

*Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN*

# Editor bid farewell to post community

Besides the people, what I think I'll miss most is the grass.

A true Southern girl, my fondest memories include playing baseball in a huge field across from my grandmother's house. When my husband and I moved to South Carolina three years ago, a big yard was a must; I imagined our now 2-year-old playing ball in it, as I did so many moons ago.

But in less than a month, I'll trade the centipede grass of the South for the cactus and rock gardens of the Southwest.

When I arrived at Fort Jackson, I knew that Columbia would probably not be my forever home. As the wife of an active duty Soldier, I knew it wouldn't be long before duty called my husband away. But when he decided to go into the Reserves, I held out hope that we would be able to stay a bit longer. Maybe that is what makes this move feel sudden. Even the city to which we are moving seems to share my confusion; the name of it is Surprise.

Those three years now seem like the blink of an eye; I remember starting as a reporter at the Leader, trying my hardest to keep up with my duties, even while days away from giving birth. Many times, as I crouched on the floor taking photos, my belly hanging precariously close to the floor, Soldiers would politely urge me to take a seat, prob-

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By Crystal  
Lewis Brown  
*Fort Jackson Leader*



ably not wanting to risk a baby being born in the middle of a postwide luncheon.

Since then, I have started a new career in Army public affairs, made new friends and met up with old ones and pretty much became entrenched in the Fort Jackson community. So much so that people I've never met sometimes stop me — recognizing my usual afro or twisted hairstyle — to talk about my family life, which I have chronicled in this newspaper for the past three years. I am grateful that my supervisors, and the newspaper's readers, gave me the opportunity to use the Family Page as an outlet to share information in my own way. And I hope that I will have an opportunity to provide an update on how my family is faring in the "Valley of the Sun."

And although I can continue to follow the newspaper through the webpage, emails and social media, it won't be the same. I'm not sure how I will feel not coming into the Public Affairs Office each day, treating my co-workers to my impromptu show tunes, most often accompanied with dance moves.

I'll miss going out to meet new people as I cover an assignment, though, admittedly, I won't miss walking through an entire battalion complex or across Hilton Field in 4-inch heels (don't ask).

I'll miss walking into the day care, being greeted by the same faces each day, knowing my son is in caring hands.

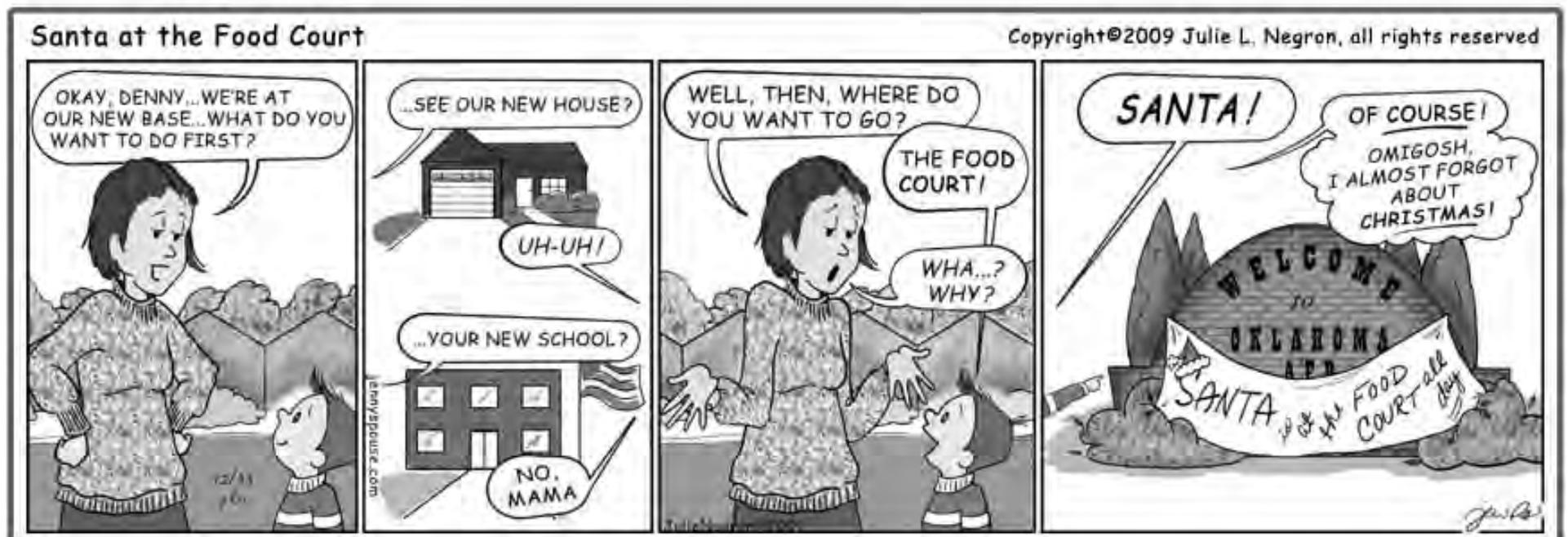
And, of course, I'll miss the grass.

At the risk of making a completely ridiculous metaphor, the grass — to me — is like the people I've met here: Something that I got used to having, something I enjoyed, and something I sometimes took for granted until it became clear that I would no longer have it.

As I move into the next chapter of my life, I'll meet new people. And I'll probably even get used to the cactus.

But I'll never forget the grass.

*Editor's note: Crystal Lewis Brown is the editor of the Fort Jackson Leader and is the wife of an Army Reservist. She is relocating to Arizona later this month.*



## Calendar

### Thursday

**Post Command Sergeant Major Relinquishment of Responsibility**  
3 p.m., Post Headquarters

### Friday

**Garrison holiday gala**  
6 p.m., Solomon Center

### Saturday

**5K Jingle Bell Run**  
8 a.m., Hilton Field Softball Complex  
Open to all military ID card holders

### Monday

**CFC victory celebration**  
11:30 a.m., Officers' Club

## Housing events

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

**Every Monday in December, 3 to 4 p.m.**

### Kids' snacks

Children receive free snacks while supplies last.

**Today, 3 p.m.**

### Reindeer cookies

Children are invited to make Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer cookies. RSVP is required. To register, call 738-8275 or email [ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com).

## Announcements

### ACS CLOSURE

Army Community Services will close for the day at 11 a.m., Tuesday for its orga-

nizational day and holiday celebration. An Army Emergency Relief caseworker will be on call for valid, unforeseen emergencies only. To contact the caseworker, call 751-5256 and leave a detailed message.

### NEC CLOSURE

The U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 16 for its holiday party. For immediate assistance, call (866) 335-2769.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross has set up a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday 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.

### 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](http://www.freedo-maward.mil).

### BASKETBALL LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent for winter basketball are due to the Sports Office by 4 p.m., Tuesday. The league is for active-duty personnel only. For more information, call 751-3096.

### MG URSANO SCHOLARSHIP

The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program offers scholarships for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers. The scholarships are awarded

based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement. The deadline to apply is April 2. For more information, visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or call (866) 878-6378.

### 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, 17 and 24. Briefings are also scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 26. The briefings will take place at the Post Theater.

### 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 process. For more information, call 751-5256 or email [education@aerhq.org](mailto: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 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.

### 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 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 be closed Dec. 27 through Jan. 5. No consignments will be accepted Dec. 20 through 22 and Jan. 10 through 12.

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](http://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.*

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send all submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# Recurring meetings

## WEEKLY

### Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

### Walking away stress

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

### Play group

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

### Range control briefing

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

### Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail [Tom.Alsup@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Alsup@gmail.com) or visit [www.scwg.cap.gov](http://www.scwg.cap.gov).

### Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail [jackson.pwoc.org](mailto:jackson.pwoc.org).

### American Red Cross

Volunteer orientation is every Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m., and every Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. Only one session is required. Additional training is necessary for those volunteering in a clinical setting. Call 751-4329.

## MONTHLY

### Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

### Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

### Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

Second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or [gblake12@sc.rr.com](mailto:gblake12@sc.rr.com).

### Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

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

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

### Seabees

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

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

First Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room, [www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm](http://www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm).

### American Legion Post 182

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

### Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club.

### National Federation of Federal Employees

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

### Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202

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

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

### Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

### Purple Heart #402

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

### Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail [sec@ffvictoryriders.com](mailto:sec@ffvictoryriders.com).

### The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

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

### Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to

12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148

### American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.

### Society of American Military Engineers

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

### MEDPROS training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail [Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil).

### Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail [jrogers11@sc.rr.com](mailto:jrogers11@sc.rr.com).

### 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

### Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail [armyaguilar@yahoo.com](mailto:armyaguilar@yahoo.com) or visit [www.combatvet.org](http://www.combatvet.org).

### Sergeants Major Association

Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904. Open to active-duty and retired E-9s and E-8s. E-mail [William.huffin@us.army.mil](mailto:William.huffin@us.army.mil).

### Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Third Floor conference room, 695-5345.

## SUBMISSIONS

To submit a recurring meeting, email the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to [fjleader@conus.army.mil](mailto:fjleader@conus.army.mil).

# Spread the holiday cheer

*Fort Jackson begins festive season with lights, music*



Spc. Darrell Lee, a saxophone player with the 282nd Army Band, performs during the band's holiday concert Sunday at the Solomon Center. The concert featured a blend of holiday favorites, including numerous jazz and rock renditions.

*Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer*



The C.C. Pinckney Elementary School choir performs a medley of holiday tunes during the Christmas Tree, Manger and Menorah Lighting Ceremony Dec. 1 at Post Headquarters.

*Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN*



Above, members of the 282nd Army Band were joined by high school students and retirees during the holiday concert. Left, Keonne Gladden, 6, tells Santa Claus that he wants a Wii game system and a television for Christmas. Santa made a surprise visit to Fort Jackson during the tree lighting.

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# Victory Travel outperforms online booking services

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**  
*Family and Morale,  
 Welfare and Recreation*

Although sites like Expedia, Hotwire, Orbitz, Travelocity and Priceline can help you locate "cheap flights," what are you really getting?

In a "Consumer Travel" article, nationally syndicated columnist Ed Perkins writes: "Get over the idea of great online deals that somehow travel agents can't get: travel agents can get anything you can get for yourself. But they also have sources that the typical consumer doesn't: deals limited to computer reservation systems that the public doesn't access, cruise and tour deals distributed directly by agencies or through their consortia and (often) the best consolidator of airfares."

Victory Travel has access to such systems and has consistently been able to meet and often beat the prices of online booking sites.

"Ticket prices are based on the availability of flights at the time of booking," said Brenda Davis, travel consultant, Victory Travel. "As a particular flight gets full and (fewer) seats are available, the price

tends to go up. Often in late or last minute booking, the military discount can be a big savings."

Military discounts cannot be applied online.

Another way a travel agent can help is with his or her knowledge of cities and their associated airports. "A travel agent knows where to send you — which city and airport is the right

one," Davis said. "We can also look at other cities that are close to your destination and save you money, such as flying out of Charlotte instead of Columbia."

Travelers also need to be aware that cities can have the same names. For example, if you want to fly to Portland, Ore., and don't know the airport code, you could end up in Portland, Maine.

The majority of tickets are non-refundable and nontransferable, but tickets can be changed with penalties, restrictions and the cost difference between the old ticket and a new ticket.

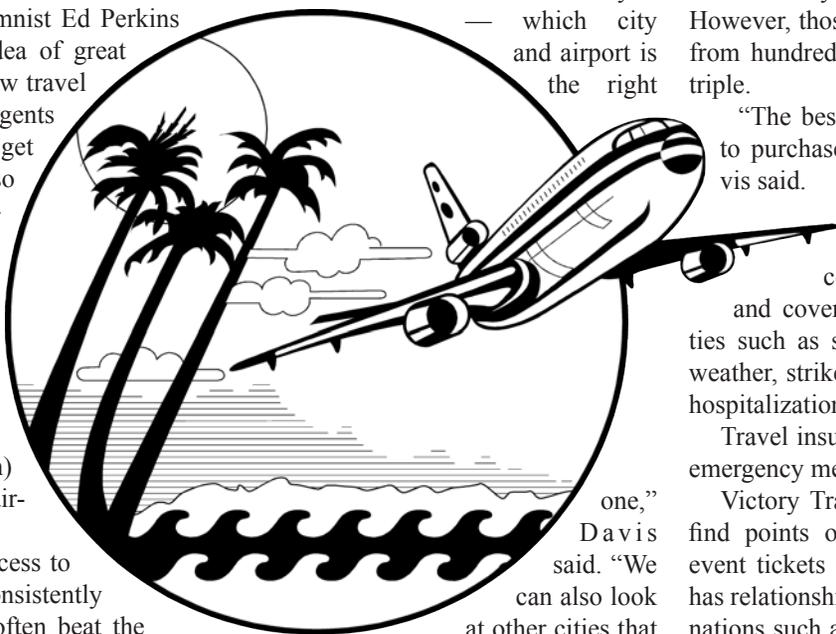
A refundable ticket is one that you can cancel at any time and get a full refund. However, those tickets can cost anywhere from hundreds of dollars more to nearly triple.

"The best way to protect yourself is to purchase traveler's insurance," Davis said. Plans start as low as \$17. There are several companies to choose from and cover all sorts of travel calamities such as sickness, accident or death, weather, strike, quarantine, jury duty, and hospitalization of the destination host.

Travel insurance can cover trip delays, emergency medical expenses, and more.

Victory Travel can also help travelers find points of interest, hotels, discount event tickets and more. The agency also has relationships with many popular destinations such as Disney amusement parks, Universal Studios and other vacation spots in Virginia, Tennessee and Florida, and more.

"We're here to help," said Don Jackson, Victory Travel manager. "We always look for the best price."



## 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.
- ❑ 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 Hickory Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get your favorite breakfast or lunch dishes at a new lower price.
- ❑ **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 **Officers' Club** specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.




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# Allow God to turn embers to ashes

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MICHAEL FOX**  
3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

It's fill day at the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment and the buses arrive filled with young hopefuls who believe they have what it takes to become a Soldier.

As I watch these Soldiers-in-training, or SITs, get off the bus with all their baggage in hand, I soon realize that they brought other baggage with them as well. With them, they carry the invisible baggage of insecurities and personal hardships.

For some, Basic Combat Training was a way out of a bad situation. For others, it was a desire to belong to something, maybe for the first time. Whatever it is, these SITs are looking for or running from something. In truth, BCT for these individuals was like going from a furnace to a fire.

Soon the realization hits that life's baggage does not fade away once the drill sergeant enters their lives, but rather it becomes a glowing ember in the midst of the fire.

Looking for relief, the SITs have little choice, except on Sundays. On Sundays, they have a chance to step out of BCT and enter a place of peace and comfort; the church. For most, it is not that they are looking for something spiritual, but rather a chance to escape, even if it just for a few hours.

With little options in church but to listen, something miraculous happens. Maybe for the first time these SITs, with all their baggage, are confronted with the idea of hope, peace, love and forgiveness. For some, these are far-off concepts that were never entertained in their world because of the baggage they carry. However, during the next 10 weeks God begins to turn that glowing ember into a heap of ashes.

Zechariah 13:9 says, "... I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

Fire hurts, fire is painful, but it is in the fire that God heals and brings hope. These young SITs remind me every day of the wonders of God's love for us; that there is nothing too big for God.

I hear these Soldiers' stories of how God has now given them hope and purpose. They can finally let go of the baggage and it all began because they needed a relief from the fire. God works in mysterious ways. God uses what may look as pain and despair to bring about hope and peace.

Don't allow the fire you're going through to burn you, but rather have it point you toward God's true nature for us, and that is a life of hope, peace, love and forgiveness. Allow God to give you relief from the fire and turn your embers to ashes.



**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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# Tips explain safe deposit box access

From the Legal Assistance Office

One question that commonly arises when a person dies is how to obtain access to the decedent's safe deposit box, which is not jointly owned between the decedent and the person seeking access.

In South Carolina, financial institutions are legally required to follow certain procedures to protect the property of the deceased.

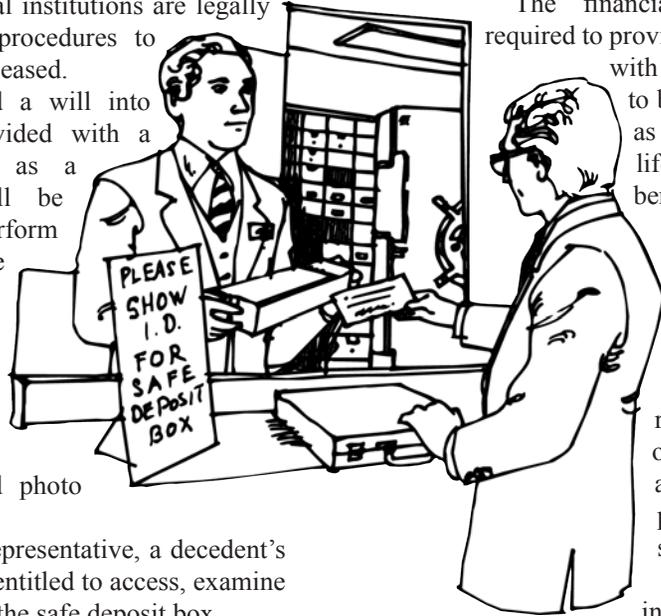
Anyone who has entered a will into probate and has been provided with a certificate of appointment as a personal representative will be permitted to access and perform an initial examination of the decedent's safe deposit box in order to create an inventory. The financial institution will require that the personal representative provide it with the certificate of appointment from the probate court and photo identification.

Even if not the personal representative, a decedent's immediate family member is entitled to access, examine and inventory the contents of the safe deposit box.

of an officer of the financial institution and another employee.

Provided the examining person is named as the decedent's personal representative the financial institution must upon request provide him or her with the original will.

The financial institution is also required to provide the examining person with any writing purporting to be a deed to a burial plot as well as the decedent's life insurance policies to its beneficiaries.



## CLOSING THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

Financial institutions will generally only permit a personal representative who has obtained a certificate of appointment from the probate court to close the safe deposit box.

After generating the inventory in the presence of at least one bank officer,

the personal representative and bank officer must sign it in the presence of the notary (who will also sign it).

This inventory is then sent to the South Carolina Tax Commission with a request for a tax waiver.

To close the box and remove its contents, the personal representative must either receive the tax waiver or wait until 10 days have passed — with no objections — following the tax commission's notification. In the circumstances discussed above, however, the original will, deeds to burial plots and life insurance policies, may be removed prior to the receipt of the waiver or waiting period.

Since bank procedures in this respect may vary, those seeking to access and/or close a decedent's safe deposit box should contact their financial institutions for guidance. Storing important legal documents, such as a will, in a fireproof safe or lockbox at home should also be considered.

## CREATING AN INVENTORY

This initial examination will take place in the presence

## FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

### Lt. Col. 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 charged with shoplifting in connection with the theft of a piece of jewelry from the Main Exchange, Military Police said. The civilian was issued a bar letter and was released to his

sponsor. The value of the item was \$8, MPs said.

□ A civilian was escorted off the installation and charged with his fifth offense for the same violation, MPs said. The civilian was attempting to enter the installation without a driver's license, which was suspended for failure to pay traffic tickets, MPs said.

The civilian was charged as a habitual offender for driving with a suspended license, MPs said.

□ MPs are investigating an assault at the Commissary during which two civilians were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical, MPs said. One of the civilians fled the scene before MPs arrived, MPs said.



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## Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to service members, retirees and eligible family members.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is closed on federal and training holidays. The office is located at 2600 Lee Road.

## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the Jan. 19 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 5.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the Jan. 19 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 12.

Send your submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com).

For more information, call 751-7045.



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# Army, Navy game on tap this Saturday

By **ROB McILVAINE**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Black Knights and the Navy Midshipmen, one of the fiercest rivalries in all of college sports, will rumble on to FedEx Field Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

This is the first time they will play in the Washington area, making it the 16th venue to host the event.

“While we will be the fiercest of rivals on Saturday, it’s a great rivalry because ultimately it’s founded on respect. We respect one another at the institutional level and the individual level,” said U.S. Military Academy Head Coach Rich Ellerson.

“The reason we play football at these academies is because of the journey. It’s a valued experience for our graduates. They take those lessons out into the field and they make them work for our country, completely different than anywhere else in the world and some of the things we had to overcome, some of the things we had to deal with, we did and you can see it on Saturdays, though you don’t necessarily see it on the scoreboard.

“But we watched these guys compete all year, they didn’t let the scoreboard talk them out of it. We fought, we stayed together, and we’re better. You’ll see two better football teams play next Saturday than you’ve seen all year, and that’s something to look forward to,” Ellerson said.

Although this is the 112th time the two service academies will meet, Navy has won the last nine meetings, the longest winning streak by either team in series history.



*Courtesy photo*

**The Army and Navy football teams will meet for the 112th time Saturday. The game will take place at Washington’s FedEx Field for the first time. Army will try to snap Navy’s nine-game winning streak.**

Currently, Navy leads the all-time series with a record of 55 wins, 49 losses, and seven ties.

But Army has something to charge in on their horses about, too.

The Black Knights enter the season’s final game with

a chance to win their first rushing title since 1998. Army is averaging 350.91 yards per game. If they can maintain that average, it would be the best rushing average by any team since Nebraska led the nation with 392.6 yards per game during the 1997 season.

## Morning run



*Photo by STAFF SGT. NICHOLAS SALCIDO, Third Army/ARCENT*

**The Third Army guidon flies against the early morning sky as Soldiers, led by Lt. Col. David Cannon, Special Troops Battalion commander, conduct a battalion run around Shaw Air Force Base.**

## Sports shorts

### BASKETBALL LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent for winter basketball are due to the Sports Office by 4 p.m., Tuesday. The league is for active-duty personnel only. For more information, call 751-3096.

### SKIES OFFERS TUMBLING CLASS

SKIESUnlimited is offering tumbling and cheerleading classes for children 4 through 18. Girls will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading to include: motion technique, jump technique, voice projections, counting music, showmanship, cheers, dances, tumbling and stunts. Classes, which are taught by Tumble Tree faculty, are divided into age-appropriate groups and taught based on ability. Children can be transported to and from Fort Jackson schools and dropped off at any Child, Youth and School Services facility once class is finished. Transportation forms are available at [www.fortjacksonmwr.com/skies](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/skies).

The cost is \$40 per month. Tumbling class is 5-6 p.m., Thursdays and cheerleading is 6-7 p.m., Thursdays. Enrollment is open. Call 751-4865 for registration. Call 751-6777 for additional class information.

*For more information about intramural sports, contact the Sports Office at 751-3096.*

# Sports season wraps up with banquet

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
Fort Jackson Leader

One day after falling short of an undefeated flag football season by losing in the championship game, the Soldier-athletes of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) had reason to celebrate.

During the ninth annual sports banquet Tuesday at the Solomon Center, the battalion was awarded the 2011 Commander's Cup for racking up the most points during the sports season, which comprised a variety of events, such as basketball, golf, softball, swimming, bowling, darts and flag football.

Lt. Col. Michael McTigue, commander of the 120th, said he is proud that his Soldiers are being recognized for the effort they put forth all season, especially given the high demands of the battalion's mission.

"Although the operational tempo is high, we ensure, with the multitude of missions that we have, that the commanders and first sergeants try to give those Soldiers the opportunity to go out and participate in these sports, because we truly feel it brings the unit together," McTigue said.

He said that as a commander, his highlight of the season was not a victory, but a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the MEDDAC flag football team Monday.

"I was really proud of the flag football team last night," McTigue said. "They were undefeated going into the finals. And even though we lost, 7-6, those guys left everything on that field. They played professionally. They didn't lose their tempers. They were good sports. And this is really what this is all about."

Maj. Gen. James Milano, who presented awards at the banquet, said he believes

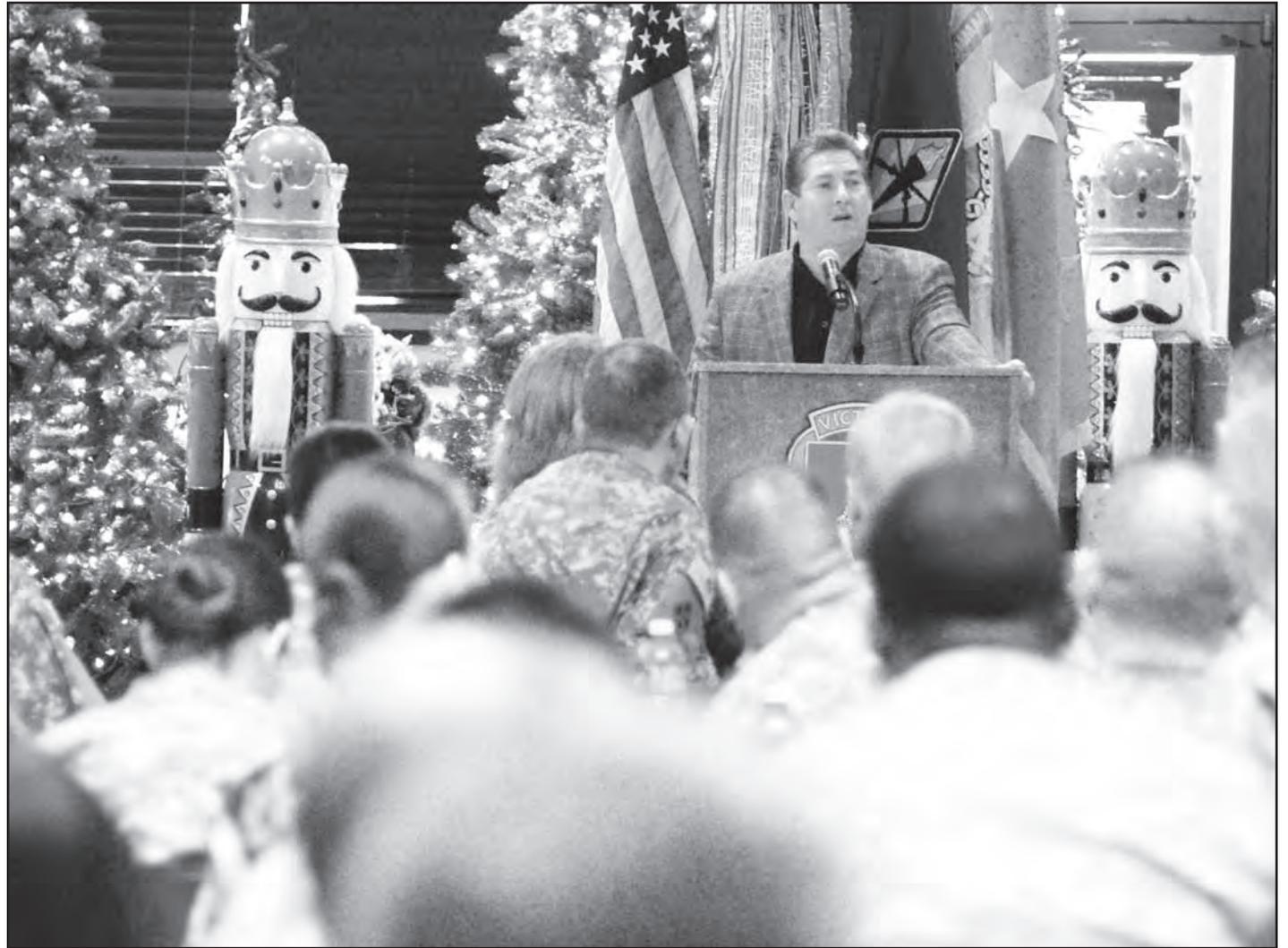


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**Ray Tanner, head coach of the University of South Carolina baseball team, addresses the crowd during Tuesday's ninth annual Sports Banquet at the Solomon Center. Teams and individuals were honored at the event.**

that physical activity is an important part of a balanced lifestyle.

"Physically, the benefits of an active life are obvious," he said. "I think, mentally, activity is good in terms of self esteem and morale. And I think competition is good because it raises everyone's game."

This year's guest speaker was Ray Tanner, head coach of the University of South Carolina baseball team, winners of the 2010 and 2011 College World Series.

Tanner spoke about his team's road to winning consecutive national championships and described his players' selfless

attitude as key to those victories. He also took the opportunity to express his gratitude for those serving in the military.

"I grew up in the greatest country in the world. And I realize that," Tanner said. "Because of my baseball involvement I've had the fortune of going to some other countries, to Third World countries. And there is no question: Despite a lot of issues we may have, ... we do live in the greatest country in the world. And I thank you. I thank you for your commitment and your sacrifice and what you do to make this country what it is today."

About 1,500 Soldiers and 500 civilians made up the more than 120 teams that participated in sports on Fort Jackson this year. Cindi Keene, the installation's intramural sports coordinator, described the 2011 season as awesome.

Keene said she hopes for a similarly successful 2012 season, which will start with active-duty winter basketball in January and will introduce beach volleyball as a new sport for active-duty and recreational teams.

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## 2011 SPORTS BANQUET AWARDS

### Commander's Cup

Winner: 120th  
Runner up: 4-10th  
Third place: 1-61st

### Basketball

Champions: SSI/TSB  
Runner up: 2-39th  
Player: James Baker, 1-61st

### Softball

Champions: 4-10th (undefeated season)  
Runner up: 1-61st  
Player: Eric Jordan, 1-61st

Player: Tim Sorum, Task Force Marshall

### Darts

Champions: 187th

### Golf (summer and fall leagues, active duty)

Champions: 120th  
Runner up: 3-34th

### Flag football

Champions: MEDDAC  
Runner up: 120th  
Player: Thomas Davis, 187th  
Coach: Willie Parker, 1-61st



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