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Harding Fellowship application window open

Army News Service

The Maj. Gen. Edwin “Forrest” Harding Fellowship is now accepting applications for the second group of fellows in one of the Army’s newest broadening opportunity programs.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 10.

Selected Fellows will start graduate school in Kansas in May 2025 and then report to their respective Center of Excellence in the summer of 2026 for a two-year term as editor of their branch journal.

“These fellows will channel the legacy of Maj. Gen. Edwin ‘Forrest’ Harding who renewed Infantry and Infantry Journal in the 1930s,” Lt. Col. Zachary Griffiths, director of the Harding Project, said. “An initiative of the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Randy George, the Harding Project is renewing the Army’s professional journals. As Harding did, these editors will connect the journals with the force and ensure their content is relevant, high quality, and accessible.”

Gen. Gary Brito, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, also said of the program: “Like the observer controllers who serve at our combat training centers, these leaders will return to operational units as experts in their branches with superior communications skills.”

The Fellowship

The three-year Harding Fellowship selects, develops and employs top performing officers as editors for the Army’s professional journals, connecting them with branch Centers of Excellence.

Courtesy photo

The Maj. Gen. Edwin “Forrest” Harding Fellowship is now accepting applications for one of the Army’s newest broadening opportunity program.

Harding Fellows strengthen the Army profession with their deep expertise in branch matters and superior communications skills.

Fellows will earn a master’s degree, work directly for their branch commandant and Center of Excellence commander and reach across their branch.

Fellows will first complete an accelerated one-year Master of Science in Journalism and Mass Communications program through Kansas University’s William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Then, Fellows will move to their respective Center of Excellence and serve as editors-in-chief of their branch journal. As

editor, they will ensure their journal publishes high-quality and relevant content that reaches their peers in the force.

The Army intends to grant intermediate-level education credit for this opportunity as well.

For Candidates

The program is open to active-duty captains, noncommissioned officers in the grade of E8, and chief warrant officer 4s.

Branches and eligible military occupational specialties for the 2025 cohort include:

- Infantry at Fort Moore, Georgia (Infantry)
- Protection at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (Chemical Corps, Engineer, Mili-

tary Police)

- Army Sustainment Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia (Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Finance)

- Air Defense Fort Sill, Oklahoma (Air Defense Artillery)

- Special Warfare Fort Liberty, North Carolina (Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, Special Forces)

- Military Intelligence Fort Huachuca, Arizona (Military Intelligence)

Due to the nature of the program and branch representation across the Army professional journals, the branches able to apply for the fellowship will alternate every year. No more than six fellows will be selected each year.

In addition to the following rank and MOS requirements, applicants must also have complete Captains Career Course, have a bachelor’s degree with 3.0 grade point average, and not have a graduate degree paid for by the Army.

Once selected, fellows will then need to apply and be accepted to the KU master’s program according to the university’s admission directions and requirements.

Additional information application and program requirements can be found on HRC’s website under Broadening Opportunities Programs.

An application packet must be emailed to usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.fadd-bop-manager@army.mil no later than Sept. 10, 2024, to be eligible for consideration.

Details on application packets can be found on the Broadening Opportunity Programs page on the HRC website, CAC required.

ON THE COVER

Soldiers with the names of fallen servicemembers on their bibs run during the start of the Run/Walk for the Fallen in 2021.

The post will host another Run/Walk for the Fallen Saturday.

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Photo by ALEXANDRA SHEA

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Father, son excel together in Jackson 10-miler

By **STAFF SGT. MATT JOHNSON**
3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

In a display of both camaraderie and competitiveness, Lt. Col. Brian Forester, battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, and his 14-year-old son William Forester participated in the annual Fort Jackson 10-Miler.

The event, which brought together Soldiers, Family members, and the community, became a memorable experience for the Forester Family as both father and son achieved remarkable finishes, with William placing third overall and Lt. Col. Forester securing the 11th spot.

"It's enjoyable to get out in a great community event like the Fort Jackson 10-miler and do it together," Lt. Col. Forester said, highlighting the significance of the shared experience. The race, known for its challenging course and vibrant atmosphere, provided the perfect backdrop for this father-son duo to connect over their mutual passion for running.

Reflecting on his son's impressive performance, Lt. Col. Forester joked, "It makes me feel old!" before adding, "but seriously, I'm always proud of him when he sets big goals and then goes after them."

His pride was evident, underscoring the bond that running has strengthened over the years between the two.

William, following in his father's footsteps, has found inspiration in his dad's commitment to the sport.

"My dad's involvement in running has always motivated me," William said, emphasizing how his father's influence has shaped his own approach to running. "This race was the perfect opportunity to participate in something we both enjoy."

Despite their close connection, the competitive nature of the race quickly set in, with Lt. Col. Forester admitting, "I didn't provide much motivation because I lost sight of him after the start. I can no longer keep up."

This lighthearted acknowledgment of his son's growing prowess in the sport only added to the charm of their story.

The Forester Family's participation in the Fort Jackson 10-Miler serves as a testament to the powerful connections that can be forged through shared activities, particularly in a community as tight-knit as Fort Jackson.

As Lt. Col. Forester and William continue to set goals and challenge each other, their story stands as an inspiration to all who value the blend of family, fitness, and friendly competition.

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Regiment



Courtesy photo

William Forester, 14-year-old son of Lt. Col. Brian Forester, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment command, poses after finishing Fort Jackson's Army 10-miler. He ran the race with his father.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Road Name Changes

Fort Jackson has renamed numerous roads and streets on post that were named after Confederate leaders, battles and units. This is part of efforts to rename Department of Defense installations, streets, buildings and ships that featured names commemorating the Confederacy. These name changes, effective Jan. 1, have already been made by the U.S. Postal Service. To learn which road names have changed, scan the QR code or visit home.army.mil/jackson/about/fort-jackson-road-renaming.



Resiliency Stand-To

Fort Jackson conducts a Resiliency Stand-To Oct. 3-4. The Stand-To starts with a small group circuit at the Soldier Performance Readiness Center and an opportunity to visit with on and off post service providers focusing on physical, sleep, and nutritional readiness. That afternoon there will be a speaker panel at 1917 Club and an opportunity to visit with on and off post service providers focusing on mental and spiritual readiness. Building resiliency classes will be held at the Training Support Center, Oct. 4. Registration for the speaker panel and resiliency building classes is required due to limited seating. RSVP no later than Oct. 1. Please RSVP via email at usarmy.jackson.army-tng-ctr.mbx.fj-resiliency-lead-planners@army.mil, or call at (803) 751-2915 or (803) 751-6334.

193rd Female Mentorship and Morale Program

The program is holding the following events:

- Tuesday - Suicide Awareness/ Pre-vention Seminar

- Oct. 4 - Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run

- Oct. 18 - Breast Cancer Awareness Event

Safety Training Classes

The Installation Safety Office presents various safety training classes. To register for the Army Traffic Safety Training or Local Hazards training classes, go to <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>. To register for the Unit Safety Officer training, contact your Safety Specialist.

- Basic Riders Course: Sept. 10-12 (1 seat open); Sept. 24-26 (3 seats open); Oct. 8-10 (4 seats open); Oct. 22-24 (4 seats open)

- Advanced Riders Course: Sept. 17 (1 seat open); Oct. 15 (4 seats open); Oct. 29 (4 seats open)

- Local Hazards Course: Monday; Sept. 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 21, 28

- Intermediate Drivers Course: Sept. 19 (20 seats open); Oct. 17 (30 seats open)

- Remedial Drivers Course: Sept. 18 (11 seats open); Oct. 16 (12 seats open)

- Unit Safety Officer Course: Oct. 1-2 (15 seats open); Dec. 3-4 (24 seats open)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUESDAY

Love and Money Matters

10 a.m. to noon, Chaplain Family Life Center. The two-hour "Love and Money Matters" workshop will teach effective communication strategies and address common money issues in relationships. Learn to set SMART goals as a couple that can lead to wealth.

Shred Day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5671 Liberty Division Road. No large metal clips. Open to Department of Defense ID cardholders. All types of paper accepted, but no classified documents.

WEDNESDAY

Financial Retirement Planning

1-2:30 p.m., MS Teams. Take time to learn about planning for retirement — so you'll be prepared for today's needs and wants, while also paving the way to meet your future financial goals and enjoy the retirement you deserve. Join us as we discuss the strategies and resources that are available to help you fine-tune or establish your retirement plan.

SEPT. 13

Self Defense Class

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Solomon Center. Army Community Service hosts a self defense class given by the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Increase your strength, focus, fitness, flexibility, and learn ways to defend against physical attacks. For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

Community Information Exchange

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1917 Club. Join Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood and Col. Timothy Hickman, garrison commander, as on-post activities and partners in excellence update the community of on post happenings.

SEPT. 14

Fort Eisenhower Horseback Trail Ride

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation for a horseback trail ride at the Fort Eisenhower Horse stables. All welcome-novice or pro. This is a guided tour costs \$60 per person and will be great fun for those looking for an outdoor adventure. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-3484 or visit Marion Street Station.

SEPT. 16

Social Security Benefits

2-3:30 p.m., MS Teams. The 90-minute "Social Security Benefits" training workshop is an instructor-led training designed for individuals who want to take control of their financial future. The training will pro-

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

- The Killers Game (R) 2 p.m. (Free Showing)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

- Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 2 p.m.

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

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

vide information on how Social Security affects your retirement income. Start today by attending a financial readiness seminar that will provide you with the tools for creating a better financial future.

SEPT. 17 Meals in Minutes & Your Budget Webinar

9-10 a.m., MS Teams. Learn how to save calories while also optimizing your budget. Armed Forces Wellness Center and Army Community Service provides programs and services to improve and/or maintain readiness of the military community. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256.

SEPT. 18

Sleep Hygiene Management Workshop

Noon to 1 p.m., Army Substance Abuse

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SUBMISSIONS TO

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Deadline for events to be included in the Community Updates is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

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. All submissions will be edited and published using Associated Press Style.

Questions? Call 751-3615.

Army begins cognitive testing in Initial Entry Training

By **JONATHAN AUSTIN**
Army News Service

The Army has begun baseline cognitive assessments during Initial Entry Training, and all services will follow in the coming months, officials say.

The Army is taking a multi-pronged approach to reduce brain health risks, including improved awareness through a Force Health Protection Information Campaign; expanded brain health monitoring; identification of blast overpressure protective measures; tracking and monitoring blast exposure; and developing a comprehensive strategy to enhance and advance the science and medical care for brain injuries, said Col. Jama Vanhorne-Sealy, who oversees the Occupational Health Directive, Force Health Protection in the Office of the Surgeon General.

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was the first Army Initial Entry Training location to establish permanent cognitive testing, with all services scheduled to roll out the testing at all entry training locations by the end of 2024.

In addition, Army personnel will be evaluated at least every three years after initial screening, which can help identify any unusual cognitive change, Vanhorne-Sealy said. Early detection allows for early intervention to restore or enhance cognition, should it be necessary, she said.

A long-standing cognitive assessment program that began in 2007 has shifted from a pre-deployment and injury-centric model to a regular cognitive monitoring program, which means military health authorities can better help Soldiers throughout their career, said the Chief of Neurocognitive Assessment in the Office of the Army Surgeon General, Dr. Steven J. Porter.

The Cognitive Monitoring Program, much like the Army's ongoing hearing testing, is a screening tool to assess for cognitive change in Soldiers.



Photo by MAJ. MICHELLE LUNATO

In this photo from 2019, Army Reserve Sgt. Alycia Perkins, a drill sergeant watches over Basic Combat Training recruits at Fort Jackson. The Army has begun cognitive testing during Initial Entry Training.

Cognitive assessment means documenting the way an individual thinks, reasons and remembers.

"Without ongoing testing, changes to a Soldier's thought processes may not be evident until an event that could put both the service member or their unit in jeopardy," Porter said.

Since June 2007, more than 3.4 million assessments have been collected, processed, and stored at the Neurocognitive Assessment Branch Data Repository at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to aid in treatment and track recovery after a concussive or suspected concussive event, Porter said. The testing identifies cognitive changes to help inform a Soldier's need for medical care, rest and recovery. Early identification can help avert further potential injury.

Vanhorne-Sealy said over time, advancements in understanding of brain functionality have led to improved testing, expanding the program to better evaluate areas of the brain potentially impacted by

blast overpressure.

Blast overpressure is the sharp rise in atmospheric pressure from an explosive or firing of a weapon causing shockwave, traveling faster than the speed of sound. Blast overpressure exposure occurs when someone is close enough to physically feel the shockwave.

In a report by the House Committee on Appropriations regarding the Department of Defense Appropriation Bill of 2021, the Committee asked the Department of Defense to develop a cost analysis plan for conducting traumatic brain injury baseline testing for all new recruits.

Currently, a medical provider may request a Soldier's cognitive baseline from the repository if it needed for treatment planning and tracking recovery. CMP authorities are working to develop a system to directly upload the test data to the Soldier's medical record.

The CMP assessment tool is an FDA-approved medical device, and all test records are privileged information.

Hamas accountable for murdering civilians: DOD

By **DAVID VERGUN**
DOD News

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III spoke Sept. 1 with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant about the six hostages in Gaza murdered by Hamas, including 23-year-old U.S. citizen Hersh Goldberg-Polin, said Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder at news conference, Sept. 3.

Austin passed along his deepest condolences to the families of the slain hostages, and "he expressed outrage at their vicious, illegal and immoral execution at the hands of Hamas," Ryder said.

The secretary affirmed that Hamas leaders must be held accountable for the murder of the innocent civilians, and the defense leaders reaffirmed their mutual commitment to swiftly reaching a cease-fire deal to secure the release of all remaining hostages, the general said.

Also on Sept. 1, U.S. forces in the U.S. Central Command partnered with Syrian Democratic Forces to capture Khaled Ahmed al-Dandal, an ISIS leader and facilitator who was assessed as helping ISIS fighters after he escaped from a detention facility in Raqqa, Syria, the press secretary said.

"The operation highlights CENTCOM's ongoing efforts to support our SDF partners to mitigate threats of future escapes by ISIS detainees from SDF detention facilities in Syria and to ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS," Ryder said.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Post set to run, walk ... For the Fallen

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson is set to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the country with a 5K Run/Walk this Saturday morning.

For the past 14 years, Fort Jackson has hosted an annual 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen to raise awareness for wounded veterans, build support for the Families of those killed in combat, and to aid the healing process for those Americans whose lives have been affected by the terrorist events of Sept. 11, 2001 and the Global War on Terrorism.

“The Run/Walk for the Fallen is important because it’s a remembrance event,” said Marilynn Bailey, Army Community Services specialist, after last year’s run. “We don’t ever want to forget those that have given their life

... EVERYONE SHOULD
COME OUT AND HONOR
OUR FALLEN HEROES

- Marilynn Bailey
Army Community Service
Specialist

for our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

Soldiers will run with names of fallen service members on their running bibs to remember their sacrifices.

“The run is open to the entire Fort Jackson community and the surrounding Midlands areas,” Bailey said Sept. 3.

Registration for the event begins at 7 a.m. with a ceremony opening up

the event beginning at 7:30 a.m. Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander will meet with Gold Star families before the event and will provide comments beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The run will start promptly at 8 a.m. with Hood leading a formation of Soldiers. Civilian runners will depart a few minutes after the Soldiers leave.

Refreshments will be available to runners at the completion of the event.

“Everyone should come out to honor our fallen heroes and the surviving families of South Carolina,” Bailey said. “Everyone will have an opportunity to honor any fallen hero. We will have bibs available for participants to write the name of their fallen her as well.”



HONOR

OUR FALLEN HEROES
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Fort Jackson 2024
RUN/WALK
FOR THE
FALLEN
SEPT 7 2024

Saturday, September 7
Fort Jackson Hilton Field

7 a.m. Registration
7:45 a.m. Opening Remarks by the Commanding General
8 a.m. Run/Walk starts
The Fort Jackson community is invited to participate

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Soldier reunites with biological father in IET

By **MELISSA BUCKLEY**

Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs

When Pfc. Brayden Sumare's bus pulled into Fort Leonard Wood, nothing could have prepared him for the twist of fate that awaited him just inside the doors of the 43rd Adjutant General Reception Battalion.

The 18-year-old graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, in the summer of 2023, between his junior and senior years of high school. He arrived at Fort Leonard Wood in July, to complete his initial entry training.

Sumare, a native of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, said he arrived at Fort Leonard Wood at about 3 a.m., and there was something oddly familiar about his bay leader, a trainee everybody called "Pops" — he exchanged a few lingering glances with him — but didn't think much about it.

"The next day, I was laying down in my bunk as the bay leader was walking around getting all the new people's names for the roster," Sumare said. "When he got to me, he asked my last name, and I said 'Sumare.' And then he asked, 'Brayden Hunter Sumare?'"

Sumare said he was bewildered and returned the man's question with another question, "How did you know that?"

According to Sumare, he was "shocked" at the man's response of — "I'm William Reeves" — his biological father.

Pfc. William Reeves said he will never forget the moment he realized he was looking into the eyes of his biological son.

"It was unbelievable," Reeves said. "What are the chances we both joined the Army and were at Fort Leonard Wood at the same time for our training?"

Sumare said he thought they didn't recognize each other because they both looked very different than when they met for the first, and only, time about four years ago.

"When I met him, he had long hair and a full beard. When I saw him at reception, he had a buzzed haircut and was cleanly shaven," Sumare said.

To add to the unbelievable happenstance, Reeves said he had been nicknamed "Pops" before Sumare even arrived on post.

"I'm almost 40; I have life experience. My peers lean on me for that. They started calling me Pops and it stuck," Reeves said.

Amanda Sumare, Brayden's mother, said when Brayden called her to let her know he made it to Fort Leonard Wood and tell her Reeves was also there, she was awestruck, and it took her a minute to wrap her head around the coincidence.

"I was so very shocked. It is the craziest thing ever," Amanda said.

Reeves, from Poteau, Oklahoma, said he and Brayden's mother were young when they found out she was pregnant.

"It was unexpected. We did a DNA test when he was born, and he was mine. Our lives had gone in different



Army News Service photo

Pfc. Brayden Sumare stands with his biological father, Pfc. William Reeves. The two unwittingly reunited at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. while in Initial Entry Training. Sumare had previously graduated Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson between his junior and senior year of high school.

directions and Brayden's mother was living in Wyoming, engaged to the man who eventually became Brayden's adopted father," Reeves said. "I supported him financially but decided I didn't want to be too involved and upset Brayden's solid family unit."

The two spent several days together at Fort Leonard Wood's reception battalion, waiting to go to their separate training units.

"Over the next few days, as I watched him interact with other people, I saw familiar mannerisms. It was like looking in a mirror," Reeves said. "I got to learn a lot from him, and I think that is really cool."

Since Brayden had already attended BCT and earned the title of Soldier, Reeves said Brayden was able to help the new trainees at the reception battalion prepare for it.

"Brayden taught me how to Ranger roll my uniform. And not just me, he showed us all how. He also showed us what to pack before we left for our units and what to buy

from the Exchange when we got a chance. I enjoyed watching him lead others. I am proud of Brayden. He has a bright future," Reeves said.

According to Brayden, running into his biological father was, "one of those weird life things," and he was glad he was there to help Reeves prepare for basic training and wish him well.

"I got to tell him goodbye, good luck and give him a hug," Brayden said. "I think it is awesome that he joined."

Amanda said she is impressed by both of them and their desire to serve.

"The Army is a good fit for Brayden because he isn't one to just sit back and watch the world go by. He wants to be involved. He has a strong love and passion for our military and always has. He has so much potential. I am very proud to be his mama," Amanda said. "I'm also proud of William for stepping up to serve our country. I wish him the best future."

Officer wins Army-level safety award

Leader Staff Reports

The accolades for one Fort Jackson unit safety officer keep coming.

1st Lt. Alexis Gaines, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Infantry Brigade was recently selected as recipient the Army's Individual Award for Excellence in Safety.

Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander, presented her with the award, Sept. 4.

She previously received the Army Training and Doctrine Command's Individual Award for Excellence in Safety before the TRADOC Commanders Ready and Resilient Council meeting, March 7.

"It takes a special person to be recognized across the Army," Hood said of the award.

Gaines received the award due to her "outstanding success in hazard awareness, risk management, and loss prevention." Her exceptional achievement and dedication during the fiscal year preserved the readiness and prevented the loss of Soldiers, civilians, Families and other "vital" resources.

She was assigned to 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment when she was nominated for the award.

Her battalion commander at the time was Lt. Col. Jonathan Baker.

She "fostered a culture of safety throughout the Brigade and Fort Jackson," Baker wrote in her nomination memorandum.

The culture was built with her coordinating five quarterly safety council meetings; creating new accident tracking products; and briefing post, brigade, and other battalion safety officers.

"Her actions increased a shared understanding on the best safety practices and reporting procedures, and improved accurate reporting of accident mishaps by 98%," Baker wrote.

Gaines also wrote unit safety standing operating procedures; was named coordinator for the brigade's safety stand down day; helped improve safety training; and mentored other safety officers.

Safety is a cornerstone of what the Army does and is an integral part of Fort Jackson's mission.

Safety is "part of the full spectrum of what we do" on Fort Jackson, Hood said.

Hood lauded her efforts saying, "Hopefully it will be one of many awards you will receive."

(Editor's note: Some information for this article was taken from an article published in the Leader, March 14, 2024)



Photo by TOM BYRD

Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander, presents 1st Lt. Alexis M. Gaines, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Infantry Brigade, with the Army's Individual Award for Excellence in Safety, Sept. 4.



Welcome to the club

Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Fort Jackson commander, congratulates Staff Sgt. Alexa E. Villegas, from the 165th Infantry Brigade, as Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs places the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club medallion around her neck. The ribbon signifies her admittance into the prestigious association. The ribbon was presented to her Aug. 26.

Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

SALUTING THIS CYCLE'S HONOREES

2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry
Regiment

**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**
Staff Sgt.
Saniyah Foster

**ALPHA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Samantha Dauterman

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Warren Keck

**BRAVO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Yoni Nava

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Kadaysia Dash

**CHARLIE COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Quinton Bance

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Melonie Hardy

**DELTA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Andrew Moss

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Aaron Gadeken

**ECHO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Mya Robinson

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Sp. Lauren Bowen

Events

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Program Bldg. 4310 Century Division Ave. Bring your own lunch and learn about healthy sleep habits. Register for the event no later than Sept. 13. For more information and to register, call (803) 751-2915.

SEPT. 19
1,000 lbs. Club
5:30-7 p.m., Vanguard Gym. Register now and test your strength to earn the coveted 500/1,000 pounds shirt. Register at any gym or call (803) 751-4526.

SEPT. 20
Fort Jackson Community Baby Shower
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1917 Club. "If you are currently expecting or have had a baby within the past year, New Parent Support Program wants to celebrate you. NPSP is hosting the Fort Jackson Community Baby Shower where information will be provided from multiple on and off post agencies. There will be games, food, and prizes. Spouses are welcome and childcare will be provided. To use the chil-

dcare, your child must be registered with Child, Youth Services. Registration for the event is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256 (option 3).

SEPT. 23
Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
10-11 a.m. The Fort Jackson Exceptional Family Member Program is hosting a webinar presented by the Alzheimer's Association Volunteer Community Educator. The credentials for the meeting are: Meeting ID: 993 250 268 Passcode: FqcWt4 Dial in by Phone: (571) 616-7941 Phone conference ID: 236 610 694# To sign up visit alz.org/sc or call (800) 272-3900.

SEPT. 24
Mid-Career Benefits Overview
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., MS Teams. Upon completion of the pre-retirement briefing, participants will know the requirements for retirement eligibility, consequences of making a deposit/redeposit, survivor annuity elections, eligibility for continuing FEHB/FEGLI into retirement, and the process for submitting a retirement application.

Money & Mindsets Webinar
1:30-2:30 p.m., MS Teams. This webinar will dive into an individual's mindset regar-

ding managing money, effective self-talk, and goal setting. This is a great opportunity to learn about self-motivation, setting and achieving goals that will help you improve the management of your personal finances and achieving financial goals.

SEPT. 26
Building Wealth Webinar
1-2 p.m., MS Teams. There's more to financial fitness than building budgets and paying down debt. Getting financially fit means mastering the long game - financial freedom. Join us to learn more about the financial strategies for wealth building.

SEPT. 27
Oktoberfest
4-9 p.m., 1917 Club. Check in starts at 4 p.m., and the block party is free and open to the public. The fest kicks off with a one-mile Volksmarch Walk at 4:30 pm, The \$25 registration fee includes beer stein, beer tastings, snack stops and T-shirt.. There will be vendors, games, live music, German beer-Biergarten. For additional information and to register for walk, call (803) 751-3933

OCT. 1
Maude Lecture Series

1 p.m., Solomon Center. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer will be the keynote speaker at the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Memorial Lecture Series. The lecture series was established to provide an ongoing forum for reflections on leadership by prominent senior leaders of the Army in memory of Maude, the senior ranking officer killed in the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001.

National Night Out
6 p.m., Patriots Park. The Fort Jackson Police Department hosts the annual National Night Out to highlight the partnership between law enforcement and the community. Law enforcement officers from the S.C. Highway Patrol, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Army Criminal Investigation Division, military police and the U.S. Marshall's Service will be in attendance.

OCT. 5
Do It in Pink Aerobathon and 5K
8 a.m. to noon, Hilton Field Sports Complex. The Do It in Pink delivers a free two-part event for breast cancer prevention and early detection awareness. All participants must wear pink. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-3700/5251.

DID YOU KNOW: All liquid chemicals must be stored below eye level when not in use to prevent possible eye injuries. For more information, contact your unit safety officer.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	MON-FRI	NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
REVIVE SERVICE	SUNDAY	5 P.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICE	FRIDAY	7-8 P.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
HEATHEN/PAGAN	EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY	NOON TO 2 P.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL
INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL
HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	POST THEATER
ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL
JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
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LATTER DAY SAINTS	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M. - NOON	WASHINGTON ROAD CHAPEL
HEATHEN/PAGAN	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL

DOD will provide Homeland support during presidential campaigns

By **C.TODD LOPEZ**
DOD News

The Defense Department has approved a request by the Department of Homeland Security to provide assistance to the Secret Service for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates during the 2024 campaigns through Inauguration Day 2025, the deputy pentagon press secretary said today.

“The secretary of defense approved the request and directed the commander of U.S. Northern Command to plan and provide and execute increased support to the United States Secret Service at various locations across the United States during the 2024 election campaigns,” Sabrina Singh said during a briefing today at the Pentagon.

According to Singh, the department’s support will continue throughout the campaigns, the elections and the inauguration on Jan. 20, 2025.

The department has a long history of providing support to the Secret Service

when asked to assist.

“The Department of Defense has supported Secret Service protective activities for the sitting president and vice president since Congress passed the Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976,” said Anthony Guglielmi, chief of communications for the Secret Service. “As has been the case for many years, the U.S. Secret Service relies on federal, state and local partners to assist with protective operations.”

The Secret Service, Guglielmi said, has recently bolstered its protective operations in order to ensure higher levels of safety and security for those it protects.

“As part of this effort, the Department of Defense is providing the U.S. Secret Service with additional assistance including logistics, transportation and communications, through the 2024 campaign season,” Guglielmi said. “The U.S. Secret Service appreciates the invaluable commitment of our military partners and their continued support.”



Army photo by SGT.TAKORA HAND

Soldiers with the Indiana National Guard stand in formation in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2021 to enhance security during the 59th presidential inauguration.

Fort Jackson Resiliency Stand-To

October 3-4, 2024

Open to: Service Members, Family Members,
DA Civilians and Retirees

Scan QR code
for more
information

Day 1 Oct. 3:

- Group Fitness Circuit, SPRC 8-11 a.m.
- Speaker Panel, 1917 Club 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- On & off post service providers at both events

Day 2 Oct. 4:

- Self-Care Classes at TSC
- Meditation & Mindfulness
- Finances
- SHARP
- Unit Cohesion



“Resiliency Starts Here”



For more information about the Fort Jackson Resiliency Stand-To visit:
<https://home.army.mil/jackson/my-fort/resiliency-fair>

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY THE EXCEPTIONAL
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A fun interactive workshop that teaches 30
American Sign Language (ASL) signs and the
manual alphabet to parents and professionals.

18 September 2024

1000-1130

Army Community Service
9810 Liberty Division Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

VICTORY... STARTS HERE



Trainees with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment gather around a unit cadre member during a recent field training exercise.

Photo courtesy of 3RD BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT