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Licking their chops

2-39 DFAC wins regionals, looks forward to Army-level contest

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

The dining facility of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment edged out seven competitors in the Philip A. Connelly Awards competition and was named best dining facility in the large unit category for the Southeast Region, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

"It took some hard work getting prepared, but we know our efforts definitely were not in vain," said Beverly Sowell, Fort Jackson food service specialist supervisor.

The evaluators, who visited the facility June 11, judged the facility on a number of criteria, but were especially impressed with the overall quality of the facility.

"The presentation of the meal was good, the food had good taste, they liked the attitude of the staff and the evaluators were very pleased with the display of the centerpiece, which was an ice carving of the DA symbol," Sowell said.

The judges also talked to some Soldiers, who assured them that they enjoyed the food at the facility, not just on the day of the evaluation, but year round.

Barbara Johnson, manager of the 2-39 DFAC, credits her team with bringing the victory to Fort Jackson.

"They're the best. If you want a team that's motivated, look no farther than the 2-39," she said. "When we found out we won, it was exciting. You should have heard us scream all over post."

The facility now moves on to the Army-wide competition. The evaluations will be held between October and December — no date has been set for when the evaluators will come to Fort Jackson.

"We will start preparing for the next evaluation this month," Sowell said.

Johnson is confident that the facility will be successful at the next level as well.

"We're very enthusiastic about going forward," she said. "We're ready to run it and bring that award home."

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This song's for you

Photos byAshley Henry

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general, thanks members of the 282nd Army "Victory" band Thursday after they presented him with the "Schwitters March."The march is a compilation of elements from the general's assignments as well as bugle calls and ends with an excerpt from his alma mater, Letourneau University. It was composed by the band's commander, Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Bettencourt.

Opinion – Editorial

Ask the Garrison Commander

MWR excess property sale; OMPF questions

Col. Dixon

Q There was a sale of old furniture and different personal items the end of May. How can I find out about these sales?

A The sale May 30-31 was a Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation excess property sale.

The sales are generally held once or twice a year and are advertised in the *Leader*. The items sold are property no longer needed in the MWR or lodging activities and are offered first to ID card holders and then to the general public.

In addition to items that are no longer used in the MWR or lodging facilities, unclaimed property that has been received by Law Enforcement Activity is transferred to MWR for disposition.

The funds received from the sale are returned to MWR and lodging for its respective property and the profits received from unclaimed property is deposited into the U.S. Treasury.

For more information contact MWR Services Division at 751-4155.

Q Where can I ask questions about my Official Military Personnel File?

A Officers may send an e-mail message to *offrcds@conus.army.mil*.

Regular Army enlisted Soldiers may contact Customer Service Center by calling toll free 771-6357, DSN 699-3361/3737 or sending an e-mail to *custsupt@conus.army.mil*. Army Reserve Soldiers may call 1-800-318-5298 or send an email to *perms.records@conus.army.mil*.

Garrison Fact of the Week

Flag Day is celebrated June 14. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress to commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States.

The Flag of the United States was adopted by resolution of the Second Continental Congress June 14, 1777.

For additional information on Flag history and etiquette, visit *www. USFlag.org*.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

Drill sergeants leave cadet with lasting impression

Cadet Allen Fujinaka
Company E, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

COMMENTARY

Since completing Cadet Basic Training at West Point last summer, I have been curious about the basic training undergone by enlisted Soldiers of the Army, and was excited about having the opportunity to spend a month serving as a Drill Cadet in Basic Combat Training.

The unit I joined, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, had recently received a group of about 240 new Soldiers. They were just entering into Red Phase.

The purpose of my trip to Fort Jackson was to learn about leadership — and I received some valuable, hands-on experience leading these new Soldiers. What surprised me is the depth of the lessons I learned.

I observed drill sergeants transforming civilians into Soldiers and I also witnessed these Noncommissioned Officers lead each other, solve logistical problems and work through the unpredictable issues that developed with their Soldiers' health, well-being and families.

I saw drill sergeants using countless methods to teach their Soldiers the skills they will need to succeed in their Army service. Hollywood has focused on only one way in which drill sergeants lead, through physical corrective training and shouting, and completely missed the other, equally, if not more effective styles.

In reality, drill sergeants spend much more time teaching than they do yelling, but the idea of a "kinder, gentler basic training" is far off the mark. Using thorough instruction, these NCOs give the Soldiers no excuse for substandard performance. Each Soldier is challenged to excel. This is a lesson I will keep with me on my journey as I transform from a cadet into an officer.

How the drill sergeants know when to take off or put on their campaign hats and change their leadership styles, I do not know. Each of them is a "people person," able to evaluate a person's capabilities almost at a glance, although they themselves would probably deny this.

Some of the most significant leadership lessons I learned this month were not from the drill sergeants, but rather from the command and support elements of Company E. All plans, even good ones, really do seem to go out the window once they are put into action.

I was truly amazed at how hard both the supply element and command team worked to make the day's training successful. They shuttled Soldiers and equipment around, were constantly on the phone doing advanced coordination and worked through any obstacles that arose. They went out of their way to ensure the Soldiers had good equipment, water, food and anything else necessary to accomplish their training objectives.

Although the drill sergeants may get all the glory, what little of it there is, they would be almost incapacitated without their support and command teams to back them up. I knew this in theory, but saw it clearly in practice during this month.

I have admired the drill sergeants who create the world's finest Soldiers for a long time, but since my experience with the River Raiders of the 3-60th, I have also come to envy them a little.

They have the opportunity to influence the future of Soldiers in a way that only the Soldiers' parents, guardians and perhaps teachers or coaches ever could. They put in long hours, set aside their personal lives and dedicate themselves to the preparation of America's defense.

The lessons I learned in the 3-60th will stay with me long after this detail is complete and I leave Fort Jackson. I will return from DCLT committed to excellence and prepared to lead some of these same great Soldiers and NCOs in the future.

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Reservists' BAH explained

Mike A. Glasch
Leader Staff

A Fort Jackson finance official says there are Soldiers who are not getting all the money to which they are entitled. According to Ed Hinson, director, Defense Military Pay Office, not all single Reserve and National Guard Soldiers attending Initial Entry Training are receiving their full Basic Allowance for Housing allotment.

"The Army decided since mobilized Reservists were entitled to this (BAH), they went back and looked and decided since we are doing it for the mobilized Reservists then all Reservists (to include those in Initial Entry Training) should be entitled to it," Hinson said.

That change went into effect Feb. 1. The entitlement change applies only to single Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are paying a mortgage or leasing a residence.

To receive the BAH at the single Soldier rate, the single Reserve and National Guard Soldier must show a mortgage or lease agreement which is valid while the Soldier is on active duty.

The problem, Hinson said, is that the address on Soldiers' activation orders is not always the same as the address where the Soldier is actually residing. That, he said, can mean the Soldier is not receiving his full allotment.

In such cases, the Soldier would receive the BAH rate for the address on the orders rather than his or her actual residence.

"The law was very specific — the BAH would be paid at the rate where the orders were addressed," Hinson said. "We don't have a choice. We have to pay based on what's on the orders. Regardless of what address is showing up on the lease, what is on the orders is what counts."

But there is a solution. Soldiers need to contact their home units and fill out a DA Form 5960. A copy of the Soldier's lease agreement or mortgage contract must be attached to the form.

Ideally, Hinson said, "Reserve and National Guard units should ensure that before the Soldier comes on active duty that the addresses are correct. If they are not correct let's get them fixed before the Soldier comes on active duty. Doing that will take a lot of burden off the Soldier."

Not having the correct address on the orders could also cause Soldiers to receive a larger entitlement than what they are due. In that case, Hinson said the Soldiers could be in for a shock when they return to their home unit.

"Now we're dealing with indebtedness," he said. "If a Soldier is receiving too large a BAH while he is in IET, when it does eventually get fixed he'll probably go through two or three drills without getting paid to take care of that indebtedness.

"It has to be fixed before the Soldier gets here. We don't have the manpower or time here at DMPO to get it straightened out. The Soldier will have to wait to get back to his home unit to get it fixed."

For more information, call 751-4576
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Ribbon-cutting

Photo by Mike A. Glasch

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, along with Steve Schwartz (left), CEO, Lion Valley Industries, and Gil Montoya, Defense Supply Center — Philadelphia, cut the ribbon on a warehouse Friday in North Columbia dedicated to storing clothing for the Central Issue Facility. The new warehouse uses Virtual Item Management, a computerized inventory and ordering system.

Vuono takes command of 157th

Col. Timothy A. Vuono, 157th Infantry Brigade incoming commander, accepts the brigade colors from Brig. Gen. J. Michael Bednarek, commanding general of the First U.S. Army Division East, during a Change of Command ceremony Saturday at Darby Field. Vuono assumes command from Col. Edmund J. Palekas, right, who will retire.

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Honoring those who serve

Fort Jackson Soldiers returning from deployment are honored at Basic Combat Training graduation Friday at Hilton Field. From left: Master Sgt. Mike Towne, Recruiting and Retention School; Staff Sgt. Alunda Hopkins; Sgt. 1st Class Colin Nelson, both 165th Infantry Brigade; and Sgt. Jeffry Rodriguez, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School.

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Photo by Ashley Henry

Community invited to Schwitters' dinner

The Fort Jackson community is invited to attend the farewell dinner honoring Brig. Gen. James H. and Mrs. Rebecca Schwitters, which will begin 6 p.m., July 11 at the Officers' Club.

The attire for the event is casual. Entree choices are barbecued chicken and pork tenderloin with sides of rice pilaf, corn cobbetts, fresh vegetable medley and baked sweet potatoes. All meals include salad, rolls and butter.

Tickets cost $18.50. Reservations are required before Monday. For more information and to reserve tickets, call Executive Services at 751-4348.

Around Post

AER Commander's Referral Training

An AER Commander's Referral Training will be conducted 9-10 a.m., today at the Education Center, Room B-302 For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

TSB Change of Command

The Training Support Battalion will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., July 10 at the Officers' Club. Lt. Col. Jerry Manley will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Lawrence Anyanwu.

AG School Change of Commandant

The U.S. Army Adjutant General School will have a Change of Commandant ceremony at 2 p.m., July 11 at the Soldier Support Institute Auditorium. Col. Richard P. Mustion will relinquish command to Col. Robert L. Manning.

Soldier Support Institute Change of Command

The Soldier Support Institute will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., July 15 at the Officers' Club. Col. Rose Walker will relinquish command to Col. Richard P. Mustion.

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Army Career Alumni Program, *751-4109/4104* — 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
Army Community Service, *751-5256* — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Army Continuing Education Services, *751-5341* — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Bowling, Century Lanes, *751-6138* — closed Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday; 2-10 p.m., Sunday; Ivy Lanes, 751-4759
Car Care Center, *782-1639* — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Chaplain Museum, *751-8827/8079* — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.
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Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, *751-3219* — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Class VI, *782-1601* — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday
Coleman Gym, *751-5896* — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day
Commissary, *751-5789* — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday
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Defense Military Pay Office, *751-6669 (Soldiers), 751-4914 (Civilian)* — 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Dental Clinics, *751-5178/6017* — 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
Family Health Center, *751-2273* — 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., training holidays
Florist, *738-1812* — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Furniture Store, *787-9175* — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
Hospital Retail Annex, *782-1263* — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
ID Section, *751-7731* — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday- Friday
Legal Assistance and Claims, *751-4287/3603* — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
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Main Outpatient Pharmacy, *751-2259* — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Military Clothing Sales Store, *787-5248* — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
NCO Club, *782-2218* — Regular hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers' Club, *751-4906* — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open to nonmembers); 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday brunch (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park, *751-3381* — closed Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; 1-7 p.m., Sunday
Perez Fitness Center, *751-6258* — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and training holidays
Pools, Knight, 751-4796 — 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday; Legion — noon to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday
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Reuse Center, *751-5121* — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
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Shoppettes — Lee Road, *782-0590* — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 1, *782-2076* — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 2, *790-4478* — 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex, *738-9189* — 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Theater, *751-7488* — various times, Friday-Sunday
Thrift Shop, *787-2153* — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., first Saturday of the month
Vanguard Gym, *751-4384*
Vehicle Registration, *751-5887* — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Veterinary Clinic, *751-7160* — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

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New commandant at NCO Academy

Photo by Mike A. Glasch

Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Brady assumes the commandantship of the NCO Academy as he accepts the schools colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Andre Douglas, U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute during Friday's Change of Commandant ceremony. Brady comes to Fort Jackson from the 13th Finance Group at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the command sergeant major. He replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Chisolm, who is retiring.

Howard takes command of 2-307

Photo by Ashley Henry

Lt. Col. Richard Howard, 2nd Battalion (Training Support) (Field Artillery), 307th Regiment incoming commander, accepts the brigade colors from Col. Edmund Palekas, 157th Infantry Brigade commander, during a Change of Command ceremony Wednesday at the 157th Headquarters. Howard assumed command from Lt. Col. Theodore Sellers Jr., who will deploy to Iraq.

Deogracias receives 3-60 colors

Photo by Chris Rasmussen

Lt. Col. Alan J. Deogracias II, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment incoming commander, accepts the battalion's colors from Col. Brian D. Prosser, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander, during a Change of Command ceremony Thursday at the Officers' Club. The outgoing battalion commander is Lt. Col. Marlin L. Remigio, who is deploying to Afghanistan.

July Promotions

Name	Rank	Unit
Stephen Keesee	COL	USA DENTAC
Martin Bush	CPT	HHD, 193d Inf. Bde.
Ryan Gilles	CPT	Co. A, Training Support Bn.
Robert Hamilton	CPT	Co. A, Training Support Bn.
Long Huynh	CPT	Co. F, 2d Bn 60th Inf
Thomas Kalar	CPT	Co. A, Tng Spt Bn
Marvin Morris	CPT	Co. A, Tng Spt Bn
Dion Pandy	CPT	HQ/Co. A, 1st Bn. 61st Inf.
Justin Priestman	CPT	Co. A, Training Support Bn.
John Thompson	CPT	HQ/Co. A, Training Support Bn.
Latisha Ballance	1LT	Co. B, 3d Bn. 34th Inf.
Ricardo Leal	1LT	Co. E, 3d Bn. 34th Inf.
Martina Taylor-Campbell	1LT	USA MEDDAC
John Barnett	MSG	Co. B, 1st Bn. 13th Inf.
David Julius	MSG	Co. A, 171st Inf. Support Bn.
Clarence Acree	SFC	Co. C, 3d Bn. 13th Inf.
Douglas Becker	SFC	Co. B, 171st Inf. Bde.
William Culpepper	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 1st Bn. 13th Inf.
George Cummings	SFC	Co. E 3rd, Bn. 13th Inf.
Frankie Davis	SFC	Co. C, 187th Ord. Bn.
Bobby Estle	SFC	Co. C, 187th Ord. Bn.
Jose Gomez	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 1st Bn. 13th Inf.
Omar Johnson	SFC	Drill Sgt. School
Fredric Lawrence	SFC	Co. B, 1st Bn. 61st Inf.
Dale Lopez	SFC	USA Chaplain School

Name	Rank	Unit
Lorrie McCaster	SFC	Co. B, 171st Inf. Bde.
Scott McClellan	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 2d Bn. 39th Inf.
James McMillan	SFC	Co. E, 2d Bn. 39th Inf.
Harry Mount	SFC	HHC, 187th Ord. Bn.
Erica Polite	SFC	USA SSI
Eric Richmond	SFC	Co. B, 2d Bn. 60th Inf.
Lynn Roberts	SFC	Co. E, 1st Bn. 34th Inf.
Marques Smalls	SFC	Co. B, 171st Inf. Bde.
Shane Stankiewicz	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 3d Bn. 13th Inf.
Barthelemieu Stevens	SFC	4th FA Battlefield Co.
Curtis Thomas	SFC	17th MP Det.
Jeremy Weisheit	SFC	HHC, 165th Inf. Bde.
Irwin Chapman	SSG	Co. A, 171st Inf. Bde.
Christene Crutchfield	SSG	Co. A, 171st Inf.
Prestina McNickles	SSG	Co. E, 2d Bn. 39th Inf.
Tawana Norman	SSG	HQ 171st Inf. Bde.
Candice Thompson	SSG	Co. D, 3d Bn. 60th Inf.
Mark Campbell	SGT	HQ 171st Inf. Bde.
Stephen Combs	SGT	USA DENTAC
Janelle Fontella	SGT	282nd AG Army Band
Zodie Goodell	SGT	17th MP Det
Ryan Kennedy	SGT	17th MP Det
Justin Lade	SGT	282nd AG Army Band
Ronald Morris	SGT	USA MEDDAC

Customer Service Corner

Earlier this year, Fort Jackson concluded a highly successful Customer Management Services pilot, with strong support from Installation Management Command Southeast Region.

The processes and procedures demonstrated during the pilot provided a proof of principle for providing "Voice of the Customer" feedback to validate priorities, improve services and facilitate IMCOM's continued development as a customer-focused and results-driven organization.

This process started in 2002 and has developed into the three-tiered feedback mechanism Fort Jackson has today, because of the efforts of Vincent Valenzuela.

Valenzuela is leaving his position as the Customer Service Officer and moves on to be the Master Trainer and Quality Assurance Manager for CMS at IMCOM. In this new position, his responsibilities will include training all incoming CSO's for Army Installations worldwide.

Christina Garza will take over for Valenzuela as CSO. As a military spouse, she has maintained close ties with the military community for the past eight years.

Being integrated with the community has helped her to understand the importance of customer satisfaction, she said.

At Fort Jackson, Garza has served as the volunteer supervisor for Army Community Services, a coach for youth sports, an instructor for Army Family Team Building, a mayor in the housing area and a family readiness group leader.

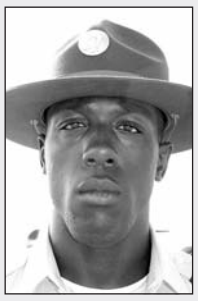
Garza has also worked with Valenzuela as the Community FIRST/AFAP Coordinator and CMS assistant for the past year. She has worked the CMS three-tiered process from the ground up.

She said she believes that the CMS process (Interactive Customer Evaluation, Community FIRST and Customer Assessments) gives the garrison an automated and integrated approach to customer service.

As the CSO, her goal is to continue to help Fort Jackson in setting the standard for customer feedback Army wide.

A tip of the campaign hat to this week's ...

Drill Sergeants of the Cycle



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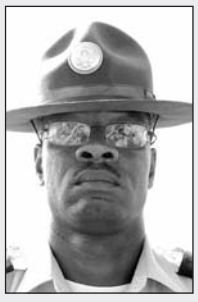

Staff Sgt. Gregory Lee
Company E, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Sha'Vodka Burton
Company F, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

MARKING TIME

Meningitis epidemic takes its toll on Camp Jackson

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

In November 1917, four months after Camp Jackson was established, the post faced its first major crisis.

Shortly after the installation had overcome outbreaks of measles and pneumonia, a spinal meningitis epidemic forced the installation into quarantine.

By Dec. 8, more than 30 cases of the disease and five fatalities were confirmed. The hospital was placed under quarantine to prevent the illness from spreading. Many buildings on the camp were closed, and patrons of the dining facilities were forced to eat outdoors. Dances and other gatherings were canceled. The post YMCA shut down and barracks were under strict "ventilation orders," meaning the windows had to be open at all times despite freezing temperatures.

At this point, Soldiers were asked to stay away from theaters and other places of assembly in Columbia.

Since Soldiers were deterred from assembling in buildings, the camp's leadership encouraged them to participate in outdoor activities.

The situation quickly deteriorated and by Dec. 15, orders were issued that prohibited Soldiers from leaving Camp Jackson unless they were on official business. Those leaving the post had to be examined first to make sure they did not carry the meningitis virus.

By that time, many civilian workers had deserted the installation. Those who remained were not prohibited from going into town, but were ordered not to come into contact with Soldiers while on post.

In a statement published Dec. 22, 1917, in the *Trench and Camp* newspaper, Camp Jackson's commander, Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, assured the public that the base had control of the situation.

"While the disease is always dangerous, and some deaths must be expected, the results obtained in the military service and in the base hospital will compare favorably with those obtained anywhere else in the United States," he said.

The meningitis outbreak had a grip on the installation for an estimated two to three months. It is unknown how many people contracted the disease.

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Know some history that you would like to share?

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FEATURE

DOL director retires after 34 years on Fort Jackson

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

The year was 1974 — a year of "firsts" in the United States.

Richard Nixon became the first and only president to resign from office, Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors won their first titles at Wimbledon and *People* magazine released its first issue.

It was also the first year in the civilian career of Doug Burchett, director of logistics, who retires today after 34 years of civil service to Fort Jackson.

After two tours of duty in Vietnam with the Navy, Burchett started out as a supply clerk in the maintenance division of the Directorate of Logistics. With the exception of a brief stint working at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, he spent his entire career with DOL, but changed jobs frequently within the organization.

He ultimately became its director in 1997, overseeing about 270 DA Civilians and almost 500 contractors.

Burchett's rise through the ranks from supply clerk to director did not come as a surprise to Larry Kyzer, who preceded Burchett as DOL director.

"There was never a doubt in my mind — as his boss over the years — that he would be successful," Kyzer said. "He is a people person, and he is smart. He always sought to do the job that nobody else wanted to do."

While Burchett concedes that initiative, hard work and education were important factors in his career, he said the most important qualities he tried to embody were treating people the way he wanted to be treated and being a good listener.

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Director of Logistics Doug Burchett and his secretary Cecile Torres tackle some of the paperwork that remains to be done before his retirement after 34 years in civil service on Fort Jackson.

"I hope that (my employees) felt I was a pretty good listener," Burchett said. "In my younger days, I wasn't. I had to learn over time that being a good listener is an important part of being a good leader."

Burchett is reluctant to talk about his own achievements and quick to give credit to his employees, who, he said, have taught him some valuable lessons over the years.

"I have some folks that have been in the same job, you know, for the last 25 years," he said, contrasting that attitude with his own ambitious personality. "And they were happy. They didn't want a raise. They didn't want any big awards. They just liked the job that they did. I struggled with understanding that for a while.

"In the later years, I started understanding what they mean," he continued. "They said, 'We're just happy here. We got a good job. We like it. We're not interested in moving to a higher responsibility job. We don't need any more money.' That's something that they taught me. That's a pretty good quality to have."

During his 34 years on Fort Jackson, Burchett has witnessed many changes first hand: New buildings have replaced the World War II wood structures; changes have been implemented in Basic Combat Training; technology has transformed the way business is conducted. One thing, though, has remained the same.

"The Soldiers are still the first priority and it was that way when I came," he said.

Supporting the Soldiers and the training mission on Fort Jackson were the most rewarding aspects of his work, Burchett explained.

"Seeing a Soldier come in at the Reception Battalion with civilian clothes and long hair and then being able to go to graduation and seeing the nice, sharp, disciplined Soldiers in their uniforms and marching makes you feel like everything you do on Fort Jackson is worthwhile," he said.

Of course, Burchett — as is his nature — is quick to add that his directorate's support of the mission could not be achieved without the help of everyone in the organization.

"Leaders don't do it all themselves," he said. "Really, the people who work every day in the clothing issue point or the maintenance shop make us look good every day. I'll miss seeing them, but I'll come out and visit from time to time."

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DoD, Department of Education sign agreement

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WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England and Deputy Secretary of Education Raymond Simon have signed an agreement at the Pentagon to work together to ease transition challenges for military children.

The Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the partnership between the two agencies. The agreement is designed to establish a collaborative framework between the Department of Defense and the Department of Education to address the unique challenges military children face as they transition from one school to another as their parents are assigned to different installations.

"We have a long-standing, positive working relationship with the Department of Education," England said. "The ongoing relocation within the Department of Defense has created an urgent need to enrich and expand this relationship and other partnerships with military-connected communities to ensure the best possible educational opportunities for military students. This memorandum of understanding strengthens that partnership."

England said his children are products of the public school system and that he graduated from the University of Maryland.

"I will tell you something about our magnificent men and women who serve this great nation," England said. "They will give their lives and limbs for their country; they will not sacrifice their children."

Photo by Family and MWR Command

Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England and Deputy Secretary of Education Raymond Simon signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Pentagon June 25 to address the unique challenges military children face as they transition from one school to another as their parents are assigned to different installations.

He said children of military members have the right to an outstanding education and will not relocate where they don't have good schools.

"That is where they draw the line and they are right," England said. "Their children deserve to have a good education and so we have an obligation both as a department and as a nation to make sure not just the children of the military, but frankly all the children of the United States of America get the absolutely finest education."

Thousands of military students are moving as a result of base realignment and closure, as a result of global rebasing and other force structure changes.

Of the 1.2 million school-age military students, only 8 percent attend DoD schools; the remaining 92 percent attend America's public, charter, private, independent and parochial schools across the nation.

In his opening remarks, Deputy Secretary of Education Raymond Simon talked about his participation in a school accreditation process in Germany and a meeting of the advisory council on military dependents education he attended.

"The one thing I took away from that meeting was the absolute commitment from command and senior leadership of our Armed Forces for a quality education for their children," he said. "That commitment included the personal attendance, for several hours, of the commanding general of the U.S. Army in Europe. For him and for the other commanders present, access to the finest schools with the most outstanding teachers for their children was non-negotiable."

Five children participated in the signing ceremony. Jhendayi Bryant, Aaron Naquin, Rebekkah Orrell, Daniel Lind and Justyce Graves recited the Pledge of Allegiance as their parents observed.

"It is a great honor to be here, said Maj. Gregory Orrell, Rebekkah's father. "I think this is really special for my daughter to see something that will affect her for most of her school years, especially with the amount of times that I will move in my career. This is something that will affect her life."

"The agreement we sign today will honor that commitment and honor the sacrifices these families make every day," Simon said. "By working more closely together, by working smarter together we can help ensure that the unique needs of these children to learn and have access to first-class teacher and support programs are more fully met, no matter where in the world they are deployed."

Editor's Note: *Margaret McKenzie writes for the Family and MWR Command Public Affairs Office.*

Soldier-moms find comfort in physical fitness program

Jason Austin
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HEIDELBERG, Germany — After the birth of her third child, Sgt. Delores Gordon, said it took three attempts to pass her Army Physical Fitness Test, with 30 days between each test.

Now, on her fourth pregnancy, Gordon, a schools clerk with the 44th Signal Battalion, is enrolled in the Army's Pregnancy/Postpartum Physical Training Program, a relatively new program designed to keep expecting mothers active and toned, and to get postpartum mothers back up to speed, so to speak.

Spc. Traci Petaway, 95th Military Police Battalion, said she was a good runner before becoming pregnant. However, when in the early stages of her pregnancy she did not participate in unit physical training, as the Mannheim PPPT program had not started, and she and her unit were unfamiliar with pregnancy fitness.

Now just three months after giving birth, she is working on her run time with the postpartum group in Mannheim.

"They smoke us just like back at my unit," Petaway said after a morning run on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim.

The mandatory program increases retention rates and Soldier readiness, according to Debra Weeks, health promotion coordinator for U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, who is starting the program here.

"It gives the Soldiers a safe place to exercise, and is healthier for the mother and the baby," Weeks said.

The PPPT is a commander's program, and according to a U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine fact sheet, should be consolidated into one program per installation.

Gordon, who had her first two children while enrolled in a similar program at Fort Hood, Texas, said the transition back into unit PT was easier because it kept her in shape.

"I didn't know how to modify the pushup," Gordon said. "There are also ways to work your abs (while pregnant)."

The exercise portion of the program consists of modified exercises with limited repetitions, said Sgt. Isa Villalobos, 95th MP Battalion, who has been certified in pregnancy fitness and leads the PPPT program in Mannheim.

Villalobos said they use elastic bands for resistance training, cardio exercises to maintain stamina and Kegel exercises to tone the pelvic muscles to help the mothers during childbirth.

"It's still hard," said Sgt. 1st Class Lashon Gros, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 5th Signal Command, who is now in the postpartum group. "You have 20 pounds of weight in front of you, and just getting up is challenging."

The program is not just about PT and keeping Soldiers in shape; it is about helping the expectant mothers prepare for the new child.

"There is an educational piece led by a medical provider each week," Weeks said.

The class topics range from PT plans, to basic child care, local day care options and postpartum birth control options.

"I see it as refresher training," Gordon said. "They teach you little health care things you didn't know," she said referring to the ever-changing research on what is best for children.

Something else, not listed in the Army regulations, which the Mannheim group discovered is that the program serves an unintended function.

"It's not just PT, it's a support group," said Sgt. Miki Williams, 76th Signal Battalion, who is expecting her second child.

One Soldier during Monday's session asked the group during post-PT stretching if anyone else was losing more hair than normal.

Another Soldier asked the "veteran" mothers if their husbands would ever look at them the same again. "Oh yeah, he will," was the response from another Soldier down the line.

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EFMP provides variety of support groups

Brandi Palmer
Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator

The Exceptional Family Member Program at Army Community Service provides a range of services to Soldiers and their family members who have special needs. As part of EFMPs commitment to the Army Family Covenant, four different support groups are offered through the program.

The EFMP Support Group meets 5 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Soldier Family Assistance Center located at 2447 Bragg Street. Guest speakers are invited to speak to families. Occasionally, families are asked to bring a dish to make it a potluck event.

The Autism Support Group meets monthly and gives parents the opportunity to learn more about autism and the services available to their family. Guest speakers are invited to the support group to talk about different aspects of autism and provide answers to questions parents have. Previous guest speakers include representatives from the South Carolina Autism Society and a sensory integration specialist.

The Sibling Support Group meets every other month and specifically focuses on siblings who have a brother or sister with a disability. At this support group children of all ages can express their unique and life long concerns about their sibling's disability through interactive and engaging activities.

The EFMP Off-post Support Group is new and offers a way to make the EFMP services more accessible for Soldiers and their family members living off-post. Parents are encouraged to offer ideas and suggestions, at this support group which in turn, helps EFMP better serve the needs of Exceptional Family Members.

In addition to the support groups, EFMP holds monthly events, which include bowling, trips to Ed Venture, Palmetto Falls Water Park, Strawberry Farm, Blueberry Farm and the EFMP annual back to school cook out.

Information regarding these events is distributed around post and to EFMP Families. For more information regarding EFMP support groups and outings, call ACS at 751-5256.

Today

Southern Style Lunch Buffet, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The buffet is open to everyone.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

Magruders Pub is open for lunch for family members from noon to 4 p.m., Thursdays.

The **AER Commander's Referral Training** will be 9-10:30 a.m. at the Education Center, Room B-302.

Friday

Play **Victory Bingo** and win prizes up to $15,000. There are guaranteed $50 payouts.

Artistic Expression with Jake begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magruders Pub and the cover charge is $3 for military and $5 for civilians.

Saturday

Step Team practice begins at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is $3 for military and $5 for civilians. Live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways will be held 9:30-11 p.m.

Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

Family Day at the Youth Center will be 2-6 p.m.

Monday

The **NCO Club** presents a **full lunch buffet,** featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for $7.

There will be a **Ballroom Dancing Class** 6-7:15 p.m. at the Joe E. Mann Ballroom.

Junior Golf Camp begins from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. The camp runs through July 11.

Tuesday

Movie Night begins at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at Magruders Pub.

A **Classic Soul Line Dancing** class will be 6-7:15 p.m. at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center.

There will be a **Sponsorship Training** 1-3 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond Building.

Family night at Ed Venture will take place 5:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magruders Club** at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is $3 for military and $5 for civilians.

Registration for the **Fort Jackson 10-miler** is due to the sports office.

An **Employment Readiness Orientation** will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Education Center.

There will be a **Resume Writing for Beginners** workshop 1-2:30 p.m. at the Education Center.

An **Identity Theft** workshop will be 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Education Center, Room B-302.

It is **guest day at the Fort Jackson Golf Course** with free lessons on the range 5-6:30 p.m.

Ongoing Offers

- The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is $7 for adults and $3.75 for children.
- The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for adults is $7 and $3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- The **Officers' Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.
- The **NCO Club caters** to all your needs: dining in, dining out, promotions, breakfasts, meetings, birthdays, weddings, graduation, retirements and other special occasions.

Community Snapshot

35 years of service

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Peggy Penn, who works for the Directorate of Human Resources, is honored by Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general, for 35 years of civil service. The ceremony took place during Victory Rally June 25 at the Post Conference Room.

Thrift Shop supports community

Photos by Susanne Kappler and Chris Rasmussen

Above, Fort Jackson Thrift Shop manager Joy Faust, middle, presents Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and Jessie Deberry, Soldier and Family Assistance Center director, with a $1,000 check Thursday. The funds will be used to provide services to Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Unit. At right, Faust presents Jan Long, principal of Pierce Terrace Elementary School, with a $500 check Thursday. The Thrift Shop passed out checks totaling more than $20,000 this year.

Journalism's grand prize

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters presents Mike Glasch, Leader staff writer*, with the Thomas Jefferson Award during Victory Rally. The DoD Thomas Jefferson Awards Program recognizes military and civilian journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the DoD internal information program. A Jefferson award is the highest honor a military journalist can achieve.*

Commander's award

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters presents the Commander's Award for Civilian Service to Paula Darrow, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, during Victory Rally June 25 at the Post Conference Room.

Achievement medals

Photos by Susanne Kappler

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters presents Achievement medals for Civilian Service to Richard Ellis Jr., left photo, and Juliette Skerrit during Victory Rally. Ellis and Skerrit work for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Community Highlights

This Week

Sponsorship Training

A Sponsorship Training will be 1-2:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Combat Infantrymen Badge Association

The Combat Infantrymen Badge Association will meet for dinner at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Officers' Club. A meeting will follow at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, call 351-2333.

Identity Theft Workshop

There will be an Identity Theft workshop 8:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Employment Readiness Orientation

An Employment Readiness Orientation will be from 8:30 to noon, Wednesday at the Education Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Resume Writing for Beginners

There will be a Resume Writing for Beginners class 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Education Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Upcoming

Personal Financial Readiness

A Personal Financial Readiness seminar will be 8:30-10:30 a.m., July 11 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

BOSS Car Wash

There will be a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 11 across the street from the Welcome Center.

EFMP Palmetto Falls Outing

The Exceptional Family Member Program will have an outing at Palmetto Falls 4-7p.m., July 13 at Palmetto Falls, Fort Jackson. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Career Exploration

A Career Exploration seminar will be 9-11:30 a.m., July 15 at the Joe E. Mann Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Job Fair

There will be a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 15 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

FRG Forum

A Family Readiness Group Forum will be from 10 a.m. to noon, July 1 at the Palmetto Lodge Conference Room. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Using Credit Wisely

A Using Credit Wisely workshop will be 1:30-3:30 p.m., July 15 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

EFMP Blueberry Farm Outing

The Exceptional Family Member Program will have an outing to a blueberry farm 5-7 p.m., July 15 on Bluff Road in Columbia. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Financial Readiness for First Termers

A Financial Readiness workshop for first termers will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 16 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Steps to Federal Employment

There will be a Steps to Federal Employment seminar 8:30-11:30 a.m., July 16 at the Education Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Child Abuse Awareness

A Child Abuse Awareness class will be noon-2:30 p.m., July 16 at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Phase II LEVY Briefing

A Phase II LEVY Briefing will be 2:30-3:30, July 16 at the Strom Thurmond building, Room 213. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

233rd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Dinner

The 233rd Chaplain Corps will have an anniversary dinner at 6 p.m., July 18 at the NCO Club. For more information or to RSVP, call 751-8958.

A token of thanks

Courtesy Photo

Lt. Col. Marlin Remigio (left), 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Evans (right) present Denise Barth (second from left), North Springs Elementary School Principal and Stacey Gadson (second from right), assistant principal, a token of appreciation for the Adopt a School Partnership Program.

Meow, woof, meow, meow, meow, woof ...

Photos by Susanne Kappler & Ashley Henry

These cats and dogs are at the Fort Jackson Veterinary Clinic, and they all need a home. From top left clockwise: 9-week-old kittens; 1-year-old female Pit Bull; 4- to 5-month-old kitten; 2 -year-old female cat; 2-year-old spayed Siamese cat; 1-year-old Male mix. For information on these or other pets for adoption, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

Announcements

Sustainable Interiors Showcase Green Furniture Tour

The open house tour for Fort Jackson's Sustainable Interiors Showcase "environmentally friendly" furniture will be held Tuesday. Two tours are offered.

The first is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the second is 12:30-1:30 p.m. The offices are located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Rooms 200, 245 and 246. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 799-6502.

Thrift Shop Position

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop has an opening for a cashier. This is a paid position. For more information, call 787-2153

Reading Bug

Readers, 12 years old and younger, will be rewarded for reading when they join the Fort Jackson Post Library summer reading club. Children, who read five books can win a small prize and get their name on the wall caterpillar; 10 books — will receive a coupon for a free game of bowling at Century Lanes; 15 books — will receive a coupon for a free game of mini golf at Palmetto Greens.

$2K Referral Bonus Offered

Soldiers, U.S. Military Academy cadets, ROTC contracted cadets, members of the Future Soldier Training Program, Army retirees and Department of the Army civilians can earn $2,000 for referring their acquaintances to Army and Army Reserve recruiters.

For more information, visit *www.usarec.army.mil/support/bonus_program.htm.*

Yard of the Month Nominations

Housing representatives will be canvassing each housing area looking for nominees for Yard of the Month. Criteria

for selection includes general appearance of the lawn, flowers and shrubs. The winning families will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and prizes.

BOSS Six Flags Trip

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a trip to Six Flags July 18. Deadline for registration is Monday. For more information, call 751-1148.

Spouse Overseas Employment Orientation

To learn more about the various military spouse employment options available overseas contact the Employment Readiness Office at 751-5452.

Motorcycle Safety Training

To ride a motorcycle on Fort Jackson, Soldiers and civilians are required to take the Basic Rider Course. Soldiers also need to attend the training to ride a motorcycle off post. The BRC is a two-day course offered weekly. The Safety Office also offers an optional Experienced Rider Course. All classes are free. Soldiers and civilian employees will not be charged pass or leave to attend. Training is available to retirees and family members on a space available basis. For more information, call 751-RIDE (7433).

Fire Alarm Warning

If occupants of a building notice a malfunction in the fire alarm system, it should be reported immediately by calling 751-4142/7217.

No one should work on a fire alarm system except authorized personnel. Tampering with a fire alarm system is a violation of Fort Jackson Regulation 420-90 and South Carolina law is punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. For more information, call 751-1610.

Gun Locks Available

Free gun locks are available while supply lasts from the Installation Safety Office at 3290 Forney St. or from the Directorate of Emergency Services at 5499. The locks can be picked up between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Youth of the Month

The Fort Jackson Middle School/Teen program is accepting nominations for the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Month. Candidates must be 14-18 years old, belong to the Fort Jackson Youth Center, exhibit leadership potential and have contributed to their family, church, school or community during the past months. To submit a nomination, call 751-6385/3977.

ChildFind Early Childhood Screenings

Parents who live on post and have concerns about their child's development regarding speaking, thinking, moving, social and emotional skills or daily living skills can schedule a ChildFind screening appointment for possible special education services. For more information or to schedule a screening, call 782-1772.

Employment Assistance

For help contacting the Employment Readiness manager at your new installation, call Fort Jackson Employment Readiness at 751-5452.

Recurring Meetings

Weekly

Walking Away Stress meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

Play Group meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

Range Control Briefing is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail *pwocjackson@yahoo.com.*

Overseas Travel Clinic is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

Military Widows/Widowers Association meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

Monthly

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Civil Air Patrol meets at 6:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbia's downtown airport, Owens Field, main conference room. For more information, e-mail *tom.alsup@gmail.com* or visit online at *www.scwg.cap.gov*.

Seabees meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Fort Jackson Enlisted Spouses' Association meets at 6:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at 5942E Thomas Court. For more information, call 665-4170 or e-mail *esa2005fj@yahoo.com*.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room *www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm*.

American Legion Post #182 meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Officers' Club. For information, call 351-2333.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital eighth floor day room. For more information, call 751-0392.

Disabled American Veterans meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. Call 482-4456 for information.

Purple Heart #402 meets at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post #6 on Devine St. For information, call 351-2333.

American Red Cross new adult volunteers orientation is the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at building 2179 on Sumter Avenue. For more information, call 571-4329.

"Victory Riders" Motorcycle Club meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magruders Club. For information, e-mail *sec@fjvictoryriders.com.*

Society of American Military Engineers meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

Diabetes Support Group meets at 6 p.m., the last Thursday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital fourth floor dining facility. For information or to register, call 751-2501.

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month, at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail *Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil*.

Retired Enlisted Association meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail *jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.*

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV meets at 11:30 a.m., the third Saturday of the month, except July and August, at the DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information call 622-8707.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to *fjleader@conus.army.mil*.

Gold Star Lapel Pin

Soldiers who have lost an immediate family member in combat are now authorized to wear the Gold Star lapel pin on the Army Green uniform. Immediate family is defined as a spouse, mother, father, children or step-children. Enlisted Soldiers wear the pin centered both vertically and horizontally on the left lapel of the uniform. Officers wear the pin centered on the left lapel one-quarter inch below the branch insignia. For more information, refer to Army Regulation 670-1, paragraph 29-7.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voters can exercise their right to vote by completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA Standard Form 76) or complying with the ballot request procedures enacted by the state in which they vote.After mailing in the application, the voter will receive his or her absentee ballot.

Mailing guidelines differ from state to state. For more information, contact your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or visit *www.vote.army.mil*.

Volunteer Reserve Soldiers Sought for Inauguration

The Army is looking for 200 volunteer Reserve component Soldiers who want to support the 2009 presidential inauguration in Washington. For more information, e-mail *Creighton.Larson@conus.army.mil* or *Chris.Davids@conus.army.mil*.

Skin safety tips

healthfinder.gov

Warm summer days and outdoor activities expose you to the sun's ultraviolet rays. A sunburn or tan results when UV rays damage your unprotected skin and may lead to wrinkles, skin spots or skin cancer.

Recent estimates report that 40-50 percent of Americans by the time they are 65 will have skin cancer at least once. Nothing can completely undo sun damage, but the skin sometimes can repair itself. It is never too late to protect yourself from the harmful effects of the sun.

Focus On: Skin Cancer

Being exposed to the sun may be the most common factor in why people get skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, there are more than 1 million skin cancers diagnosed each year in the United States. The most serious form of skin cancer is melanoma, which is diagnosed in more than 60,000 people each year and causes several thousand deaths. Most forms of skin cancer can be cured. When used on a regular basis, sunscreen and other sun-safe practices can reduce your risk of developing skin cancer.

Prevention Tips: Outdoor Workers

If you are an outdoor worker, such as a mail carrier, landscaper or farmer, you have an increased risk of skin cancer. Learn the level of UV rays before you go to work. The Environmental Protection Agency's Ultraviolet Alert System sends an alert when the level of solar UV rays is predicted to be unusually high and provides action steps that you can take to avoid being exposed to harmful rays. Check the UV Index daily.

Regardless of the UV Index, the following sun safety measures are always encouraged:

— Wear sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of UV radiation.

— Generously apply sunscreen and lip balm with a sun protective factor 15 or higher and UVA and UVB protection at least 20-30 minutes before going outside.

— Wear protective clothing such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants made of tightly woven fabric and a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Wear a hat that protects the ears, face, temples and neck from the sun.

— Take a break in the shade when possible, and remember that the sun's UV rays are strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— Use extra caution when near water, snow, concrete and sand as they reflect the damaging rays of the sun.

— Check your skin often for changes in the size, shape, color or feel of birthmarks, moles and spots. Such changes may be a sign of skin cancer.

— Avoid artificial sources of UV exposure, such as tanning beds.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency.

Deputy surgeon general retires

Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

A trailblazing Army career came to a close June 27 when Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock retired at Fort Myer, Va. The Army's deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps, she served as acting surgeon general and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command from March to December last year, the first Army nurse to hold such positions.

Pollock described the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) as "passionate but tired," saying, "we've been at war for a long time, and it's not something that any of us were groomed for. We talked about it but we didn't believe it would happen, and now we are having to live through it and the challenge that comes with it."

"It's like geese that fly; they take turns being the point person. When they feel strong they go to the front of the formation and then when they're tired they drop back so another one can come up and give them a break. We all have days that we are tired, but when you look around at the capabilities inside the Army Medical Department, they are absolutely astounding. No one person can carry an organization," she said.

Pollock became acting surgeon general when Army medicine was under a spotlight of criticism in the media, Congress and other venues. She said she tried to keep the AMEDD focused on teamwork.

"If we are looking through a broad scope at what our mission is, if we're not just in a single narrow little lane, there will be enough people who share our passion to get through those lumps and bumps," she said. "We simply reminded the men and women of the AMEDD, regardless of what their skill was, that we valued their contribution, that what they were doing was important and they would continue to do the most important thing, and that's bring home alive the men and women who serve our nation."

She began a series of monthly online videos to communicate with Army medical personnel around the world.

"I believe in order to marshal the passions, strength and the capabilities of a team, they have to know what's going on," she said. "I thought it was very important to reach out to the entire organization to let them know what was going on, so they could feel connected to a healthy organization that would survive the assault that we bore. I tried to be responsive."

Pollock said military nurses have an advantage over their civilian counterparts, because they all begin their careers with college degrees.

"We collectively understand the importance of education and continuous learning," she said. "Military nurses are professionals when they enter. As a result they have much better relationships with their colleagues regardless of specialty or niche than is seen in the civilian health care market.

"The respect that we garner from our colleagues allows us to very successfully focus on our mission, our passion, which is raising the individuals to their highest level of function. That isn't to say we're going to make everyone healthy, we're not going to make everybody the way they were before, but we will stay focused on raising them to their highest level of functioning and the highest possible quality of life. I have never met nor seen nurses in any other organization that are as passionate about that, and that's really the essence of professional nursing," she said.

Pollock earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and qualified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, then earned master's degrees in business administration, health care administration, and national security and strategy. She rose to command major hospitals and hold high staff positions, finally being appointed deputy surgeon general and then to the acting responsibility as the Army's chief medical officer.

She said "wonderful people" are what she will remember most about her career.

"I have an entire AMEDD family that I have laughed and cried with, I have solved problems with and created new solutions. So no matter what the circumstances presented, I knew I had my family. It will always be the people that make it so special," she said.

After retirement, Pollock plans to follow the advice she often give others, to "be bodacious and dare the impossible.

"I'm working with a group of clinicians and researchers. We are going to establish the world's first ocular regeneration and vision restoration center.

"What that means is we're going to make the blind see," she said.

Rubenstein first Maj. Gen. MSC chief

Cynthia Vaughan
U.S. Army Medical Command

Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein recently has been sworn in as Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in San Antonio, Texas, becoming the first MSC Chief to wear two stars. He was promoted to major general back in April, and also serves as the Army's Deputy Surgeon General. He was selected for these leadership positions because of his command experience at every level of the U.S. Army medical system.

Maj. Gen. Rubenstein

Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Commander of U.S. Army Medical Command and Army Surgeon General, who presided over the swearing-in ceremony, expressed great confidence in his deputy.

"Maj. Gen. Rubenstein is the right officer at the right time to help lead the Army Medical Department. I have the utmost trust and confidence in his abilities. He is an extraordinary leader who excels whatever the assignment or the task," Schoomaker said.

Rubenstein previously served as Commander, Europe Regional Medical Command and Command Surgeon, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. Other assignments include Assistant Surgeon General for Force Sustainment; Commander, 30th Medical Brigade and V Corps Command Surgeon; Commander, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany; Commander, 21st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas; Commander, Task Force Med Eagle, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Commander, 18th Surgical Hospital (MASH), Fort Lewis, Washington.

His many awards include the 2006 Ray E. Brown Award from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Other honors include selection as the inaugural recipient of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps Mentor of the Year Award; induction into the Army Medical Department's Order of Military Medical Merit; Federal Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award; Regent's Healthcare Executive Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives; and the Medical Service Corps Chief's Award of Excellence. He has also twice been included in Modern Healthcare's list of the 100 most influential people in health care.

CHALKBOARD

Stabilization program for high school seniors

Ruth Russell
Army School Liaison

Cassandra, like so many of her friends at high school, was looking ahead to proms, homecoming games and graduation. However, unlike her friends Cassandra was unsure which team she would be rooting for and which color cap and gown she would be wearing.

Cassandra's father was in the Army and since high school lasts four years and most duty stations end within three years, it was unlikely that she would complete four years in the same high school.

She was used to leaving schools; after all she had been in three different elementary schools and two different middle schools. But high school was different. It wasn't just the prom and homecoming that she didn't want to miss. Cassandra was hoping to get a volleyball scholarship and she was captain of the team. She also was worried about different graduation requirements if she had to move. Everything seemed more difficult to change now that she was in high school.

Switching high schools can often present hurdles that are hard to manage. Not only is it difficult leaving friends behind and adjusting to a new curriculum, but the prospect of delaying graduation can be a real possibility. Sports or other scholarship offers sometimes get lost, college applications become trickier, and those all important senior-year events lose their significance when you move to a different school.

Luckily, for Cassandra and other military upperclassmen an option exists that may allow them to stay in their high school until graduation.

The Army has recognized the unique difficulties surrounding student transfers for upperclassmen in high schools. Since it first became policy in April 2001, several thousand Soldiers have joined the program officially called "Stabilization for Soldiers-High School Seniors."

The Stabilization Policy allows Soldiers with high school students to request stabilization from PCS movement during the child's senior year.

In order to apply for the program, Soldiers need to submit a DA Form 4187 through their chain of command to PERSOM. As always, especially in time of war, the needs of the Army come first.

The stabilization program is not an entitlement and can be disapproved. Requests may be made between March of the student's sophomore year and before September 1 of the junior year. The DA Form 4187 should include the high school student's name and social security number and a letter or memo from the school with the projected graduation date.The Soldier needs to indicate any scheduled training during their child's high school academic year. Requests cannot be made once a Soldier has orders.

For more information about senior stabilization contact the School Liaison Officer or call (703) 325-4422/5191.

There is more good news for seniors planning to attend college: Military students wishing to attend college in South Carolina now qualify for in-state tuition eligibility. On June 11, Senate Bill 1115 was passed in the state legislature and signed by Gov. Mark Sanford. Previously, military dependents were eligible for in-state tuition only while the sponsor was stationed in South Carolina. If a military sponsor PCS'd while a dependent was attending college in SC, in-state tuition eligibility for that dependent would only continue for 12 months following the PCS. The new law allows continually enrolled military students to remain eligible for in-state tuition rates through graduation. That's a savings of about $11,000 per year. For more information about either of these programs, contact the School Liaison Officer at 751-6150 or *ruth.c.russell@us.army.mil.*

Fort Jackson Schools

Meet the Teacher will be at Pierce Terrace Elementary 1-1:45 p.m. Aug. 20 and C.C. Pickney 2-2:45 p.m.

The **first day of school** will be Aug. 21 for Grades 1-6. And August 25 for Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Richland District One

There will be a **school board meeting** 7 p.m., July 17 at the district office. Parents are welcome.

The f**irst day of school** will be Aug. 18.

Richland District Two

Richland Northeast High School **military family school orientation** will be 5:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 14.

The f**irst day of school** will be Aug. 21.

There will be a **school board meeting** 7:30 p.m., July 15 at the District Office.

Dent Middle School Civil Air Patrol is asking for **old BDUs/ACUs** for its program. Call 699-2750 ext. 72007 for more information.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

A get-together for home-schooled students is planned for 11 a.m., Tuesdays for various activities. For more information, call 419-0760.

College

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has launched a **college information hotlin**e for students and families. For up-to-date college information, call (877) 349-7183, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays.

Freebies

Applications are now being accepted for a **free summer camp** for children of deployed or injured Soldiers. For more information, visit *www.nmfa.org*.

Free **interactive video SAT/ACT prep course** for military dependents. Visit online at *sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp* for more information.

SKIES

For information on SKIES classes, call 751-6777/3053.

Adopt-a-School is a program that encourages Soldiers to volunteer in local schools. Units or individual Soldiers may complete volunteer activities at schools on a one-time or a regular basis, with supervisor approval for use of mission time.

High performing units will earn awards quarterly. For more information, visit online at *http://fortjackson-mwr.com/school_liaison*, call 751-6150 or e-mail *ruth.russell@jackson.army.mil*.

Editor's Note: *For more information on Army School Liaison Services, call 751-6150 or e-mail* Ruth.C.Russell@us.army.mil.

Naturalization through military service

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Legal Assistance Attorney

The following immigration and naturalization fact sheet was provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Fort Jackson legal assistance attorneys may be able to provide additional preliminary information regarding immigration.

Members and certain veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to apply for United States citizenship under special provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In addition, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services have streamlined the application and naturalization process for military personnel and those who recently discharged. Generally, qualifying service is in one of the following branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, certain reserve components of the National Guard and the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.

Qualifications

A member of the U.S. Armed Forces must meet certain requirements and qualifications to become a citizen of the United States. This includes demonstrating:

— Good moral character;

— Knowledge of the English language;

— Knowledge of U.S. Government and history (civics); and

— Attachment to the United States by taking an Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

Qualified members of the U.S. Armed Forces are exempt from other naturalization requirements, including residency and physical presence in the United States. These exceptions are listed in Sections 328 and 329 of the INA. All aspects of the naturalization process, including applications, interviews and ceremonies are available overseas to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. An individual who obtains U.S. citizenship through his or her military service and separates from the military under "other than honorable conditions" before completing five years of honorable service may have his or her citizenship revoked.

Service in Peacetime

Section 328 of the INA applies to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces or those already discharged from service. An individual may qualify for naturalization if he or she has:

— Served honorably for at least one year.

— Obtained lawful permanent resident status.

— Filed an application while still in the service or within six months of separation.

Service in Wartime

All immigrants who have served honorably on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or as a member of the Selected Ready Reserve on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to file for immediate citizenship under the special wartime provisions in Section 329 of the INA. This section also covers veterans of designated past wars and conflicts.

How to Apply

Every military installation has a designated point-of-contact to assist with filing the military naturalization application packet. Once complete, the package is sent to the USCIS Nebraska Service Center for expedited processing. That package will include:

— Application for Naturalization (USCIS Form N-400) (Members of the military are not charged a fee to file the Form N-400).

— Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service (USCIS Form N-426).

— Biographic Information (USCIS Form G-325B).

Posthumous Benefits

Section 329A of the INA provides for grants of posthumous citizenship to certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Other provisions of law extend benefits to surviving spouses, children and parents. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces who served honorably during a designated period of hostilities and dies as a result of injury or disease incurred in, or aggravated by, that service (including death in combat) may receive posthumous citizenship.

The service member's next of kin, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary's designee in USCIS must make this request for posthumous citizenship within two years of the service member's death.

Under section 319(d) of the INA, a spouse, child or parent of a U.S. citizen, who dies while serving honorably in active-duty status in the U.S. Armed Forces, can file for naturalization if the family member meets naturalization requirements other than residency and physical presence.

Operation Hours

Fort Jackson's Legal Assistance Office, located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Appointments can be made by calling 751-4287.

The office accepts walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney, 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Walk-ins are welcome for general legal questions and are accepted 9-11 a.m., Thursdays.

For other immigration purposes, a surviving spouse (unless he or she remarries), child or parent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who served honorably on active duty and died as a result of combat, and was a citizen at the time of death (including a posthumous grant of citizenship) is considered an immediate relative for two years after the service members dies and may file a petition for classification as an immediate relative during such period. A surviving parent may file a petition even if the deceased service member had not reached age 21.

Statistics

USCIS has naturalized more than 39,085 members of the U.S. Armed Forces since the beginning of the War on Terror. (September 2001)

In October 2004, USCIS hosted the first overseas military naturalization ceremony since the Korean War. During this time and since, USCIS has naturalized more than 5,275 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines during ceremonies in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom and in the Pacific aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.

USCIS has granted posthumous citizenship to 115 members of the U.S. Armed Forces stemming from the War on Terror.

Historically, the U.S. government has conducted overseas military naturalization ceremonies during times of war. During World War II, 20,011 service members were naturalized overseas. During the Korean War, 7,756 service members were naturalized overseas. Although authorized, no overseas military naturalization ceremonies were held during the Vietnam War.

Chapel

Promise of freedom is freedom

Chaplain (Lt. Col) David W. Acuff
165th Infantry Brigade

"The promise of freedom is freedom."— Michel Foucault

"Four more months and we'll be through. I'll be glad and so will you," went the cadence in basic combat training. The numbers diminished as we sang out the remaining length of our bondage. The days passed slowly at first, but soon gained speed. Near the end, a "wake-up" was added. And then the days were gone, and the "wake-up" arrived. The moment we had longed for had arrived. It was over.

We donned our Class A's, walked the stage, and we were through. We were glad and so were they.

The loss of freedom is certainly the hardest part of basic training. Not the physical training, not the field time, not even the gas chamber, but rather the invisible chains that locked us together as a platoon.

We could scarcely take a step on our own. We were never by ourselves, we were always surrounded by our fellow Soldiers and some of them got on our nerves. We would have liked to be able to get away from them but we could not.

I have never had less freedom than I had during basic training. And during that time all of us missed our freedom and desperately wanted it back. Yet, almost all of us have fond memories of this time; it is the sweetest Army memory for many of us, it has been for me.

One thing is for sure, none of the worst times of my life happened during my basic training at Fort Knox. More and more, I look at my time in basic training as a safe zone. Not easy, but safe. I missed my freedom, but there were times, before and after basic, that my freedom caused me excruciating hardship.

Any overseas tour teaches us that Americans want and demand more freedom than anyone. Germans and especially Koreans live more tightly compacted than we do. As Americans, we need "elbow room" in every way. We demand lots of space to craft and sustain our individuality. But I have come to see that freedom is not the same thing as happiness.

Yes, the Army hampers our freedom in many ways. But a problem many of our Soldiers wrestle with is that of having grown up with far too much freedom. Freedom and happiness are separate things, absolute freedom is utter isolation. We are only totally free when we have severed all connections with other people. I think we come to learn over time that the promise of freedom is freedom, and nothing else.

Scripture tells us that "when two or more are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them." The presence of God is given to us most often when we are in community with other people, not alone. I myself found God in a new way while in basic training. May each of you experience God's presence while serving at Fort Jackson.

Worship services

Protestant

- Sunday *8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.* Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
  8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
  9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
  9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
  10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Post Chapel)
  11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
  11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
  11 a.m. Chapel Next Chaplain School
- Wednesday *7 p.m.* Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday *7 p.m.* Women's Bible Study (PWOC - Post Chapel, Class 209)
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
  7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
  7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday *9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.* Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Post Chapel)
  6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
  7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday *8 a.m.* Men's Prayer Breakfast (Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Sunday *5 p.m.* Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday *6:30 p.m.* Main Post Chapel

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday *8 a.m.* Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday *8-10 a.m.* Islamic Studies
- Friday *12:30-1:45 p.m.* Jumah Services (both — Main Post Chapel)

Church of Christ

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

Catholic

- M-F *11:30 a.m.* Mass (Post Chapel)
- Sunday *8 a.m.* Mass (Solomon Center)
  11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
  9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)
  9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
  9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
  12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday *7 p.m.* Rosary
  7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Jewish

- Sunday *9:30-10:30 a.m.* Memorial Chapel
  10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday *9:30-11 a.m.* Anderson St. Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

Daniel Circle Chapel — 3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Blvd., *751-4216*
Main Post Chapel — 4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Ave., *751-6469*
Bayonet Chapel — 9476 Kemper St., *751-4542*
Family Life Chaplain - 4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), *751-5780*
Anderson St. Chapel — 2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Blvd., *751-7032*
Education Center — 4581 Scales Ave.
Magruder Chapel — 4360 Magruder Ave., *751-3883*
120th Rec. Bn. Chapel — 1895 Washington St., *751-5086*
Memorial Chapel — 4470 Jackson Blvd., *751-7324*
Chaplain School — 10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

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. Ronald F. Taylor
Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief

Cases of the Week

A Soldier reported to military police that a $20 bill, which he stashed in a closed laptop, was stolen. Military Police said the Soldier reported that he put the bill in his laptop, closed it, and placed the computer in a desk before he left for duty. Upon arriving back at his room, he noticed the desk door down and the $20 missing.

A lint buildup was blamed for a barracks dryer fire that was quickly extinguished by Fort Jackson firefighters. According to MPs, a Soldier in charge-of-quarters contacted emergency services to report the fire. MPs said a Basic Combat Training Soldier was doing laundry, smelled smoke, and later observed flames coming from behind the dryer. Firefighters extinguished the flames and attributed the fire to a lint buildup that had ignited.

MPs said they responded to a fight between two Soldiers, in which one of the combatants required treatment for facial injuries and further evaluation at Moncrief Army Community Hospital. The extent of the Soldier's injuries was not known.

Tip of the Week

Pets, alcoholic beverages and personal fireworks will not be permitted at Torchlight Tattoo on July 4.

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

SECURITY THREAT ALERT!!!!

****Recent reporting indicates that individuals are conducting surveillance and photography of access control points to military installations****

STAY ALERT!!!!

Slugfest sets tone for backstretch

Chris Rasmussen
Leader Staff

Despite an early season hampered by teams with not enough players or players who were hurt, the second half of the recreational softball league season will start healthy and with perhaps another slugfest.

The teams that faced each other in midseason championship game will square off again, when the second half of the season begins July 14.

But first things first.

The Christian Players beat the Roughnecks, 17-11, last Thursday to capture the midseason championship tournament at Hilton Field Sports Complex.

"We were having teams drop out left and right due to injuries and mission requirements," said Cindi Keene, sports coordinator. "But things are really looking up for the second half of the season. We still have 13 teams, so we are doing pretty good."

At last year's break, there was no clear-cut leader, but this season is different. Both the Christian Players and Roughnecks are expected to continue their domination, because of their power-hitting and defense.

"Our team has been together for five years and a lot of our guys played ball before at the college level or competitive softball," said George Clash, coach for the Christian Players. "We should be right in the thick of things for the second half of the season."

The Roughnecks jumped out to an early 8-3 lead Thursday, but the Christian Players got their bats going in the fourth with the help of four home runs, including two from Stephen Roberts, who went 3-for-4 on the night. Bam Perry and Jacob Rivera also homered.

"We jumped out early but they came back and busted home runs on us," said Calvin Robinson, coach for the Roughnecks. "It was a very good game. The wind was pushing out, so if you got under the ball it was gone. Even though we lost, our guys did a great job."

The Roughnecks won't have to wait too long to seek revenge on the Christian Players. The teams will play each other again to start the second half of the season.

"We are going to be ready," Robinson said. "They have a lot of power hitters and we like hitting, but the bottom line is we can win if we play tough enough. It is a hitting game. You can make a few errors, but you have to hit the ball."

Keene said she expects the second half of the season to go more smoothly than the first half.

"Now that they have had a chance to see what the other side looks like, I expect the games to be a lot more competitive," she said.

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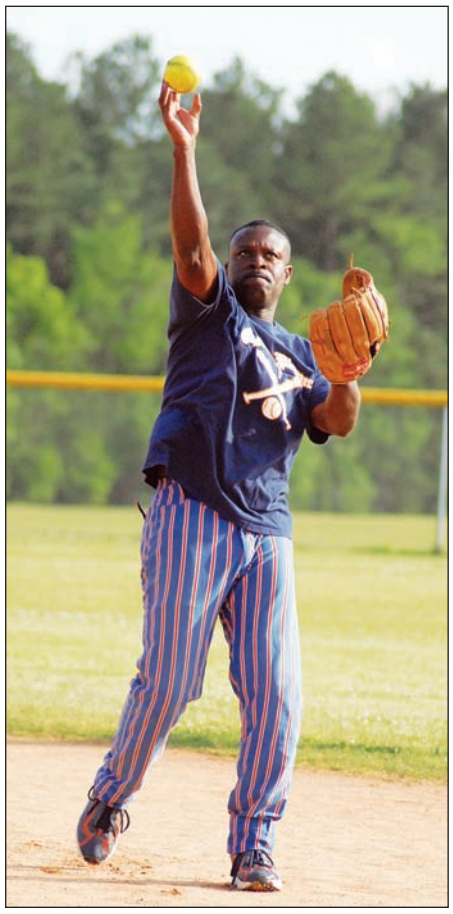

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Stephen Roberts, who had a pair of home runs for the Christian Players in the midseason championship game, warms up before a recreation softball league game April 28 at Hilton Field Sports Complex.

Sports Briefs

Junior Golf Skills Testing

The Fort Jackson Golf Club is offering sill levels testing for young golfers. The skill testing is designed to encourage children and teenagers to work on all aspects of their game. For more information, call 787-4437/4344.

Kickball Tournament

Registrations are accepted through 1 p.m., July 8 for an active duty kickball tournament. The tournament will begin July 7. For more information, call 751-3096.

Children's Golf Camp

The Central Enrollment Office is accepting registrations for smart start golf camp for children 3-5 years old. The camp is set for 8:30-9:15 a.m., July 8 - July 10 and July 15 - July 17.

The cost is $20 per child. For more information and to register, call 751-5040.

Small Games Tournament

Registration for the Small Games Tournament for active duty Soldiers is due to the Sports Office July 16 by 2 p.m. The tournament will be at 6 p.m., July 24 at Magruder's and will include arm wrestling, table tennis, hot shot basketball and 8-ball. For more information, call 751-3096.

Army 10-miler Qualifier

Registration for the Army 10-miler qualifier will be accepted through July 11. Runners can also register on the day of the event 5:15-5:30 a.m. The qualifier will begin 5:45 a.m., July 12 at the Hilton Field Softball Complex parking lot. Runners need to be present by 5:30 a.m. For more information, call 751-3096.

Ultimate Frisbee

An Ultimate Frisbee program will start in September. For more information, call 751-3096.

For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040;
For golf information, call 787-4437/4344;
For sports information, call 751-3096.