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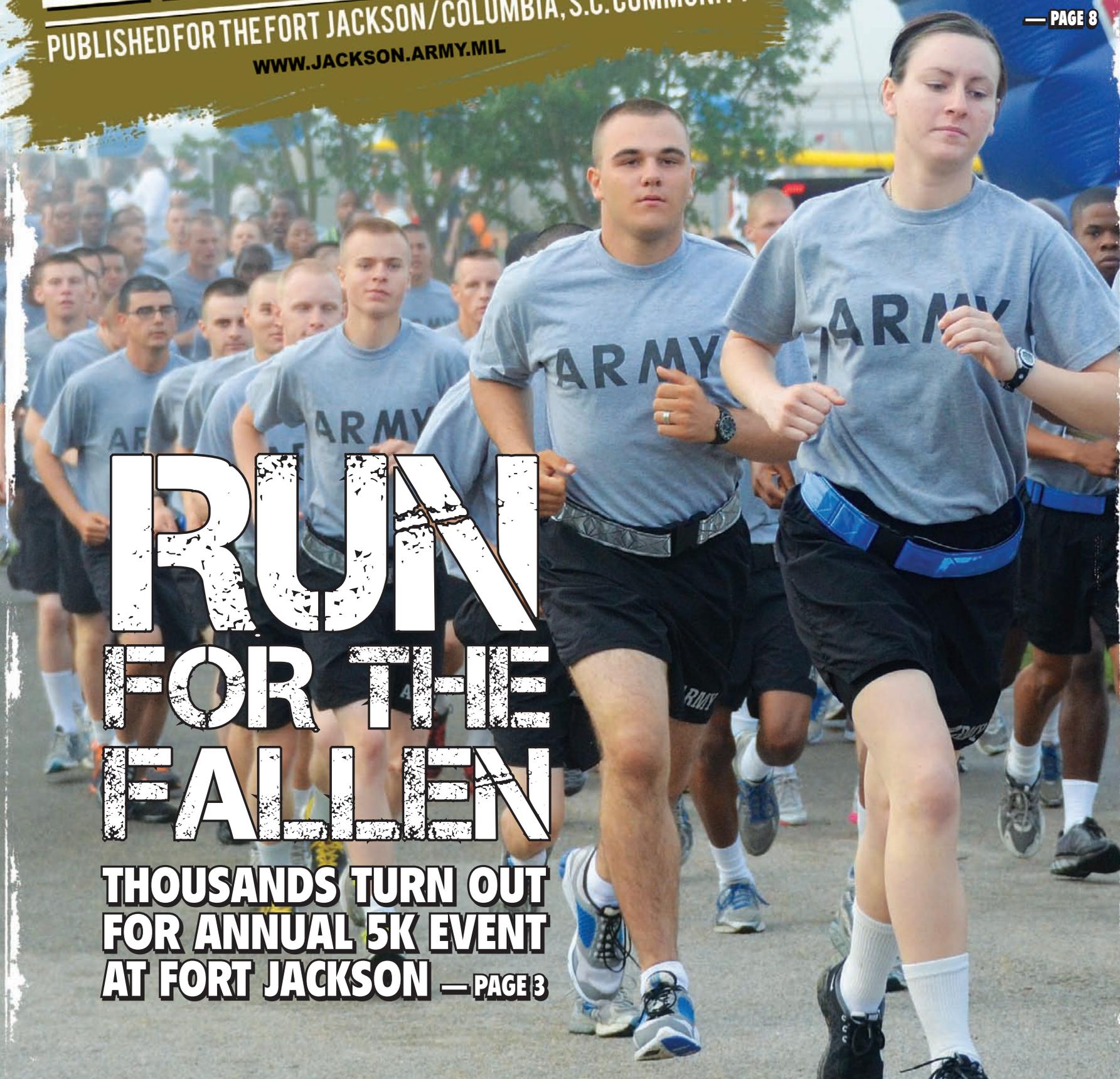
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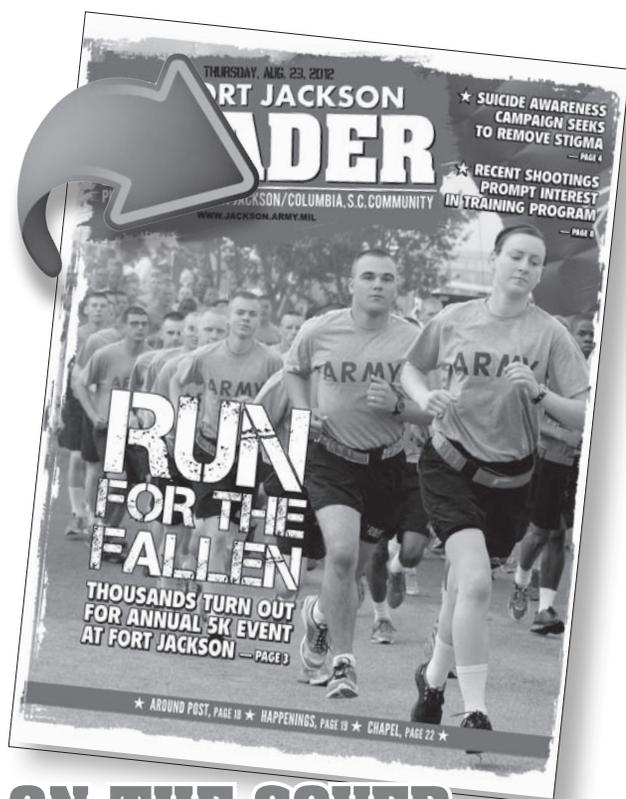
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Day commemorates women's achievements

Women's Equality Day reason to celebrate, take responsibility for continued progress

Last week, we had the opportunity to celebrate women's equality during a great event here on post — my thanks to the DENTAC team for organizing the program. This provided a good opportunity to pause and reflect on the accomplishments of women in our society and our Army.

Women's Equality Day, celebrated Aug. 26 each year, was established in 1971 to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women across the United States the right to vote.

Having grown up in a time in which women have always had that right may make it easy for us to forget what a long, hard battle it was to get there.

More than 70 years went by between the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., and the passing of the amendment in 1920. Change did not come quickly — women protested, wrote editorials and found a number of ways to make their voices heard.

"It would be ridiculous to talk of male and female atmospheres, male and female springs or rains, male and female sunshine ... how much more ridiculous is it in relation to mind, to soul, to thought, where there is as undeniably no such thing as sex, to talk of male and female education and of male and female schools."

These words, written by 19th century suffragettes Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, still ring true today, especially for those of us serving in the Army. As Soldiers, we rely on our battle buddies day in and day out, regardless of their sex, race, religion, etc. No matter our differences, what unites us in this uniform are the values we share, the creed we live by and the oath we take.

However, the Army, like the rest of the

nation, went through a long development of including women in its ranks. Today, women are no longer assigned to a Women's Army Corps, and more occupational specialties than ever are open to women.

Let us not forget, though, that women have always fought for this country — from Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley, better known as "Molly Pitcher," who replaced her stricken husband behind a cannon during the American Revolutionary War, to Gen. Ann Dunwoody, the

Army's first female four-star general, who retired just last week after 38 years of distinguished service.

I am proud to say that Fort Jackson has been at the forefront of fully integrating women into the Army. After a pilot test was successfully conducted here, women have been training alongside men in Basic Combat Training

since 1978. To this day, Fort Jackson trains 55 percent of women who enter the Army each year.

As we reflect on the milestones women have achieved in their quest for equality, let's remember that creating an environment that fosters equality is a responsibility that falls on all of us every day, not just Aug. 26.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here! Victory 6

By **BRIG. GEN. BRYAN T. ROBERTS**

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



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Run for the Fallen draws thousands

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Almost 3,000 service members and community members laced their running shoes and donned bibs in honor of fallen service members during the second annual Fort Jackson Run for the Fallen, Saturday at Hilton Field.

Survivor Outreach Services hosted the event in honor of the 291 South Carolinian service members who have fallen since Sept. 11, 2001 in the Global War on Terrorism. Soldiers from the Soldier Support Institute each wore a bib with the name of one of the fallen South Carolinian service members.

"The reason why this is an important event is because you cannot forget about those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom," said Leslie Smith, ACS Survivor Outreach Services coordinator. "We do this because we really care about our families and our fallen Soldiers. That's what we want them to know, and this is our way of expressing it to them."

Smith said eight families of fallen service members participated in the run.

Other participants included 200 drill sergeant candidates from the Drill Sergeant School, 600 additional runners from the Soldier Support Institute and runners from units across the post. Runners could choose to write names of fallen service members on their bibs to honor fallen comrades.

Smith said she was excited about the large number of participants. About 1,000 people took part in last year's inaugural run.

"The first year, people really didn't know — they didn't know what we were trying to accomplish. They went back and heard about it from others and said, 'Hey, we want to be a part of this,'" Smith said.

She said for months she had heard from units and individual runners who wanted to sign up for the run.

Many of the Soldiers participating in the event have served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Many decided to run in honor of a Soldier with whom they served.

Sgt. 1st Class Joel Quebec, 81st Regional Support Command, ran in honor of a close friend, Sgt. Myla Maravillosa, an Army Reservist who was assigned to Company C, 301st Military Intelligence Battalion, at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Maravillosa, a native of the Philippines, was called to active duty as an imagery analyst, with the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion and died in Iraq when her Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Al Hawijah, Dec. 24, 2005.

"Her positive attitude (and) friendliness made her stand out among her peers," Quebec said. "She was all about the service to her adopted country and fellow human beings. She was a woman of faith as opposed to just being a religious person.

"By all accounts, Myla was a very positive and friendly person defining the Army value of selfless service. She had left 20 percent of her (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance) to her church and at one time had considered becoming a nun. She was the second woman to die in Iraq and the first Filipina-American — even then-governor of Hawaii, Linda Lingle, went to her Hawaii-based services and met with her mother," Quebec said.

Quebec said he will continue to run to honor Maravillosa's service, regardless of where he will be stationed. He said any event conducted in honor and remembrance of others keeps their memories alive and reminds people of their sacrifice.

Col. Stephen Yackley, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer, told the runners the intent for the event is to raise awareness.

"We're not running today for prizes or trophies. We're not running to set records for the fastest time. We're running to honor all of our service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. We run today so they will not be forgotten," Yackley said.

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Photos by *SUSANNE KAPPLER*

More than 3,000 runners participate in Fort Jackson's second annual Run for the Fallen Saturday at Hilton Field.



Runners carrying the Run for the Fallen banner lead the field, followed by Soldiers in formation and individual runners. Many runners wore bibs bearing the name of a fallen service member. Among those remembered were the 291 service members from South Carolina who have died since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism.



No Soldier Stands Alone

Suicide awareness campaign seeks to remove stigma

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

According to figures released earlier this month by the Pentagon, 38 Soldiers took their lives in July, the highest numbers recorded in one month since the Army began tracking suicide rates.

These numbers include active and non-active duty Soldiers who serve in the Army National Guard or Reserve. To date, the Army has confirmed 120 suicides for both active and non-active duty Soldiers in 2012. An additional 67 other deaths are suspected to be suicides.

"The numbers are continuously going up, so we can't keep doing the same things," said Sandra Barnes, Employee Assistance Program coordinator with the Army Substance Abuse Program. "Our main goal is to go along with the Army's campaign of having a healthy force."

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and Fort Jackson has a series of events planned throughout the month to highlight the need for awareness of the growing problem. Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, has signed a proclamation recognizing Suicide Prevention

Month, urging the Soldiers, family members and civilians on Fort Jackson to work together to recognize the risk factors and warning signs of potential suicide.

"We want to remove the stigma so Soldiers know that if they talk about suicide, they won't have problems with their career," said Laly Rodriguez, manager of the Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention programs for Fort Jackson. "Our goal is to re-educate them and provide them with resources and services that we have on post and off post."

On Sept. 2, the first Sunday of the month, post chaplains are expected to speak to their congregations about suicide awareness during regular services, Rodriguez said. Suicide awareness banners will be placed at the post gates, and educational booths will be set up 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m., Sept. 4 and Sept. 7, at Moncrief Army Community Hospital and the Exchange.

Helen Pridgen, South Carolina area director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will also be speaking at the Fort Jackson Post Theater three times during September.

HOW TO IDENTIFY SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

This list includes some of the behaviors that could be signs of suicidal thoughts:

- Aggressive or passive behaviors
- Changes in eating and sleeping habits
- Fear of separation
- Changes in personality
- Sudden changes in mood
- Little interest in work or school
- Notes/grades deficient
- Inability to concentrate
- Loss or lack of friends
- Loss of an important person
- Loss of something important
- Obsession with death
- Give away beloved objects
- Make something like a will
- Low self-esteem
- Despair
- Hopelessness

If you recognize any of these behaviors in someone, or if you're feeling that way, get help, and if is necessary call 1-800 273-TALK, Moncrief Army Community Hospital :751-2160/2183, Chaplain's Crisis Line, 319-9613, Fort Jackson Mental Health 751-5911, Military OneSource, 800-342-9647, U.S. Army Wounded Soldier Hotline 800-984-8523.

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Participants needed for PTSD study

By **SHAWN YOUNGSTEDT**
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Researchers with the Dorn VA Hospital and the University of South Carolina are conducting a study of physical activity for veterans with combat-related post traumatic stress disorder. Following combat, PTSD is a common condition, which can involve stress, depression, anxiety, disturbed sleep and other symptoms.

The study is supported by the VA and a research grant from the Department of Defense. The VA and DoD are interested in developing non-drug treatments for PTSD.

The aim of the study is to examine whether physical activity is helpful for PTSD. Researchers are recruiting 40 veterans, who are either on active duty or are warriors in transition. Participants must be between 18 and 65 years old and experiencing symptoms of combat stress. Participants can receive other treatments while in the study.

Physical activity can have many mental health benefits, but it is not known whether exercise is helpful for PTSD. However, it is likely that exercise would be help-

ful for preventing or reversing other health problems that are common among combat veterans, including heart disease and diabetes. Many people with PTSD are not very active physically, but the researchers think that military personnel might be more willing and able to participate in a physical activity study than civilians.

The study takes a lot of time, and participants need to live within about 30 miles of downtown Columbia. Participants have to go through a number of steps to make sure the experiment would be safe and appropriate for them. These steps include completing several questionnaires, a physical exam, an ultra-sound examination of the heart, and an interview with a psychologist at the Dorn VA Hospital.

Applicants who are accepted to participate will be scheduled for the nine-week study. During the first week, participants follow their usual routines. After the first week, participants are assigned to one of two groups. Participants are assigned to the groups by chance. One group will do aerobic exercises and strength exercises on three days per week for the next eight weeks. Another group will do stretching exercises on three days per week for

the next eight weeks. These exercises will be performed at the Public Health Research Center of USC at 921 Assembly St. Personnel trained in exercise and safety will monitor participants as they exercise and provide instructions about the protocols.

The participants will be assessed in many different ways. Before and after the study, a psychologist will interview participants; participants will undergo memory tests; they will be tested on a treadmill; and they will have blood drawn. Throughout the study, participants will complete many questionnaires to provide self-assessments of how they are doing.

For the duration of the study, participants will wear wrist monitors around the clock that provide the researchers information about the participants' sleep. In addition, brain scans (MRI) will be performed before and after the study, though these scans will not be performed if a participant is nervous about being in closed spaces.

Participants will receive \$500 for completing the study as a compensation for their time and commitment.

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CASCOM commander visits

Maj. Gen. Larry Wyche, center, commanding general of the Combined Arms Support Command visits the NCO Academy during a visit to Fort Jackson Wednesday. During the two-day visit, Wyche visited various schools and units of the Soldier Support Institute as well as the 187th Ordnance Battalion. Also pictured is NCO Academy Command Sgt. Maj. Carrie Glover, left.

Below, Fort Jackson Soldiers take part in a 2010 active shooter training exercise that involved multiple casualties. The garrison antiterrorism officer can provide Fort Jackson organizations training and standard operating procedure templates for individual facilities.



‘NOTHING IS SACRED’

Shootings prompt interest in safety program

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

On July 20, a man walked into a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., dressed in police riot gear, armed to the teeth and ready for violence. In a room full of Batman fans dressed in costume for the movie’s premiere, the accused shooter, James Holmes, was just another masked face in the crowd until he opened fire, killing 12 people and wounding dozens of others.

It was the first time the world ever heard of James Holmes, and the question on everyone’s mind was “How could this tragedy have been avoided?”

“We’re concerned about the rise in active shooter incidents,” said Mark Mallach, Fort Jackson installation antiterrorism officer, “as well as folks getting concealed weapons permits. Even though we educate them, they sometimes try to bring (weapons) on post.”

The incident in Aurora prompted several requests for active shooter training on Fort Jackson, he said. The garrison antiterrorism officer can assist organizations on post

conduct training, provide standard operating procedure templates and provide an assessment tailored to individual facilities.

“It’s like a fire drill,” Mallach said. “We focus on ‘sheltering in place,’ finding your safe rooms, having a plan and being ready. You never know when an active shooter will strike. Nothing is sacred — churches, malls, temples, movie theaters, the street, hair salons, you name it.”

The average active shooter incident lasts between four and seven minutes, he said.

“It sounds like a short amount of time, but it’s a long time when you’re trying to dodge bullets,” he said. “An active shooter usually goes into an area where he knows nobody is armed. The old term used to be ‘school shooter,’ but it happens everywhere now.”

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month, which has also prompted interest in active

shooter training, he said.

Even though recent active shooter incidents in the United States have not been classified strictly as “terrorism,” the principles remain the same.

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— **Mark Mallach,**
Fort Jackson
installation antiterrorism officer

KNOW YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Tips to keep in mind during Antiterrorism Month:

- 1: Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings at all times. Pay particular attention to activity happening around you in order to identify anything unusual. If necessary, leave the area and report suspicious activity or behavior to local authorities.
- 2: Protect your personal information at all times. Do not reveal details of your personal life (such as where you live, work, family members, your association with the military, email address or phone numbers) to anyone you don’t know and trust.
- 3: Do not discuss personal information or military missions in public, on the telephone or on the internet.
- 4: Know the emergency evacuation procedures for the place where you work. Know the bomb threat procedures and how to report threats to local law enforcement or security authorities. Understand what to do in an “active shooter” threat scenario.
- 5: Be prepared for an emergency that may require your family to “shelter-in place” or relocate on short notice. Make a family emergency plan and ensure family members understand what to do in each of these scenarios.

Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement. Dial 911 if necessary or the Army’s 1-800-CALLSPY (1- 800-225-5779).

Shooter

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“The timing of the month in itself is certainly not by accident. We’re recognizing that we are coming into the 10th anniversary since 9/11,” said Col. Mark S. Inch, the Army’s deputy provost marshal general. “Last year was the first year that we designated August as the Antiterrorism Awareness Month, and we found it very beneficial for having done so.”

“If you see something, say something,” Mallach said. “It goes hand-in-hand with the Army’s iWatch program.”

The iWatch program encourages Armywide community awareness and outreach efforts in regards to potential terrorist activities. Billed as the 21st century Neighborhood Watch, iWatch is a community terror-watch program that uses Soldiers, their families and civilians as the garrison’s “eyes and ears” to report any suspicious activity to base authorities.

Reports are then passed on to the FBI’s eGuardian system, which connects law-enforcement agencies and intelligence organizations at all levels of government across the U.S.

“We don’t want to make people paranoid, but our focus is creating a safer environment, especially on our installation,” Mallach said. “We need to be able to defend ourselves. There aren’t any sheepdogs nearby and the wolves are coming.”

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ACTIVE SHOOTER SURVIVAL TRAINING AVAILABLE

In the aftermath of the mass shootings in Colorado and Wisconsin, renewed attention is being given to active shooter survival plans. The garrison antiterrorism officer can assist organizations with conducting training, provide standard operating procedure templates and provide an assessment tailored to individual facilities. The ATO can also help in planning and conducting active shooter drills. For more information or to coordinate training, call 751-2132/6268.



Courtesy photos

Above, military police collect ‘evidence’ following an active shooter training scenario on Fort Jackson. Left, a ‘victim’ is carried away from the crime scene following the same training session.

Suicide

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Pridgen is also a suicide survivor. Her son, Clay, killed himself in 2000 at the age of 25.

“My loss fueled my desire to try to prevent this happening to other families,” Pridgen said. “It’s a way of honoring his memory and his 25 years of life. It’s a way to use my love for him in a constructive, positive way. I

believe that suicide is preventable, and that depression and mental illness is treatable. We can all work together and have a role in prevention.”

Pridgen will be speaking Sept. 10, 18 and 25 at the theater. The Fort Jackson installation chaplain, Col. Robert Warden, will also be speaking at these events, Rodriguez said.

Pridgen said she will be discussing the warning signs of suicide, and will be inviting other survivors to speak about their experiences.

“There will be an emphasis on the response,” she said. “Forty percent of people who die by suicide communi-

cate their intention to a co-worker. How are you going to respond? And, if you experience a suicide, what do you know about the resources available to you?”

“We want to make sure everybody is aware, not just our military personnel, but our civilians and retirees, as well,” Barnes said. “We want everyone to know the signs and symptoms so that they can be aware of things that might be going on in their homes. It takes a community to do that. Here on Fort Jackson, we want everybody to know we’re a community, and we’re going to work together to erase the stigma that’s associated with suicide.”

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News and Notes

369TH GREETES NEW COMMANDER



JONES

Lt. Col. David Jones assumed command of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion in a ceremony Tuesday at Darby Field. Jones previously served plans and operations officer with the Manpower, Personnel and Administration office at European Command in Vaihingen, Germany. He took over for Lt. Col. Edward Allen, who will stay on Fort Jackson as the director of training for the Adjutant General School.

SECURITY OFFICE TO CLOSE SEPT. 5

The Installation Security Office will be closed Sept. 5 to move to its new location at 4204 Sumter St. The office will reopen for normal hours Sept. 6.

GATE 1 EXTENDS HOURS

Gate 1 is now open from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., daily. The new hours will remain in effect until Gate 2 reopens. Gate 2 renovations are scheduled to be completed in September.

JACKSON JUBILEE ON TAP

On- and off-post organizations, local vendors, restaurants and museums will present their services at the Jackson Jubilee information and entertainment fair from 3 to 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Solomon Center.

AAFES SURVEY UNDER WAY

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will conduct its annual customer satisfaction index survey through Saturday. Customers can participate at the Fort Jackson Exchange.

CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

□ **Aug. 30 — Recruiting and Retention School:** Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Punihaole; time and location to be determined.

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Reuse Center celebrates customers

From the Fort Jackson Reuse Center

Did you know the materials donated to the Fort Jackson Reuse Center not only reduce waste and improve the environment, but also save customers tens of thousands of dollars every year?

To celebrate those customers who donate to and requisition from the facility, as well as teaching others more about what it has to offer, the Reuse Center will be hosting its first Customer Appreciation Day Aug. 31. The event is scheduled throughout the center's regular operating hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

"Fort Jackson is one of the few installations that manages to place its used materials back to good use through the services of a facility such as ours," says Deborah Miller, manager of the Reuse Center. "We want to show our appreciation for all of those people in the Fort Jackson community who have become customers of the Reuse Center, as well as encourage others to come out and learn more about what we do."

The main purpose of the facility is to provide a place for people to take excess or unwanted materials that are still usable instead

of throwing them in the trash. The center then stocks the items in a store-like environment so customers in need of materials can easily browse what's available and pick up needed items for free.

Military personnel, family members, contractors and Department of Defense civilians are authorized to use the facility as long as the items are used on Fort Jackson.

Paint is the most common product the center receives and reissues. Other items accepted include paint-related materials; adhesives; cleaners; printer cartridges; building supplies such as joint compound, sealant and adhesive; automotive materials; common cleaning supplies such as glass cleaner, furniture polish and floor wax; arts and craft supplies; and office supplies such as binders, folders, pencils and paper.

Fort Jackson personnel are required to review center inventories before procuring materials with a government credit card.

The Reuse Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about the Aug. 31 Customer Appreciation Day or any questions about the Reuse Center, call Deborah Miller at 751-5121 or email deborah.k.miller.ctr@mail.mil.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Leadership conference

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, provides an overview of the command's training mission to attendees Monday at the Senior Leader Conference. Fort Jackson's senior leaders gathered for the day at the Joe E. Mann Center to discuss command goals and expectations in coming years.

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Dempsey: Transition in military necessary

By **CLAUDETTE ROULO**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said the military must undergo three transitions in the coming years, with each dependent on finding the best way forward in lean economic times.

During a town hall Aug. 16 in Rosemount, Minn., Gen. Martin Dempsey told Minnesota National Guardsmen determining the best way to transform the military isn't just about what's best for the armed forces, but "really about figuring out what's best for the country" in the years ahead.

"What does the nation need in 2020?" Dempsey asked. "How do we build that capability? ... How do we deliver in a way that's affordable for the nation?"

"We're all citizens first," he said. "Therefore, I think we've got to figure out how to help the country through that economic challenge while preserving the military that it needs."

Dempsey highlighted his three transitions. First, he said, is to move from a military that is generally focused on deploying for combat into one that can perform missions besides counterinsurgency.

Service members of his generation were criticized as being "stuck in (a) Cold War mentality," Dempsey said.

"It was a challenge, I will admit to you," he said, "for us to change the way we looked at problems from that Cold War paradigm into the counterinsurgency paradigm."

"I would submit to you that those of you that have done nothing but (counterinsurgency) are going to have exactly the same challenge going back to looking at other kinds of warfare," he said.

But that's exactly what service members must do, Dempsey said. "Not because we think it's on ... the horizon, but it could be someday and you can't wait until it's there to get ready for it."

The second transition is economic, he said, and involves managing a shift from the "largely unconstrained budgets of the last 10 years — 'if you needed it you got it' — to something that is going to be more constrained."

That might make service members uncomfortable, the chairman said, but the military has an obligation to become more affordable to the country. "Why? Because national power ... is actually the aggregate of three things, not just the military," Dempsey said. "It is the military, but it's also economic well-being and it's also diplomatic influence."

The last transition is the drawdown of military members. Over the next five to six years, the Army and Marines will reduce their forces by about 120,000 people, he continued.

"We owe it to those young men and women who have served so honorably and so well to make sure we take care of them," Dempsey said.

"In all of that we've got to keep faith with our military family," he said, adding that family includes veterans, wounded warriors and the parents and spouses of service members killed in action.

One way to keep faith as the Defense Department draws down is to guarantee that resources continue to be dedicated to family support programs, Dempsey said.

"The challenge of course, is we've got 1,000 flowers blooming out there," he said. "We've got to make sure that we can identify the ones that are most important and ensure we continue to resource those."

"The second way we keep faith is by pay, compensation, health care and retirement," the chairman added.

Finally, he said, keeping faith with the military family means providing the toughest training possible. "I'm not keeping faith with you if I resource all that other stuff and I don't train you," he explained, "because then I send you off to war and you're not ready for it."

"Change is always uncomfortable," Dempsey said, "but often if we're agile enough, the change can actually make things better for us and improve relationships, not disrupt them."

Vietnam vets visit 1-61st

Vietnam veterans visiting the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment listen as Staff Sgt. Erron Alor gives an after-action report to Soldiers at the Medical Situation Training Facility Monday. The veterans, who attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, visited various training sites and had lunch at the 1-61st dining facility.

Photo by **ANDREW McINTYRE**



S.C. Soldiers stay sharp while deployed

By SGT. 1ST CLASS
RAYMOND DRUMSTA
Army National Guard

CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT — Like the flag and standard bearers of old, the 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment Soldiers with the progress poles — a piece of bright or reflective material atop a short staff — let their fellow troops know exactly where they were during platoon live-fire exercises at the Udairi Range in late July and early August.

But progress and upholding Army training standards are just some of the things these South Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers have been doing since deploying to Kuwait in April. The live-fire exercises, which involved clearing buildings and assaulting a trench system, were both a refresher and a step forward for his troops, said Capt. Brian Pinson, commander, Company A, 4-118th.

“We’re increasing our proficiencies and increasing our skill sets,” said Pinson, who is from Greenwood. While assuming security-force and camp operations in northern Kuwait, battalion troops have kept up the pace of training with various exercises, including embassy-defense scenarios in May and other live-fire exercises.

Though they had conducted similar live-fire exercises at the National Training Center in California and Camp Shelby, Miss., prior to deploying, the Soldiers began a fresh cycle of live-fire exercises after arriving in Kuwait, with team live-fire exercises, then moving on to squad and platoon live-fire exercises.

Like the other training events, the platoon live-fire exercises tested the Soldiers’ ability to shoot and maneuver as a unit, the ability of teams and squads to cover each other with fire superiority and the ability of leaders — at all levels — to command and control the troops, Pinson said.

“Doing live-fire exercises builds confidence,” Pinson said, adding that though his troops are skilled at clearing buildings and fire and maneuver, clearing a trench system is relatively new for most of them. An assault on a trench system must be fast, violent and smooth, and the troops must “flow through there like water,” he explained.

“Clearing a trench is a whole different ballgame,” said 1st Lt. Robert Barnes, a Spartanburg native and 2nd platoon leader, Company A.

Company A troops went through the live-fire exercise, July 31. Spread out in two mutually supporting squads, the troops stepped out across the soft desert sand, and then began trotting toward the buildings they were



Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS RAYMOND DRUMSTA, *Army National Guard*

Spc. James Foster, left, Spc. Josiah Johnson, center, and Spc. Jerry Stewart, right, line up in the stack formation while clearing a building as part of a platoon live-fire exercise at the Udairi Range Complex in northern Kuwait. Foster, a team leader, is from Salisbury, N.C.; Johnson is from Cross; and Stewart is from Woodruff.

tasked to clear.

At the building entrances the troops deftly fell into the “stack” — the distinctive file formation used to enter and move through structures and rooms. Once inside, the troops engaged targets and cleared all the rooms and spaces. The sharp, loud sounds of the controlled shooting contrasted with the voices of the troops, who coordinated with each other in measured, even tones as they snaked through the maze-like structures.

Maintaining their momentum, the troops moved on to the trench system, which was roughly 100 yards beyond the buildings. Though not large, the system was no simple ditch either. About shoulder-deep and reinforced with sandbags, the system also had bunkers and branched from one trench into two others at a “Y” intersection.

That intersection made clearing the system a challenge, said 1st Lt. Robert Hartman III, 1st Platoon leader, Company A, who is from Columbia.

“It takes coordination between two different squads,” Hartman said. “That was the most critical part, I think, in terms of safety and risk.”

Soldiers of Company A, 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment engage targets during a platoon live-fire exercise at the Udairi Range Complex in northern Kuwait. The Soldiers also cleared buildings and a trench system during the exercise. In addition to undertaking camp and security-force operations, the South Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers have kept up the pace of their training since deploying to Kuwait in April.



SCHOOL DAYS

Fort Jackson's youngest students begin a new year of classes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 16-29 Aug. 16-29: PreK Home Visits
- Aug. 23: Kindergarten Full Day Begins
- Aug. 30: PreK/PSCD Begins
- Sept. 3: Federal Holiday-No School for students and staff
- Sept. 19: Interim Progress Reports Grades K-6
- Oct. 5: No School - Professional Development
- Oct. 8: No School - Columbus Day Holiday/Federal Holiday
- Oct. 18: End of 1st Marking Period (43 days)



Pierce Terrace Elementary School Principal Brian Perry helps a student out of her car on the first day of classes last Thursday.



Cpl. Lionel Brown directs traffic outside Pierce Terrace Elementary as Nicole Wolfinger escorts son Devon, 7, to school.



Zachary Meyer, 5, is met by teacher's aide Carolyn Bleau outside Pierce Terrace Elementary School.



Fifth grade teacher Debbie Jernigan welcomes students to class on the first day of school at C.C. Pinckney



Macie Fitzgerald greets students at C.C. Pinckney as they line up outside of their classroom.

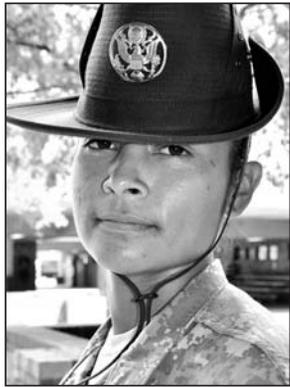
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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



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3rd Battalion,
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Pfc. Latoya Keys

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Louis Piccione

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Gabriel Wright



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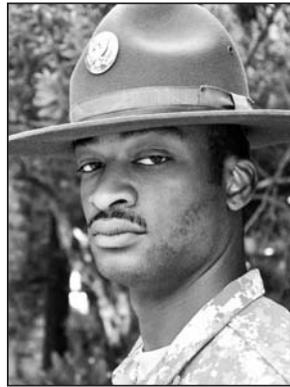
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Pfc. Justin Colston



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Pfc. Michael Conely



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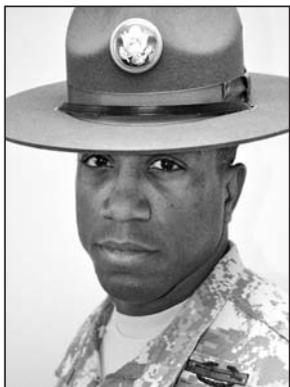
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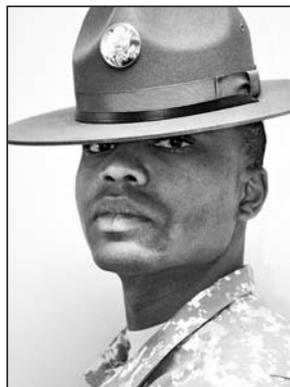
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Calendar

Friday

BOSS Talent Show
7 p.m., Solomon Center

Monday

Combined Federal Campaign kickoff
3 p.m., Officers' Club

Tuesday

Jackson Jubilee
3 to 7 p.m., Solomon Center

Saturday, Sept. 1

BOSS Chick-Fil-A kickoff game trip
1 p.m. to 3 a.m.
For more information, call 751-0891.

Friday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 8
Case lot and seafood sale
Fort Jackson Commissary

Wednesday, Sept. 12

ROWC luncheon
11:30 a.m., Officers' Club
RSVP required by Sept. 6. For more information and to RSVP, call 788-1094 or 783-1220.

Friday, Sept. 28

SELF Symposium
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Solomon Center
To register online, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/self.

Housing events

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

Throughout the summer

Free popsicle Fridays
Children can stop by the Community Center every Friday this summer for a free popsicle while supplies last.

Announcements

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

A nine-week English as a Second Language class is scheduled to begin Tuesday. Classes are 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays at the Main Post Library. For more information and to register, call 751-1124/5256 or email miranda.broadus@us.army.mil.

GATE 1 EXPRESS EXTENDS HOURS

The Gate 1 Express store has extended its hours to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through

Friday. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Registration for the Fort Jackson Girl Scouts is scheduled 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday at 5957B Parker Lane. Girls Kindergarten through 12th grade can join. Adults volunteers are needed. Training will be provided. For more information, call 736-5875.

CAROLINA PANTHERS 60 CAMP

Fort Jackson CYSS Youth Sports and Fitness Program is bringing the Carolina Panthers 60 Camp to Fort Jackson 3:30 to 5 p.m., Friday at the Youth Sports Park. The Play 60 Camp is a free skills clinic designed to bring the life-sized experience of an NFL training camp to local children. For more information, contact Darius Lane, youth sports director, at 751-7451/751-5040.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES

In order to allow for Soldiers crossing the street during physical training hours, the speed limit on a portion of Marion Avenue will change from 35 mph to 20 mph between Semmes Road and Early Street from 5:50 to 7 a.m.

FALL SPORTS SIGN-UP

Registration for fall sports takes place through Friday. The following events are scheduled:

- Tackle Football: Ages 7-12, \$65
- Flag Football: Ages 4-5 \$20, Ages 6-9, \$40
- Cheerleading: Ages 3-5, \$20; Ages 6-13, \$40
- Soccer: Ages 3-5, \$20; Ages 6-13, \$40
- Cross Country: Ages 7-14 \$40

For more information about Fall Sports call 751-5040/7451.

Children must be registered with CYSS before signing up for sports. Central Services is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Registration fees are waived as CYSS delivers on the Army Family Covenant.

Parents must bring a current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate for sports sign-up.

CAPITAL ONE REFUNDS

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has determined that Capital One marketed certain "add-ons" — fee-based services to credit card accounts — in a way that violated federal law. As a result, Capital One has agreed to automatically refund \$140 million to 2 million Capital One customers. Customers who are eligible for a refund and have an active account will re-

ceive an automatic credit. Customers who no longer have an active account will be mailed a check.

HALLOWEEN AT THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is accepting Halloween items through Oct. 14.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

- The Thrift Shop is hiring a cashier. Applications are accepted through Tuesday.
- The 2012 Fort Jackson cookbooks are now available at the Thrift Shop.
- The Thrift Shop will hold a weekly football drawing throughout the football season.

ASAP HOURS

The Army Substance Abuse Program clinical hours are Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AFAP CONFERENCE

Quality of life issues are being collected for review at the annual Fort Jackson AFAP Conference. Issue forms are located in the main ACS Office, the Family Readiness Center (Building 4512) and by request from veronica.jacksonpatrick@us.army.mil.

For more information on AFAP and the kinds of issues addressed through this forum, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.acs_afap.

CLOTHING STORE

The Military Clothing Store is now closed Mondays.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Letters of intent for beach volleyball are due Tuesday. League play includes recreational and active-duty teams. Each battalion can have up to three teams. Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

PWOC FALL KICK OFF

Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the Main Post Chapel. Registration information for fall Bible studies will be available.

CAC REPLACEMENTS

Some Common Access Cards that are set to expire after Sept. 30 will have to be replaced because they contain older encryption keys that will no longer provide network access. Most CACs contain the newer, compatible encryption keys. Personnel who are affected will receive an email from DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil. To replace the CAC, visit <https://rapids-ap->

pointments.dmdc.osd.mil and schedule an appointment.

CIF IN-AND-OUT PROCESSING

Personnel required to in-and-out process at Central Issue Facility must schedule an appointment. Soldiers clearing CIF are required to have their post clearing papers. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524, 751-2870 or 751-2739.

CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE

A website has been launched that consolidates information about civilian training and career development. Visit the site at www.civiliantraining.army.mil. The Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division also established a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining.

HIRED! TERM

The next HIRED! teen apprenticeship program term is scheduled for Aug. 26 through Nov. 17. Applications are due Friday. A successful interview must be completed before the start of the term. The program is open to students 13-18 years old.

AA OPEN MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

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Off-post events

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SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR

The Army's Spirit of America tour will perform at the Colonial Life Arena Sept. 21 and 22. Tickets are free and available at www.soa.mdw.army.mil.



Watch Fort Jackson video news stories and Victory Updates at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>



Listening an act of love

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JOHN LEE**
1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

Trenton Times columnist Frank Tyger is credited with the saying, "Be a good listener, your ears will never get you in trouble." Do you agree with this? I believe most of us do. We know how important it is to listen. But the problem is that in our daily lives we always find that listening is one of the most difficult things to do.

Look at the people around you. You can easily find people who are struggling with the communication problem in their relationships. Why do you think that is? It is because not many people know how to listen. We may hear others but not listen.

In order for you to listen to others, the first thing you need to do is empty yourself a little bit to make some space in your life for others. The reason why there are so many relationship problems in life is that we have no space for others. We are so full of our own opinions, judgments, interpretations and agendas that we don't have any space left for others.

Listening is one of the best gifts you can give to other human beings because you make space in your life for others. In that sense, listening is love. You share your space

with others. You empty yourself for others. That is why listening is love.

The same applies to our relationship with God. In order for us to listen to God, the first thing we need to do is make space for God in our lives. Unfortunately, it is not easy to find people who make space for God these days. The busyness of our lives occupies most of our time. Our lives are always full of the interests of this world. Therefore, making a little space in our lives for God seems almost impossible.

But we need to remember that when we stop listening to God, life also stops. When we stop listening to others, our relationships stop. When we have no space for God and others, we will never live the life of peace and happiness that we all desire to live.

What about our lives? Are our lives too full for others to come in? Are our lives too busy to make time to listen to God? Let's start emptying ourselves a little for others. Let's start making space in our lives for our spouses and children. When we empty ourselves a little for others, our ears start opening. When our ears are open, we start listening to and understanding others. We feel loved when we are understood. Therefore, listening is love. Start loving your loved ones and neighbors by listening — "your ears will never get you in trouble."



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PROTESTANT

- Sunday
8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
- 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
- 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
- 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

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

- 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

- Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 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 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September

through May), Main Post Chapel

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday

7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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