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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Army Civilian Appreciation Day Professional Forum

9:15-10:30 a.m., Solomon Center. Army Civilians are required to attend this forum with the exception of key essential personnel critical in supporting the training mission.

Civilian Appreciation Day Luncheon

Fort Jackson will hold a Civilian Appreciation Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Civilian employees on Fort Jackson are invited to attend. For more information contact Capt. Jen Biser at 751-9592 or via email at jennifer.l.biser@mail.mil.

TUESDAY

Coupon Craze!

Financial Readiness Program, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. 9810 Lee Road, room 119. Come learn the art of doubling, tripling and stacking coupons, price matching and more. Get tips on how to prepare for grocery store trips. This is a great opportunity to learn new strategies, meet other coupon users and share your own ideas. Each class participant will receive a special gift, compliments of Army Community Service. Call 751-5256 to RSVP.

FEB. 9

2-39 Marksmanship Competition

9 a.m. Aachen Range. The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment will be hold a marksmanship competition to sharpen staff and cadre weapons skills. For more

information contact Chaplain (Capt.) Anthony Keim at anthony.s.keim.mil@mail.mil.

JAN. 31

Scholarship Seminar for Military Family Members

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 9810 Lee Rd, Rm. 166 This seminar will help educate military spouses and parents of military teens on the various military and civilian scholarships that are available. Sponsored by ACS Employment Readiness and USC TRIO. RSVP is requested two business days before the workshop date. Call 751-9460 or 751-5456 for more information.

FEB. 8

Lego Club at the Library

2-3:30 p.m. Thomas Lee Hall Library. Test your Lego brick building skills at the Library. We have the Lego bricks, you bring the creativity. This is a free event. For more information, contact 751-5589.

FEB. 10

Matinee Movie at the Library

1-3:30 p.m. Thomas Lee Hall Library. Take a stroll down the yellow brick road! Come to the Library and watch Dorothy and her friends make their way to the Land of Oz in "The Wizard of Oz." Feel free to sing along to, "Over the Rainbow," and more. All ages are welcome to attend this family friendly Saturday matinee movie. This is a free event. For more information, contact 751-5589.

CIVILIAN APPRECIATION DAY

Every day, Command Sgt. Maj. Christian and I have the pleasure of witnessing firsthand the remarkable contributions and achievements made by Fort Jackson's Army Civilians. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all that you do in service to Fort Jackson, the Army, and our nation. We achieve excellence in our mission and create an environment where Soldiers, Army Civilians and Families thrive as a result of your extraordinary dedication and commitment to our Army. We are proud to serve with you. Therefore, as a small token of our appreciation, we have designated this Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, as the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Army Civilian Appreciation Day. Our vision is that this will be an annual event to serve as a constant reminder of not only the importance of our Army Civilians but also how much we value your service.

Victory Starts Here, Right Here!

– Maj. Gen. John P. Johnson,
Fort Jackson Commanding General

– Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian
Post Command Sergeant Major



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If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

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'We all bleed red'

Retired general discusses American progress at MLK observance

Above, retired Brig. Gen. Earl Simms addresses the audience Jan. 19 during Fort Jackson's annual Martin Luther King Jr. observance at the NCO Club. 'You're looking at an individual who experienced growing up in a segregated school system,' he told the audience. After the event, Simms was presented a plaque in appreciation for his participation, right.

Photos by LATRICE LANGSTON

By LATRICE LANGSTON
Fort Jackson Leader

Perfectly positioned behind the podium, retired Brig. Gen. Earl Simms spoke of a time when his greatness was celebrated by segregation. He was surrounded by colleagues and admirers, all of whom were in attendance with the purpose of celebrating the accomplishments of two individuals; Simms, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I understand what it meant to go to the back of the restaurant to pick up your food," Simms said as servers floated through the banquet hall refilling water glasses during the Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. observance at the Fort Jackson NCO Club, hosted by 193rd Infantry Brigade. Simms recalled moments from his childhood when family travel was void of fancy restaurant stops because packed lunches eaten on the side of the road was a sign of the times; not an alternative.

Using experience to highlight the prominence of progression, Simms provided the secret to his success, "you're looking at an individual who experienced growing up in a segregated school system, by the ninth grade and the rest of my career obviously integration had occurred and I reaped the benefits from that. One of the things that I learned through that process was, 110 percent equals 100 percent."

His one request to all in attendance was that "we understand that we are all the same under our skin, we all bleed red and we are all Americans."





Photo by DAVID E. GILLESPIE

In a demonstration of the Telehealth process at Fort Campbell's Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, clinical staff nurse Capt. Maxx P. Mamula examines patient Master Sgt. Jason H. Alexander using a digital external ocular camera. The image is immediately available to Lt. Col. Kevin A. Horde, a provider at Fort Gordon's Eisenhower Medical Center, offering remote consultation.

Growth of Army's virtual health technology improves readiness

By DAVID VERGUN
Army News Service

In 2017, there were approximately 40,000 virtual health encounters across the Army in both deployed and garrison settings, said Dr. Colleen Rye, chief of Army Virtual Health.

That's a big increase over previous years and the increases are expected to continue, she said.

That 40,000 does not include telepharmacies, teleradiology or secure messaging, she added, explaining that virtual health means having a doctor who specializes in something like pulmonology, hematology and psychiatry reaching out in real time to medics or other doctors or caregivers at the point of injury.

Virtual health involves use of medical devices such as electrocardiograms, glucose

or blood pressure monitors and ultrasound devices that can send information to health-care providers over the Internet, along with high-resolution video showing the patient in great detail using devices like a digital stethoscopes, otoscopes or ophthalmoscopes, Rye said.

Virtual health allows specialists to diagnose disease or injury and prescribe medication or treatment from a distance. It even allows providers to walk medics who are on-site with an injured patient through emergency surgery, Rye said. Specialists in Germany, Washington state and Texas, for instance, could simultaneously provide healthcare assistance to a medic treating an injured Soldier in Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, said virtual health could be

as important of a medical advancement for Soldiers as was the invention of the tourniquet.

The reason it could be so important, he said, is because Soldiers will increasingly be operating in remote areas of the world, and will be dispersed in small units, which may only have access to a medic.

Furthermore, these small units may be many hours or even days away from a medevac opportunity, particularly in combat against a near-peer adversary who dominates the air domain, or if helicopters are needed elsewhere for assault missions, he offered.

Already, Soldiers are operating in remote places like Africa and South America, he added. By the end of 2018, virtual health will be more widely available to these dispersed units in those two continents.

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

■ Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

■ Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) 1 p.m.
■ Downsizing (R) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) 1 p.m.
■ Downsizing (R) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

■ Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) 2 p.m.
■ Downsizing (R) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$6 / Child (6 to 11): \$4

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$8 / Child (6 to 11): \$6

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- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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February 10, 2018

Solomon Center- 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd.
Doors Open 5 p.m., First Fight 6 p.m.

Featuring Efrén Afante of WLTX as the emcee for the evening. Plus live music from Soulution!



For more info contact Jeff Pollard at (803)751-4526

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NEWS



Photo by STAFF SGT. ROBERTO DI GIOVINE

South Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers and state fire department rescuers with the South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team program conduct training-rescue operations in Pickens County, S.C., Jan. 18.

How lapse in appropriations affected S.C. National Guard

By LT. COL. CINDI KING
South Carolina National Guard

When the lapse in government appropriations took effect at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 20, 2018, the South Carolina National Guard implemented orderly government shutdown procedures that impacted over 4,000 Guard Soldiers who had drill weekend scheduled Jan. 20-21.

The Department of Defense and National Guard Bureau provided guidance for excepted activities, which included units and individuals who sustain "life-saving" capabilities and personnel preparing for or supporting scheduled mobilizations. In compliance with this guidance, approximately 2,200 Soldiers were sent home and their unit training drill weekend cancelled.

"We worked very hard to make the best

decisions based on unit mission, member welfare and authorizations," said Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, the adjutant general for South Carolina. "We apologize for the fluid situation and the hardships this situation imposed."

The South Carolina National Guard has in its full-time work force more than 1,000 Title 32 military Federal Technicians. Approximately 750 received furlough notification when they reported for work Jan. 22. Title 32 Federal Technicians perform the same duties for the National Guard that full time Soldiers perform for the Active Duty, such as mechanics and training preparation.

During the government shutdown, missions for Active Guard Reserve and Soldiers and Airmen deployed overseas were not affected, except for pay, which will resume now that appropriations were al-

located.

According to Livingston, during a government shutdown, if there was a natural disaster or weather event requiring support from the South Carolina National Guard, there are funds available through the state that would enable mobilizations to assist during an emergency situation.

On Jan. 22, day three of the shutdown, Congress passed and the President approved a continuing resolution for the Department of Defense, which ended the government shutdown. All employees of the full-time work force in the S.C. Military Department were informed to resume normal operations and report to work on their next regularly scheduled workday, Jan. 23.

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Sportsman's Advisory Council

Are you interested in learning more about the Fort Jackson Sportsman Club? Come to a meeting of the Sportsman Advisory Council Working Groups.

The Cycling working group meets the second Thursday of each month. The group leader Maj. Stephen McKinney can be contacted at 751-1041 or stephen.r.mckinney@mail.mil.

The Recreational Shooting and Adventure Racing/Running working groups will hold a meeting on 4 p.m. Jan. 30 in Magruder's Pub. This meeting allows personnel who were on block leave during the first meeting an opportunity to attend. Maj. Matthew Hintz is the lead for both working groups and can be contacted at 751-7629 or matthew.r.hintz@mail.mil.

The Hunting and Angling WG meeting will coincide with the Sportsman Club monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The group leader Command Sgt. Maj. Curtis Wesson can be contacted at 751-8037 or curtis.w.wesson@mail.mil.

Religious Support Office seeks volunteers for Good News Club

The Religious Support Office is seeking 15 volunteers to assist with the Good News Club. The club will be conducted once a week after school at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School beginning Feb. 1.

911 dispatch briefing

Are you interested in a career as a 9-1-1 Dispatch? If so, the Army Continuing Education System will host educational briefings at the Education Center, 4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd. from 10- 1 a.m. Jan. 30-31. For additional information, please contact the Education Center at 751-5341.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pvt. Pierce Douglas Shannon, 23, of Maumelle passed away Jan. 5. Any person who has property belonging to Pvt. Pierce Douglas Shannon, to whom Pvt. Shannon is indebted, or anyone who is indebted to Pvt. Shannon, contact his summary court-martial officer, 1st Lt. Danny C. Bungcayao, at 803-751-4302 or danny.c.bungcayao@mail.mil.



Photos by LATRICE LANGSTON

C.C. Pinckney parents and students work together as a team, utilizing math skills to navigate through the store Jan. 18 as part of the annual Math Night at the Commissary. Students used their math skills to check prices, compare values, and weigh and measure items.



MATH NIGHT

Commissary event shows how strong skills can pay off

By LATRICE LANGSTON
Fort Jackson Leader

Math Night at the Commissary provides a real world example of how good math skills can pay off.

Paula Favor, a teacher on the third grade team for C. C. Pinckney, said the students absolutely love this event.

"They love coming to the commissary going down their aisle with their packet," Favor said. "They just love the fact that they can come in and touch things in the commissary."

Held Jan. 18 this year, Math night at the Commissary is an annual event for third graders attending C.C. Pinckney. "Math is our focus at the school and Math Night at The Commissary supports that focus," Favor said.

Commissary aisles were filled with third graders utilizing their math skills to check prices, compare prices, and weigh and measure items; much like they have witnessed their parents do when grocery shopping.

"It's important for this to take place in the commissary because it is a real world experience and what we are trying to do is to help our

children connect the math that we do to the real world," Favor said.

Bernard Ellison, store director of the commissary, works with vendors to provide gift cards to the students who participate in Math Night at the Commissary.

"It makes me very happy to see the young people learning at an early age and hopefully the skills learned will take them through life and when they get older they will be better shoppers," Ellison said. "We didn't do this when I was in third grade but I would have loved to."



NEWS



Building teams

University of South Carolina softball team visits post

Photos by LATRICE LANGSTON

Student-athletes from the University of South Carolina softball team maneuver their way through the Fit to Win course Jan. 19 at Fort Jackson. The team used Fort Jackson facilities to build upon their knowledge of and strengthen their team work. The training was given in the same way trainees receive it - with drill sergeants and required complete team participation.



Jackson to honor civilians with daylong activities

Leader Staff Reports

Fort Jackson will be honoring its civilian workforce Friday with a Fort Jackson Civilian Appreciation Day.

The Civilian Appreciation Day is just one way to say thanks to Department of the Army Civilians, post leadership said.

"We achieve excellence in our mission and create an environment where Soldiers, Army Civilians and Families thrive as a result of your extraordinary dedication and commitment to our Army," Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson wrote in a note to DA Civilian workers. "We are proud to serve with you."

Civilian Appreciation Day starts with a professional forum at the Solomon Center from 9 – 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the NCO Club on post starting at 11:30 a.m. Ellen M. Helmerson, TRADOC's deputy chief of staff for personnel management, will provide remarks during the luncheon.

Civilians represent a long lineage stretching back to the earliest foundations of the Army.

According to the Army Civilian Corps Handbook, Soldiers and civilians have been working alongside each other since the Revolutionary War where the first Army civilians were employed as clerks, skilled tradesmen or craftsmen, physicians, teamsters and unskilled laborers.

During the Civil War, 25,000 civilian trainmen, dispatchers and superintendents ran the military railroads that transported supplies to troops in the field while Union hospitals were staffed by more than 12,000 military and civilian employees, and more than half of the surgeons in the Army were civilians.

President James Garfield's assassination in 1881 by disgruntled office-seeker Charles Guiteau, created such an uproar that the old patronage system had to be reformed. The Pendleton Act of 1883, or commonly known as the Civil Service Act of 1883, regulated and improved the Civil Service and its civilian employees.

Civilians served with distinction during both world wars and in 1945 following the end of World War II, applicants for

Civil Service positions were accepted only from persons with a veteran preference and from certain persons separated as a result of a reduction in force.

By 1948, Public Law 617 was enacted and affirmed the Civil Service Commission's war-developed policy of hiring the physically handicapped. It banned discrimination against physically handicapped persons in filling any positions whose duties they could perform efficiently without endangering themselves or others.

Today more than 330,000 men and women, working in a wide variety of careers, serve the nation through Army Civilian Service filling critical Department of Defense roles in more than 500 careers, including cyber security, engineering, medicine and administration.

According to GoArmy.com, Army Civilian Service is one of the largest, busiest and most successful elements within the Department of Defense. Army civilians are an integral part of the Army team, committed to selfless service in support of the protection and preservation of the United States.

NEWS

'I BECAME A CIVILIAN ...'

BRUCE NETTLES

Beatrice, Alabama
Installation Security Office

"When I retired from the Army, I still wanted to serve, becoming a DOD civilian gives me that opportunity to continue to serve soldiers and continue to be a part of the Army team. When I was a drill sergeant at Fort Sill, Oklahoma there was a retired Marine (sergeant major) by the name of Mr. Grant who use to say, "If it wasn't for you Soldiers, I wouldn't have a job". He seemed to be overjoyed with being able to serve. Being able to interact with and support soldiers and the Army's mission is a joy for me. In 10 years I see myself retiring from federal service and continuing to serve the community in ministry."



IVAN JAMES

Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

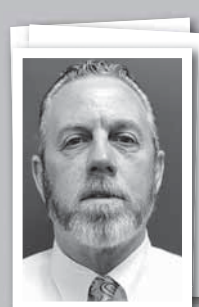
"Having served 21 years on active duty in the Army becoming a DOD civilian was like coming home to the family. The DOD civilian workforce was what I expected, I had a good understanding of what it consisted of from prior experience working with civilians while on active duty. The most rewarding aspect of civilian service is being able to continue to be a part of the team and serve our nation in a different capacity. In 10 years, I plan to be working as a Human Resources Regional Director for Non-Appropriated Funds and being in a position to influence the quality of services provided to our customers at an enterprise level. I am grateful from my experiences that I gained in the military and from being a DOD civilian; but more importantly, I am proud of the Soldiers serving our country today and the sacrifices they make to preserve our freedom."



LAWRENCE KORN

Phoenix
Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

"After serving for 21 years as a Soldier I still wanted to continue to serve our great nation and decided that the best way to do that would be as a federal employee. The civilian work force was what I thought it would be before I joined as I had served with many civilians over my last five years in the Army and had a pretty good feeling as to what it would be like. The most rewarding thing I find about the civilian workforce is that I can continue to serve our Soldiers and Nation even though I am no longer in the military. In 10 years I see myself as being retired again but this time for good and will be proud to be not only a retired Soldier and also a retired federal employee. I look forward to continuing my service to the Fort Jackson community, the U.S. Army, and our country."



SHERRY MAJOR

Crystal River, Florida
Army Community Service: Employment Readiness Program

My spouse served 12 years on active duty status, during that time I served in many roles; Chaplain Spouse, Family Readiness Leader, and Point of Contact (Key Caller) within the Army family. My influence to become a DOD Civilian happened when my spouse went from active duty to National Guard. I knew I wanted to work as a DOD Civilian to continue to serve military families and it was my desire to stay connected as much as possible. I love being a part of the Army, and serving Soldiers and families, I consider it an honor. I had no idea how important to the mission the role civilian's play really was/is. Most of my previous experience had been in corporate America, I was surprised at how important DOD Civilians are in helping to support Families and Soldiers.



Jan. 26, 2018 has been designated **Army Civilian Appreciation Day** at the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson. In recognition, The Leader presents a modified version of our regular "I Became a Soldier" feature: "**I Became a Civilian**" asks members of the installation's civilian community how they arrived at their careers on Fort Jackson.

Fort Jackson will hold a Civilian Appreciation Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Civilian employees on Fort Jackson are invited to attend. For more information contact Capt. Jen Biser at 751-9592 or via email at jennifer.l.biser.mil@mail.mil.

TIMOTHY B. GLADDERS

Brandon, Florida
Fort Jackson EEO, USAG

"My desire to become a Change Agent is what influenced me to become a DOD civilian. While I didn't expect to have to operate under severe shortages while working as a DOD civilian, it has its rewards. The most rewarding aspect of civilian service is getting the chance to serve and work with Soldiers and the Army. In ten years I see myself retired in the mountains of Western North Carolina."





A trainee in Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment takes cover Jan. 18 at Remagen Range during training with the multiple integrated laser engagement system, or MILES. Both his weapon and uniform are equipped with MILES, which detects hits from laser 'bullets' and keeps track of damage assessments for everyone involved.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Company introduces laser engagement system into Basic Combat Training cycle

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Even today, two decades into the 21st century, the multiple integrated laser engagement system, or MILES, still sounds like a gadget out of "Star Trek." The gear uses lasers and blank cartridges to simulate actual battle, giving Soldiers and trainees the kind of instant-gratification usually reserved for video games. The weapons recoil when fired, the smell of gunpowder hanging in the air is palpable, and the electronic tones that track simulated gunfire provide a sense of immediacy that might otherwise be missing from standard buddy training maneuvers.

MILES is hardly a new concept, though. The system was introduced to Army during the late 1970s, years before the Soldiers now in training at Fort Jackson were even born. The system's popularity in Army training centers has been subject to the usual kinds of external influences that affect all military training, with its stock recently rising on post courtesy of new training initiatives driven by Fort Jackson and Army Training Center commander, Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson.

"MILES is a good tool," said 1st Lt. Adam Pastor, executive officer for Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, whose trainees put the gear back into use on the morning of Jan. 18. It's a strange sign of the times that gun-mounted lasers almost represent a back-to-basics approach for training, but Pastor said the trainees -- in their eighth week of Basic Combat Training -- were undaunted by either the technical challenge of the enhanced weapons, or by the frigid temperatures that had threatened to hamper operations on the installation all week.

"They're cold, but they're motivated," Pastor said. "Once (the trainees) see a couple of runs and see what they've supposed to be doing, they'll grab hold and execute well."

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This is a great opportunity to start testing all of the technology that we have.

— Capt. Francisco Idarraga
Company commander

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Photos by WALLACE MCBRIDE

A trainee with Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment seeks cover Jan. 18 during training with the multiple integrated laser engagement system at Remagen Range on Fort Jackson.

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New process in place for obtaining ergonomic equipment

By MEDDAC Fort Jackson
Strategy and Innovation

MEDDAC Fort Jackson has developed a new procedure for obtaining Ergonomic Equipment through the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.

Although originally designed for MEDDAC staff, the process is applicable to service members and civilian employees across the installation.

"The CAP program provides assistive technology and accommodations to support

individuals with disabilities and wounded, ill and injured service members throughout the Federal Government in accessing information and communication technology," said Lou Brito, MEDDAC FJ Chief of Strategy and Innovation. "CAP is a program for Department of Defense employees and centrally funds request for employees with disabilities to provide reasonable work accommodations."

DOD employees must submit a request thru the CAP. The submission request (using the DD Form 2987) must be made online through the www.cap.mil website. After sub-

mission of the form, CAP reserves the right to request medical documentation to support a request for accommodation and maintain acquisitions integrity. If CAP determines that medical documentation is needed to evaluate a request, the documentation must be issued by a licensed medical professional or other appropriate practitioner and indicate the medical diagnosis, including the current clinical status. A medical diagnosis must disclose the specific disease or condition that explains an individual's limitation as it relates to the accommodation requested.

All ergonomic evaluation requests and or needs assessments must be submitted by scheduling an appointment through the USA MEDDAC Fort Jackson Occupational Health Department.

"Individuals who are not sure what they need or are not familiar with assistive technology may benefit from a needs assessment which is an exchange of information to help determine possible solutions," Brito said. "Anyone interested should visit the CAP website for more information."

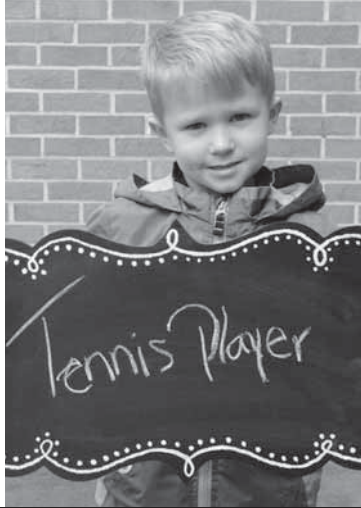
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WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A...

Featuring the students of Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Photos by LaTrice Langston.



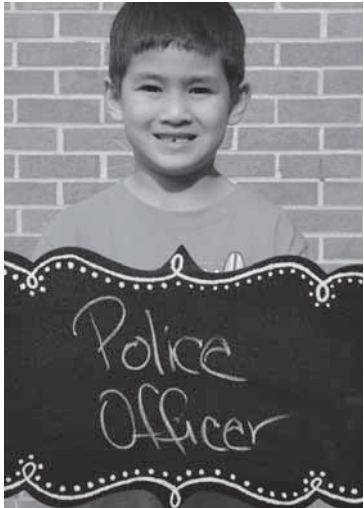
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FORT JACKSON SCHOOL MENUS, Jan. 25-31

Thursday, Jan 25

Breakfast: Assorted cold cereals, muffin, orange juice/juice cup, as-sorted milk

Lunch entree: Chicken fried rice. Sides: Oriental vegetables/seasoned carrots, orange wedges/100% juice cup, assorted milk.

Friday, Jan. 26 NO SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 29

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Mandarin oranges/100% juice cup, assorted milk

Lunch entree: Chicken rings. Sides: Seasoned pinto beans/tater tots, Mandarin oranges/100% juice cup, assorted milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, orange wedges/pineapple chunks, as-sorted milk

Lunch entree: Hamburger/cheese-burger with lettuce, tomato and pickle. Sides: Fries/baby carrots with dip, pineapple chunks, oranges wedges, assorted milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, sliced peaches/applesauce, assorted milk

Lunch entree: Spaghetti. Sides: Seasoned corn on the cob/seasoned spinnach, applesauce/sliced peaches, assorted milk.

Menu subject to change without notice.

BREAKFAST PRICES

Month: \$35 / Per day: \$1.75

Reduced: Month: \$6 / Per day: \$.30

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Month: \$57 / Per day: \$2.85

Reduced: Month: \$8 / Per day: \$.40

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FORT JACKSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CATHOLIC

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m., IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m., CCD, Education Center
- 9:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, First

Friday

11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday

10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Sunday

9 a.m., Worship and Liturgy, Hospital Chapel

JEWISH

Sunday

- 9:15 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel
- 10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sunday

10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

Friday

12:45 p.m., Jumah Services, Main Post Chapel

Sunday

8 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

PAGAN

Sunday

11 a.m., Pagan Circle Sacred Well Congregation worship and study, Magruder Chapel

HISPANIC PROTESTANT

Sunday

9 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

PROTESTANT

Sunday

- 8 a.m., Worship Service, Main Post Chapel
- 8:30 a.m., Anglican/Liturgical, Lightning Chapel
- 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Chapel

■ 9:15 a.m., Adult Bible Study, main Post Chapel

■ 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

■ 10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service, Daniel Circle Chapel

■ 11 a.m., Service, Main Post Chapel

■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Lightning Chapel

■ 5 p.m., Aspire! Protestant Youth, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday

■ 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Woman's Bible Study, Main Post Chapel

■ 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

Tuesday

■ 9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday

■ 12 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, SSI Library

■ 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle chapel

Thursday

■ 11:45 a.m., Fresh Encounter Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

■ **Anderson Street Chapel**, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

■ **Lightning Chapel**, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542

■ **Chaplain Family Life Center**, Bldg 5460, 751-4961

■ **Daniel Circle Chapel**, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478

■ **Education Center**, 4581 Scales Ave.

■ **Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain and Religious Support Office**, 4356 Hardee St., 751-3121/6318

■ **McCrady Chapel**, 3820 McCrady Road at McCrady Training Center, 751-7324

■ **Magruder Chapel**, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

■ **Main Post Chapel**, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681

■ **Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion)**, 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Post thanks sailors

Right: The family of Petty Officer 2nd Class Michelle Chargualaf, shows their support for her during an appreciation event for Navy individual augmentees Jan. 21 at the McCrady Training Center.

Below: Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, speaks to a veteran during the event.

Courtesy photo



Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE Photos by LaTrice Langston



Staff Sgt. Donald Panaway
Alpha Company
3rd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
SpC. Nicole Price

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Joshua Townsend

HIGH APFT
SpC. Nicole Price

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jacob Granillo

PANAWAY



Sgt. 1st Class Deadrian McKelvey
Bravo Company
3rd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
(Not Available)

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
(Not Available)

HIGH APFT
(Not Available)

HIGH BRM
(Not Available)

MCKELVEY



Staff Sgt. Shawanna Frett
Charlie Company
3rd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Nicholas Ed-
dington

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Michelle Woods

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Rafael Morales-
Salva

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Marcus Jones

FRETT



Staff Sgt. Sidel Locaspino
Delta Company
3rd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
SpC. Joseph Bowling

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Evan Hunt

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Jared Schow

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Miles Allan

LOCASPINO



NOT AVAILABLE

Staff Sgt. Bobby Liverman
Echo Company
3rd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Adarian Alston,

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Danielle Vil-
lafranca

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Brenden Smith

HIGH BRM
SpC. Alexander Wilcox

This We'll DEFEND

Virtual

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Since 2017, virtual health has been available to Strong Europe Soldiers in rotational units supporting NATO missions, he said. Many of the specialists for these Soldiers are at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, "keeping folks in the fight, not having to bring them back for every medical need."

Rye said the Army has been providing virtual health to Navy and Air Force units across the Pacific, including on 70 ships, since early 2017.

She provided details of a Special Operations Soldier in the Pacific who recently had a hand injury severe enough to require surgery, with only a medic at the point of need. Details of the location in the Pacific where the Soldier was operating are classified, so even the surgeon at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia and the nurse at Fort Campbell, Kentucky did not know where the patient was.

The surgeon and nurse walked the

medic through the delicate operation, she said, noting that the hand is particularly difficult to operate on because of the many nerves in close proximity to one another.

The result of that virtual health engagement was that the Soldier's hand was saved and today is 100 percent functional, she said.

In a home-station or combat training center setting, virtual health has delivered results that put hours or even days back into training, she said, meaning the injured Soldier doesn't necessarily have to be evacuated to a medical treatment facility.

Rye said the Army has been using some form of virtual health since 1992. However, that effort was relatively small and involved a lot of pilot studies.

One notable example of that effort took place in 2009, in the wake of the mass shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, she said. Psychologists and psychiatrists in Hawaii, Texas and in the Washington, D.C. region participated in virtual health consultations with some of the survivors.

Expansion of virtual health, she said, took off in 2010. That's also the year her office was stood up and virtual health became institutionalized.

Process

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When medical documentation or any additional supporting information is necessary to evaluate a request, customers must submit the information within five business days or the request may be declined. CAP is a resource and does not assume the legal obligation of an employer to accommodate its employees. If CAP declines an accommodation request for any reason, it should not be

interpreted as a decline by the employing agency. Employees may request an accommodation from their employer at any time.

"If CAP disapproves the request for ergonomic equipment, please process a New Item Request in DMLSS and provide a hard copy of the licensed medical professional's recommendation to the Chief of Supply and Acquisitions," Brito said. "Copy and paste the actual denial notification into the NIR note section.

The NIR note section along with the licensed medical professional's recommendation will be used as justification to procure the necessary item."

Guard

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"I was really happy to be notified to come back to work," said SpC. Chelsea Baker, who serves as a public affairs specialist at the Joint Force Headquarters, South Carolina National Guard. "I've been in furlough situations that went on

much longer and it makes it really hard on your finances. I hope we don't have to go through this again."

The bill signed by the President funds the government through Feb. 8.

"We have concerns for the welfare of our workforce as well as the impacts on unit readiness when there is a government shutdown," said Livingston. "However, if our state or nation calls, we will be there to support. That's who we are as an organization dedicated in service to others."

Out with the old, in with the new:

Post advises callers to dial 911 instead of the on-post number

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Officials at the post 911 call center are asking the Fort Jackson community to dial 911 instead of the old on-post emergency number.

"When you dial 911 we automatically get the number and location information," said Holly Abee, the installation's 911 supervisor.

This location information is necessary because it helps first responders to respond quickly to the emergency location.

Until recently mobile callers were asked to dial 751-9111.

Since the Federal Communications Commission estimates nearly two-thirds of all 911 calls come from mobile phones, the FCC instituted Phase II E911 rules directing cell phone providers to give the latitude and longitude of the caller to public safety access points, or the call centers that answer emergency calls.

According to the FCC, the information must be accurate to within 50 to 300 meters depending upon the type of location technology used.

"If you are calling with a cell phone we get ... coordinates up to 25 feet," Abee said. "When they call the 751-9111 number we don't get that information."

For instance when a drill sergeant calls from the field or a visitor calls and don't know where they are, Fort Jackson emergency personnel "get more accurate information."

The PSAP for Jackson emergency calls is located in Richland County and "everything routes through there," Abee added. When someone calls the Richland County 911 their call will be transferred straight to Fort Jackson.

The quicker Fort Jackson emergency personnel get the location information, the faster they can respond.

"It's all about getting the information to people who need it," Abee said.

The FCC recommends mobile phone users follow these tips when calling 911:

- Tell the emergency operator the location of the emergency right away.
- Provide the emergency operator with your wireless phone number, so if the call gets disconnected, the emergency operator can call you back.
- Public safety access points, or the call centers answering emergency calls, currently lack the technical capability to receive texts, photos and videos.
- If your wireless phone is not "initialized" (meaning you do not have a contract for service with a wireless service provider), and your emergency call gets disconnected, you must call the emergency operator back because the operator does not have your telephone number and cannot contact you.
- To help public safety personnel allocate emergency resources, learn and use the designated number in your state for highway accidents or other non life-threatening incidents (States often reserve specific numbers for these types of incidents. For example, "#77" is the number used for highway accidents in Virginia.)

NEWS



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

A Soldier in training with Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment takes aim with a weapon equipped with the multiple integrated laser engagement system during training Jan. 19 at Remagen Range. MILES is designed to replicate both the firing capabilities and effects of weapons during simulated combat. The gear can detect hits from laser “bullets” and keep track of damage assessments for everyone involved.

MILES

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MILES is designed to replicate both the firing capabilities and effects of weapons during simulated combat. The gear can detect hits from laser “bullets” and keep track of damage assessments for everyone involved. There are immediate audio cues to let trainees know when simulated rounds are coming close to their position. For those less fortunate, an ominous tone also lets them know when they’ve been taken off the battlefield.

“Conceptually, the Army has these great ideas about how to make training better,” he said. “MILES is one of those training enhancers that will give Soldiers immediate feed-

back in the moment. The only way to really improve it is to use sim-rounds ... you’ll get hit by colored paint rounds. You’ll feel the sting, too.”

Introducing MILES into the training cycle required drill sergeants to be trained to use the equipment, and then finding the more appropriate forum for its use. The company settled on using the equipment in a Buddy Team Fire and Maneuver Exercise, said Sgt 1st Class Ramsey Street, senior drill sergeant for Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment.

“They’re going to move in buddy teams and bound up to the end of the lane,” Street said. “There are areas we’ve laid out for them to find cover, but the point is for them to find their own cover.”

At the end of the lane were “adversary” Soldiers firing MILES-equipped weapons at them as they advanced. Their abilities to return fire and find cover would be tested quickly.

Each trainee took turns laying down suppressive fire while their battle buddy advanced on the enemy. Once the task was completed, another set of Soldiers fell into place behind them and took their turns running the challenge.

None of the ranges on post have any lanes formally dedicated to this scenario, so drill sergeants customized a portion of Remagen Range that otherwise sees little foot traffic. An area of woodland made up of berms and scattered foliage was selected, a few random bits of “cover” installed for both the trainees and the Soldiers playing the adversary, and the lane was ready to go.

“This is a great opportunity to start testing all of the technology that we have,” said Capt. Francisco Idarraga, company commander of Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment. “We’re trying to see if they’re applying all of their knowledge, as far as moving in teams, which is very important while you are in the field.”