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Kids and adults alike enjoy taking part in Fort Polk's annual Box Tour. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Michael Freas)



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INSTALLATION SERVICES FAIR

Fort Polk invites the community to meet leadership and hear about some of the outstanding programs and services offered on the installation.

MAY 28

4:30-6 P.M. AT THE WARRIOR CENTER

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MayFest
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2
May

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May

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9
May

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GILLIS VISIT HIGHLIGHTS FORT POLK'S PUSH FOR BARRACKS MODERNIZATION, QUALITY OF LIFE, ENERGY RESILIENCE



The Honorable Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, center, listens as 1st Sgt. Carson J. Downey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, briefs in the room of Sgt. Markeece Watkins, HHC 1st Bn., 5th Avn. Reg., left, during a barracks tour at Fort Polk, La., April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Porsha Auzenne)

By Porsha Auzenne

Public Affairs Office

FORT POLK, La. — The Honorable Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, visited Fort Polk April 15.

The tour included visits to housing for Soldiers and families, the newly installed \$29 million solar energy project and the current and future sites of the Army's Rotational Unit Billeting Area.

The visit highlighted Fort Polk's efforts to improve installation quality of life while supporting the Army's energy resilience and combat readiness goals. Among the priorities were barracks renovations. Since 2010, 34 barracks have been renovated at a cost of \$500 million. The initiative aligns with a Department of War task force overseeing department-wide barracks improvements, which Secretary of War Pete Hegseth addressed last November.

"For far too long, this department has failed too many of our warfighters," Hegseth said in a Nov. 25 video posted to department social media outlets. "Every member of our joint force deserves housing that is clean, comfortable and safe."

Gillis saw the renovated barracks firsthand, including upgraded rooms for Soldiers, a lounge area with a pool table and a newly installed laundry room. He also spoke with Soldiers about their quality of life and any concerns they had.

He also toured newly renovated Corvias

homes, where improvements include ground-source heat pump installations, hot water system upgrades, smart home controls, electric meter upgrades and new LED lighting.

Gillis then visited Fort Polk's solar farm and future microgrid site, a \$29 million project that

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The Honorable Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, left, listens as Corvias Executive Vice President of Renewable Energy and Utilities Management Pablo Varela shows him one of Corvias' hot water system upgrades in a Palmetto Terrace home at Fort Polk, La., April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Porsha Auzenne)



The Honorable Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, left, looks at license plates displayed on the ceiling with Fort Polk leadership and personnel during a visit to the Dogwood Terrace Community Center at Fort Polk, La., April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Porsha Auzenne)

provides energy benefits to more than 1,800 homes, supporting affordability, efficiency and reliability. The project is a partnership among Fort Polk, Corvias, CRC Innovations and Onyx Renewables.

“This installation has always been about readiness, not just on the battlefield, but in every aspect of Soldier and family life,” Maj. Gen. Jason A. Curl, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk commanding general, said during the solar farm’s ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 5. “This project is a major step in that endeavor. This new energy capability provides greater independence and resilience to our families to have reliable power, no matter the challenge. It’s an example of innovation and sustainability in action.”

These efforts demonstrate the Army and Fort Polk’s continued commitment to improving quality of life for Soldiers and families while enhancing energy efficiency.



The Honorable Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, right, listens as Corvias Executive Vice President of Renewable Energy and Utilities Management Pablo Varela briefs during Gillis’ visit to Fort Polk’s solar farm April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Porsha Auzenne)

MOLD MITIGATION

TIP #2

When water leaks or spills occur indoors - **ACT QUICKLY**. If wet or damp materials or areas are dried 24-48 hours after a leak or spill happens, in most cases mold will not grow.

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ANACOCO Spring PARADE



Fort Polk brought the energy to the Anacoco Spring Parade and Festival April 11.

The 46th Engineer Battalion led the way as the color guard, while Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Paparella, garrison command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Alvaro Madrigal, 46th Engineer Battalion command sergeant major, joined the celebration—riding floats, tossing goodies to the crowd and connecting with the community.

Paparella also addressed attendees during the festival, highlighting the strong bond between Fort Polk and its neighbors.

Events like this showcase the installation's continued partnership with surrounding communities and local leaders.

(U.S. Army photos by Keith Houin)



BOX TOUR



Mission accomplished. Friends and families of the Joint Readiness Training Center successfully defended South Torbia during the 2026 Box Tour April 18. The tour began with bus movements that were quickly ambushed and infiltrated, leading to a battlefield demonstration followed by an airborne operation. The day concluded with hands-on weapons firing, static displays of equipment and vehicles, and a night vision goggle maze.

(U.S. Army photos by Capt. Michael Freas)

SCAM



ALERT

Be aware of increased scam activity targeting **Soldiers** during PCS moves

FORT POLK — Be aware of a widespread scam targeting service members and their families during the Permanent Change of Station process. Adversaries, posing as official transportation or moving company representatives, are using phishing tactics to steal personally Identifiable Information and money.

Scammers do this by using public sources to identify Soldiers in the PCS process. They email, text message, or call, claiming to be from a legitimate moving company or a Department of Defense transportation office. Their communication may appear highly credible and professional.

The adversary tactics, techniques and procedures include the following:

Impersonation: Scammers may use the names of real moving companies or spoof official email addresses and phone numbers.

Information gathering: They will attempt to solicit PII, banking details, passwords, or other sensitive data under the guise of “confirming your move details.”

Fake fees: They may demand unexpected payments for “overweight fees,” “customs fees,” “container deposits,” or other fraudulent charges, often with a sense of urgency.

Phishing websites: They may direct you to fake websites that mimic official government or moving company portals to harvest your login credentials.

The following recommended measures are the best ways to protect yourself:

Verify all communication and use official portals: Independently verify any unexpected contact. Do not use the phone numbers or links provided in a suspicious email or text. Use only official government websites and known, trusted contact information for your assigned transportation service provider.

Protect your information: Never provide PII or financial details in response to an unsolicited request. Legitimate TSPs and military transportation offices will not ask for sensitive information via unsecure email or text.

Inspect for red flags: Look for poor grammar, spelling errors and unofficial email domains (e.g., @gmail.com, @yahoo.com). Be suspicious of any message that creates a sense of urgency or threatens to delay your move if you do not comply immediately. Do not click on any links or open attachments.

Reporting: Report the incident immediately to your chain of command, your unit G/S-2 (Intelligence Section) and the Network Enterprise Center. If you believe you are a victim of fraud, contact the Army CID Cyber Field Office, Cyber Defense Operations susarmy.huachuca.rcc-c.mbx.dco-d@army.mil and the Federal Trade Commission.

Hegseth establishes Personal Property Activity to ensure successful PCS moves

By C. Todd Lopez

Pentagon News

WASHINGTON — The War Department's Personal Property Activity, which stands up this summer, is a permanent fix to the myriad woes service members and their families have experienced during permanent change of station moves.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, who made PCS moves while serving as a Soldier, said in the past, the department's solution to move household goods has failed service members.

“A cabinet with its mirrors smashed, a dresser missing a leg, how about a treasured German-made clock shattered into pieces, a sofa that appeared as if it was dragged down the street, or a used toilet brush tucked in with the family's clothes,” Hegseth listed as examples of how cherished family belongings were damaged or just ended up in disgusting situations as a result of PCS moves.

Last year, the department did two things to improve the movement of household goods for service members. In May, it established a PCS task force to investigate the problems service members experienced during moves. Then in June, the department canceled the existing mechanism for conducting PCS moves.

“We established a task force to assess the problems of the permanent change of station, or PCS moves,” Hegseth said. “We listened to the concerns of our warriors. I fired the head of the failing program. All through the peak moving season and even through the government shutdown, our task force was, thankfully, a success.”

Now, the PCS task force will transition into a War Department special activity called the Personal Property Activity.

“It will be a permanent solution for all service members who move,” Hegseth said. “Its mission is to guarantee high-quality, reliable and efficient household goods and vehicle shipment services to the more than 300,000 warfighters worldwide who move somewhere every new year. Baggage and other household effects need to arrive on time, and they will.”

The PCS task force stood up in May 2025, with Army Maj. Gen. Lance G. Curtis at the helm. Curtis will now take over as head of the new Personal Property Activity.

The success of the PCS task force will continue into the Personal Property Activity, Curtis said, and that success was based on listening to service members and their families.

“This has been a problem for decades. We listened to the force and are taking action. If you have a problem, you can call us and we will fix it,” Curtis said. “Our nation's greatest asset is our warfighters, civilians and their family members. We remain committed to building a personal property program that accounts for



Movers deliver household goods for a military family at Fort Campbell, Ky., May 9, 2022. (U.S. Army photo by Ethan Steinquest)



Tressi Werdebach, Army Personal Property Lead Element quality assurance inspector, checks packing quality and inventory items at an inspection, July 19, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Greg Wilson)

their input, and we will proactively attack their concerns to improve the overall experience.”

Household goods movement, Curtis said, isn't just a quality-of-life issue; it's also a mission issue. Household goods movement affects family stability, and family stability directly impacts mission readiness.

“When our warfighters are worried about their household goods, they aren't focused on their mission,” Curtis said. “We are ending that distraction. Mission readiness is nonnegotiable. Every minute a service member spends fighting a household goods issue is a minute

they aren't focused on the mission. Our job is to give them that time back.”

With the ongoing work of the PCS task force and its transition to the Personal Property Activity in May, Hegseth said service members and their families will get the predictability and quality service they deserve.

“With this order, we're streamlining the moving process end-to-end — establishing a standard of accountability all across the entirety of the Department of War,” he said, adding, “Our warriors deserve the best, and that's what this reform will deliver.”

It's only a problem if you don't know who to call.



01

Local Help

Contact your **Local Transportation Office** (also known as the PPSO)

(Skip to step 3 if you can't reach the PPSO)



03

Call for help

Escalate for immediate help by calling the Service Response Center at 1-833-MIL-MOVE



02

Assess the Situation

Was your issue actually resolved?

If No, proceed to step three.

04

Get Back on Track

Action Officers are assigned to your PCS issue and will track down the problem until it is resolved, so you can get back to your mission.



**Getting ready to PCS?
Call Fort Polk's
Transportation/
Household Goods of-**

**Transportation/
Household Goods
726-780-0505**

**Overseas Port Call
726-780-0505**



Month of the Military Child

PCSING WITH KIDS

Supporting Our Military Children

Tips for the Transition:

Tell them about the move as soon as possible! Give them time to adjust to the idea of moving and to say goodbye to their friends.

Listen to their concerns. They may have lots of questions, or they may need some space during this transition.



PURPLE UP! MONTH

*Honoring Strength & Resilience
Celebrating our brave military kids!*



Corvias PCS Season Reminder: Planning Your Move-Out



Corvias understands PCS moves can be a busy time. Here are a few tips to ensure a smooth transition:

- Provide written notice in advance — at least 30 days before move-out for active-duty residents and 60 days for non-military residents.
- Complete and submit your Notice to Vacate Form with your community manager.
- When you submit your notice, we recommend scheduling your move-out inspection at the same time for added convenience.
- Be sure to share your forwarding address and take care of any remaining balances before move-out.

If you have any questions along the way, your community team is always happy to help.

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

By Karen Sampson
Fort Polk Garrison Public Affairs Office

FORT POLK, La. — April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Fort Polk Army Community Service and Prevention Center offers education and resources imperative to recognizing the signs of child abuse.

By learning those signs everyone can help protect the Fort Polk community.

“We offer education about safety,” said Ashley Maule, New Parent Support Program Home Visitor. “How do we keep our kids safe? We provide education.”

Maule provides services to military parents of children under 3-years-old. She conducts personalized home visitations to talk about infant developmental milestones, address any concerns parents have and offer resources.

It’s important to talk about child abuse, Maule said.

“It is important to bring awareness to the signs of child abuse and to know the path to protect military children,” Maule said. “Programs offered by ACS prevent child abuse.”

For new parents, Baby Boot Camp is offered once a month. Classes in Newborn Basics, Newborn Safety, How to Soothe a Crying Baby and Parent Stress Management are also available.

Identifying trusted adults is vital. ACSPC has a way of bringing parents together through



programs and playtime.

“Playtown Café has play activities for children every week and parents are encouraged to meet,” she said.

If you have any questions call the ACSPC at 726-780-0625.

5 Ways to Prevent Child Abuse

Every adult in the community can play a role in supporting and protecting military children. If you’re worried about the well-being of a military child, share your concerns with Family Advocacy Program staff. They can help you determine what to do next.

1. Know the signs.

- Sudden changes in behavior or school performance
- Always preparing for something bad to happen
- Frequently lacking adult supervision
- Fading bruises or other marks after an absence from school
- Unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones or black eyes
- Being frightened of a parent or caregiver
- Abusing animals or pets

2. Be a trusted adult.

- Let children know they can come to you with any concern and that you will:
- Listen without judgment.
 - Believe them.
 - Help and support them.

3. Make the call.

- If you witness or suspect child abuse or neglect, do the right thing:
- Call 911 or military law enforcement if a child is in immediate danger.
 - Call your local Child Protective Services office.
 - Call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 800-422-4453.
 - Call your installation’s Family Advocacy Program.

Start Prevention Tips Early

While all adults can make a positive impact in a child’s life by following these tips, parents and caregivers play an important role in protecting children. Parents and caregivers, talk with your children about tips 4 and 5 early and often.

4. Identify trusted adults.

- Talk with your child about specific people they can trust.
- Discuss when your child should talk to a trusted adult.
- Let them know they can go to another trusted adult if the first one doesn’t help.

5. Empower your child’s voice.

- Teach children early about healthy body boundaries.
- Tell them to trust their feelings.
- Encourage them to say forcefully, “I don’t like that,” or “Stop touching me.”
- Remind them to leave a situation that makes them uncomfortable.
- Ask them to tell a trusted adult right away if something makes them uncomfortable.
- Talk with them about how to listen to and help their peers.

Share these resources.

Teach your kids healthy body boundaries.
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/parenting/children-youth-teens/teach-your-kids-healthy-boundaries/>

Support for military kids.
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/relationships/prevent-violence-abuse/be-a-trusted-adult-to-protect-children-and-teens/>

Get installation support.

Army Community Services & Prevention Center
920 Bell Richard Ave
Fort Polk, LA 71459
(726) 780-1073



STOCKING UP



Fort Polk families gathered at Catfish Cove April 21 to watch the pond being stocked ahead of the annual Catfish Derby fishing tournament. Children interacted with the catfish and observed them as they were released into the water.

The stocking takes place a few days before Fort Polk's annual Catfish Derby, which coincides with the Month of the Military Child. Children and families attend the event to catch catfish and compete for prizes.

(U.S. Army photos by Porsha Auzenne)

Building readiness through recovery: BJACH occupational therapy in action

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH PAO

FORT POLK, La. — The sound of ping pong balls echoing through the Occupational Therapy Clinic at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital may seem like friendly competition, but behind each rally is a deliberate approach to recovery, resilience and readiness.

In recognition of Occupational Therapy Month, the clinic is hosting a month-long table tennis tournament, using the activity to highlight how occupational therapy helps patients regain the skills needed for daily life and duty.

“Occupational therapy helps people do the things they want to do, have to do and need to do,” said Capt. Carly Williams, chief of occupational therapy at BJACH.

Despite its name, OT is not limited to employment. In clinical practice, “occupations” refer to meaningful activities that occupy a person’s time — whether that is completing mission-essential tasks, caring for families, or maintaining independence at home.

In an outpatient setting like BJACH, Williams said OT focuses on restoring strength, endurance, joint integrity and injury prevention while reinforcing Army Warrior Tasks and everyday functional skills.

For Soldiers, those activities may include handling equipment, completing mission planning tasks or carrying a full load without pain. For others, it may involve returning to work, managing a household or recovering from surgery.

“Our mission is to help patients recover so they can fully participate in the roles that matter most to them,” said 1st Lt. Quinne Johnson, an occupational therapist at BJACH. “If a full return isn’t possible, we focus on problem-solving and helping them find new ways to live their lives to the fullest.”

From activity to recovery

At BJACH, the OT team incorporates meaningful, activity-based techniques into rehabilitation to improve outcomes and keep patients engaged.

“As part of the OT team, we try to make the rehabilitation process as comfortable and enjoyable as possible for our patients,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Cobb, occupational therapy specialist and noncommissioned officer in charge of the clinic.

Cobb said the OT team tailors activities to each patient’s injury and phase of recovery, often incorporating games to build strength and coordination in a functional way.

Ping pong has become a staple for patients recovering from upper extremity injuries, including wrist and elbow conditions such as

carpal tunnel or cubital tunnel syndrome, wrist injuries and scaphoid fractures.

“It challenges both fine and gross motor skills,” Cobb said. “Holding the paddle and striking the ball improves hand-eye coordination, grip strength, dexterity and range of motion, while moving around the table improves balance, reflexes and overall coordination.”

The tournament, held during lunch hours to avoid disrupting patient care, also fosters morale and teamwork across the organization while raising awareness of OT and its role in recovery and readiness among staff.

OT specialists play a critical role in supporting both providers and patients throughout the rehabilitation process.

Sgt. Kayla Lowe, an occupational therapy specialist at BJACH said her role focuses on supporting both therapists and patients throughout the recovery process.

“We support the therapists by reinforcing treatment plans and helping patients stay engaged, both in the clinic and with their exercises at home,” she said.

Lowe added that activities like the ping pong tournament provide additional benefits beyond physical rehabilitation.

“It’s a fun way to work on coordination and build confidence,” she said. “You can see the difference in morale when patients are engaged and enjoying what they’re doing.”

Building resilience through movement

Beyond physical recovery, OT also strengthens cognitive performance and resilience.

Activities like ping pong require patients to track movement, plan responses and adjust force in real time—skills that directly support both daily function and operational performance.

From a Holistic Health and Fitness perspective, these activities help build resilience by training patients to respond appropriately under pressure in a controlled, low-risk environment.

“Soldiers need to be able to track, plan and react under pressure,” Williams said. “This is a low-threat way to train those skills.”

A patient’s path to recovery

While Occupational Therapy Month is being highlighted through activities like the clinic’s ping pong tournament, the impact of OT extends far beyond the table.

For Beatrice Hurey, a supervisor in BJACH’s military human resources department, OT has played a critical role in her recovery following

Sgt. Jacob Babcanec, a physical therapy specialist at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, returns a shot during the Occupational Therapy Month ping pong tournament at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana, April 2026. Babcanec advanced to the Sweet Sixteen after winning his second-round match. (U.S. Army photos by Jean Clavette Graves)



Marco Mirnics, a physical therapist at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, returns a shot during the Occupational Therapy Month ping pong tournament at Fort Polk, Louisiana, April 2026. (U.S. Army photos by Jean Clavette Graves)

multiple strokes earlier this year.

Although the outpatient clinic does not typically treat stroke patients, Hurey was accepted for care due to the clinical expertise of the team.

Williams brings specialized experience in brain injury and stroke rehabilitation, including advanced training and prior work in an inpatient rehabilitation setting focused on neurological recovery.

“We work to retrain neural pathways—or create new ones—so patients can return to performing tasks they were previously able to do,” Williams said.

Hurey said OT has helped her relearn how to perform everyday tasks many people take for granted.

“It’s having my brain relearn how to operate with my arm and do the things I used to do without thinking,” she said.

After just a few weeks of therapy, she has already seen measurable progress.

“My doctor said my left arm is reacting the same as my right,” Hurey said. “Occupational therapy has been amazing.”

She said the impact goes beyond physical recovery.

“They made me feel like I mattered,” Hurey said. “Every time I come here, there’s a laugh.

They give you hope that you can get back to where you were.”

That process includes rebuilding coordination, cognitive function and the ability to perform multi-step tasks—skills essential to both daily living and overall readiness.

Strength through collaboration

OT at BJACH is part of a broader, collaborative effort to support patient outcomes and readiness.

“We work closely with primary care managers, physical therapy and orthopedics to ensure a cohesive recovery plan,” Johnson said. “Our specialties complement each other to help patients return stronger, safer and ready to perform.”

That teamwork extends throughout the clinic, where providers and specialists work together to deliver patient-centered care.

“Our team is incredibly collaborative,” Johnson said. “We’re constantly learning from one another, and we all share the same goal—helping our patients succeed.”

Restoring function, rebuilding lives

For providers at BJACH, the success of OT is measured in everyday victories.

“It’s not about one big moment—it’s about the small ones,” Johnson said. “When a patient can carry their child again, get dressed independently or return to training without pain—those are the wins that matter.”

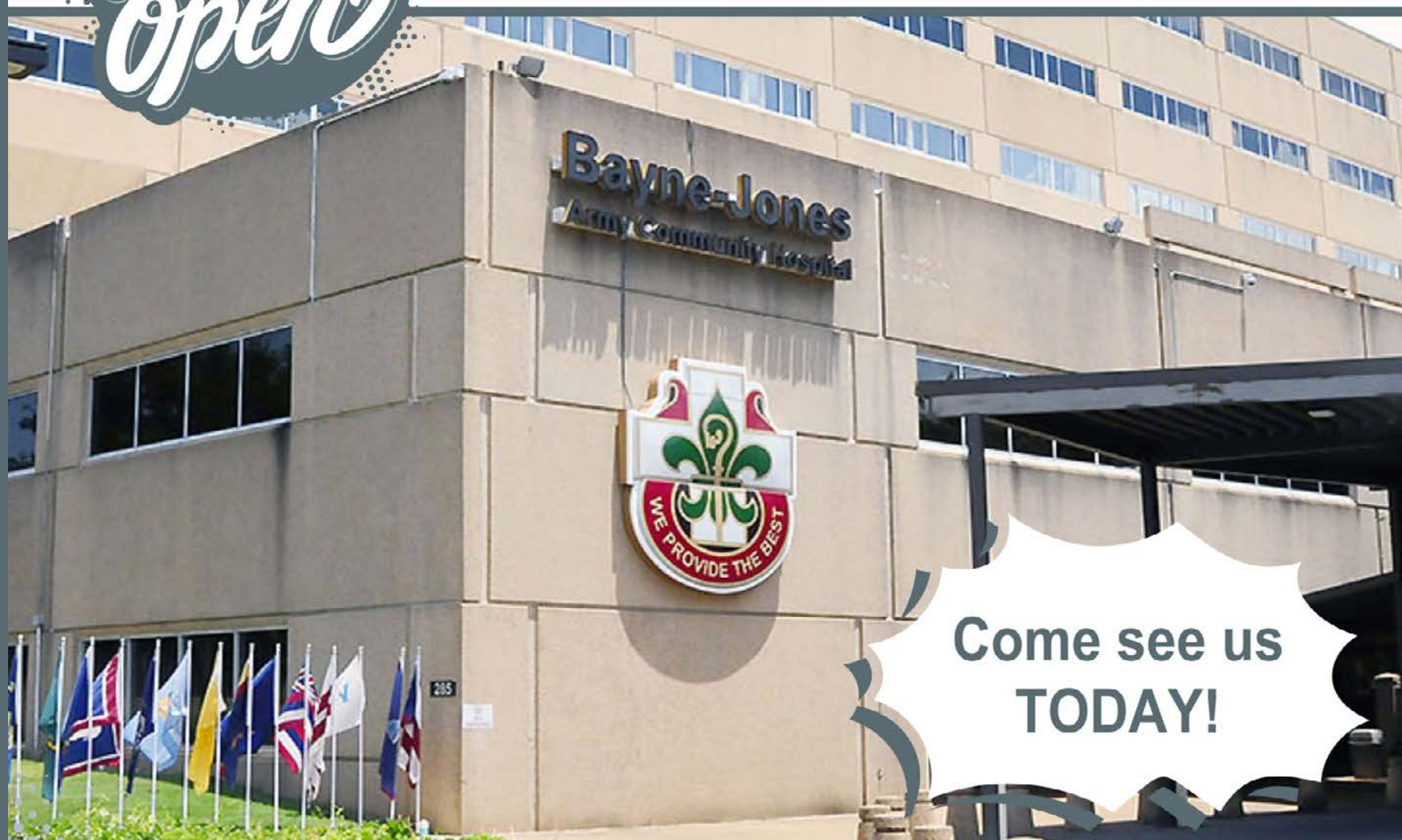
At BJACH, OT is more than rehabilitation—it is a pathway to restoring independence, rebuilding confidence and ensuring patients can return to the activities that matter most.



1st Lt. Quinne Johnson (left), an occupational therapist at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, looks on as Beatrice Hurey, a supervisor in Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital’s military human resources department, performs a functional task during an occupational therapy session April 8 at Fort Polk, Louisiana. The activity helps retrain coordination and cognitive skills needed for daily living following multiple strokes. (U.S. Army photos by Jean Clavette Graves)

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- ✓ Get active in a supportive environment
- ✓ Learn practical health tips you can actually use

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BLOOD DRIVE

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AS THE SUMMER SUN RISES AND THE GOOD VIBES ROLL IN, we invite you to join us for a special occasion. Blood drives are a vital part of our community's health and wellness. We are looking for healthy, active individuals to donate blood. Your donation can save lives. Please bring a valid ID and a list of your medical conditions. We will provide a complimentary meal and refreshments. Thank you for your generosity and support of our community.

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Your well-being is our top priority. Every patient — and every health care professional — has the right to request a chaperone during a medical examination.

What Are Chaperones?
 Chaperones are staff available to support you during any physical exam, medical visit, or dental visit. They ensure a safe, respectful, and professional environment for patients and providers.

What Does a Chaperone Provide?
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Not in our house: Fort Polk reinforces dignity, respect and readiness

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH PAO

FORT POLK, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital is reinforcing its commitment to prevention, accountability and support throughout Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, aligning with Army and Department of War priorities to build cohesive, ready and resilient teams.

The April observance emphasizes the theme, “Step forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate,” calling on Soldiers, families and civilian employees to take an active role in fostering a culture grounded in dignity and respect.

Maj. Gen. Jason A. Curl, commanding general of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, said the observance is directly tied to protecting the force and sustaining readiness.

“Observing SAAPM is about more than awareness,” Curl said. “It is about protecting our formation. We cannot build a lethal force without trust. Sexual harassment and assault erode that trust, break down teams, and degrade readiness. Every member of our team deserves to serve in a climate of dignity and respect because protecting our people is how we protect the mission.”

Col. Patrick W. Miller, hospital commander, said SHARP is important to him because corrosive behaviors have no place at BJACH.

“Protecting our people is fundamental to readiness,” he said. “Our SAAPM efforts — from the proclamation signing to the Walk to Empower and visible initiatives like our SHARP shirts — demonstrate that commitment across BJACH.”

“NOT IN OUR HOUSE is more than a message — it’s our standard,” Miller said. “We are all in when it comes to prevention, support and taking care of our people.”

BJACH marked the month with a series of events and initiatives designed to engage the community and reinforce prevention-focused behaviors, including a proclamation signing, the Walk to Empower and a spoken word presentation aimed at encouraging dialogue and reflection.

The event featured a presentation by Edward Wilson, a spoken word artist who performs under the name Obbie West. Through storytelling and performance, he challenged attendees to examine behaviors, build trust and take responsibility for supporting one another.

According to Tiffany D. Smith, SHARP Program Support Services specialist for the JRTC and Fort Polk, SAAPM plays a critical role in unifying prevention efforts and educating the community.

“By intentionally building a culture that respects every Service member and equipping personnel to confront harmful conduct, this initiative turns principles into everyday accountability,” Smith said. “It advances bystander intervention, reinforces consent and reduces the stigma associated with reporting.”

Smith said events like the Walk to Empower and other community engagements help translate awareness into action.

“By coming together publicly, participants help reduce stigma and demonstrate support for those impacted,” she said. “These events encourage individuals to step forward as active participants in prevention and advocacy.”

She also emphasized that resources are available to anyone in need of support and encouraged individuals to seek help.

“Our team offers trauma-informed care and connects individuals with the resources that best meet their needs,” Smith said. “We are committed to ensuring privacy, respect and support at every step.”

BJACH leaders said the observance reflects a broader commitment to building a culture of trust and accountability that strengthens readiness across the force.

Through education, engagement and leadership emphasis, BJACH continues to advance a culture where every member of the team is empowered to act, support one another and uphold the Army Values—ensuring there is no place for harmful behaviors within its formation.



Staff Sgt. Arhye Olavarria, Hospital Education and Staff Development noncommissioned officer in charge at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, participates in the Walk to Empower event April 9 at Warrior Hills Golf Course, Fort Polk.

Retired Maj. Choic-ey Pellerin, chief of BJACH information management division and Lt. Col. Riliwan Ottun, deputy commander for administration at BJACH, participate in the Walk to Empower, one of the many events taking place in April as part of the Army’s Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The event encouraged community members to raise awareness, support survivors and promote a culture of dignity and respect.



Participants walk along Fort Polk’s Warrior Hills Golf Course path during Walk to Empower April 9. The event, held in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, brought together Soldiers, families and Army civilians to raise awareness, show support for survivors and reinforce a culture of dignity and respect across the formation.



Edward Wilson, a spoken word artist who performs under the name Obbie West, engages Soldiers and staff during a Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month event April 13 at the Bayou Theater, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. The event focused on emotional intelligence and supporting survivors through understanding and empathy.



Col. Patrick Miller, BJACH commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Contreras sign the SAAPM Proclamation April 9 at the walk.

Fort Polk honors vital volunteers at Volunteer of Year ceremony

By Karen Sampson
BJACH PAO

FORT POLK, La. — Volunteers were honored during a Volunteer of the Year awards ceremony April 23 at Fort Polk's Warrior Center.

"When we talk about readiness, we often focus on training and operations," said Maj. Gen. Jason Curl, commanding general of Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. "Readiness is also about people."

Curl said readiness is established when Soldiers and families feel supported, connected and integral to something bigger than themselves.

The heart of this community is motivated by Fort Polk's mission and lives by the motto, "People, Passion and Purpose," loudly.

"Services that often happen quietly and have a lasting impact on the community across the installation are volunteer services," Curl said.

In the past year, 242 volunteers across Fort Polk contributed 14,341 hours, representing nearly \$500,000 in value returned to this installation.

Curl emphasized that those numbers matter. However, what matters most is what they represent. The level of commitment Fort Polk's volunteers offer to newcomers and installation veterans makes it known they are not alone. These efforts are vital, turning uncertainty into reassurance and empowering people by assuring them they belong here.

Curl said these are the moments that matter. "Those moments may seem small, but they are not," he said. "That is where our volunteers make the difference."

Volunteers' contributions turn a place into a community, and over time, build the resilience that carries people through the demands of Army life.

"You have made this place better," Curl said. "I have no doubt you will continue to do what you have always done — serve others with heart, with purpose and with quiet dedication."

Two of the top volunteers recognized are with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program. Both Cpl. Hasan Mohammad and Cpl. Mmesomachi Okoh are nominated for Soldier Volunteer of the Year for 2025.

"The dedication and selfless service both Soldiers demonstrate for their community and for the BOSS program is a testimony to their character," said Sgt. Morgan Spurlock, BOSS Program president.

Mohammad served countless hours at the Soul Soup Kitchen in Deridder, Louisiana. Soldiers from Fort Polk serve hot meals and make a true impact on the community outside of the installation. "The families and individuals who use the Soul Soup Kitchen said they are touched by the acts of service he has performed there," Spurlock said.



Fort Polk volunteers were celebrated for everything they do at a Volunteer of the Year ceremony April 23 at the Warrior Center. (Photos by Karen Sampson)



Maj. Gen. Jason Curl, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk commanding general, was guest speaker at the Volunteer of the Year ceremony.

Okoh volunteered her time and effort to the Humane Society in Deridder, Louisiana.

The Humane Society is an animal rescue organization that needs positive, caring individuals to assist with the care of the sheltered animals.

"She cleaned the facility, bathed animals, and most importantly, made them feel loved at a time when they wouldn't normally feel safe and secure," Spurlock said.

Both Soldiers also volunteered for multiple Family, Morale, Health and Welfare events, including the Mud Run in October of 2025.

Mohammad and Okoh motivated participants while ensuring the obstacles were executed safely.

"Their commitment to their community is unmatched and also influential to the Soldiers around them who are starting their own journey with the BOSS Program," Spurlock said.



The volunteers and their family members enjoyed dinner before the ceremony began.

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MILITARY STAR stands with service members when deployment orders arrive

By Zach Wright
AAFES Public Affairs

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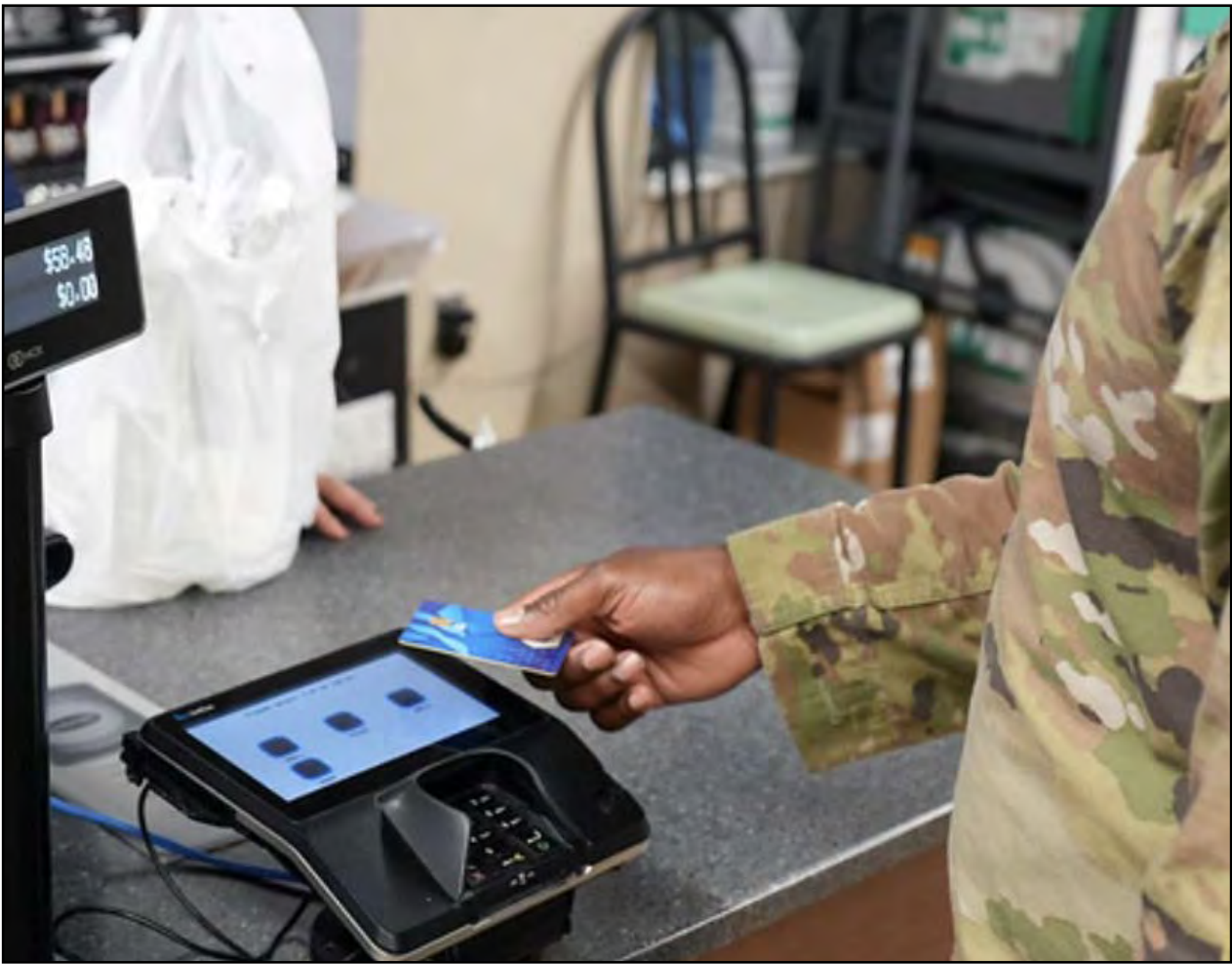
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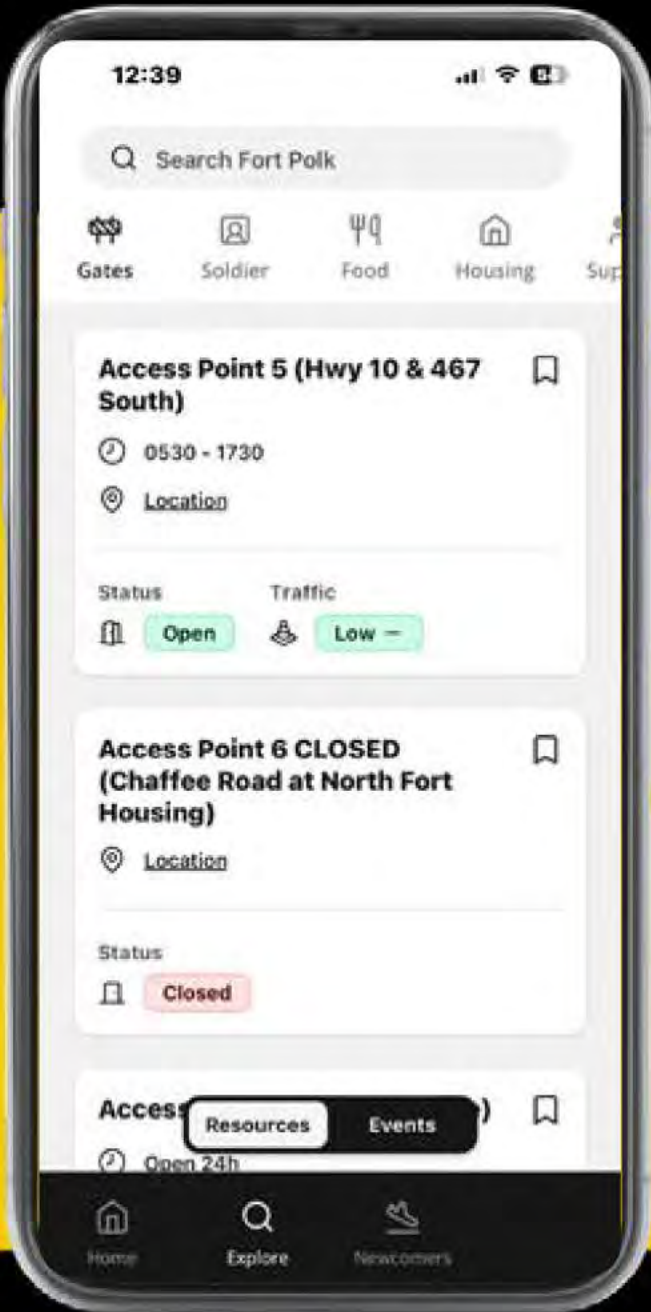
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By Corvias

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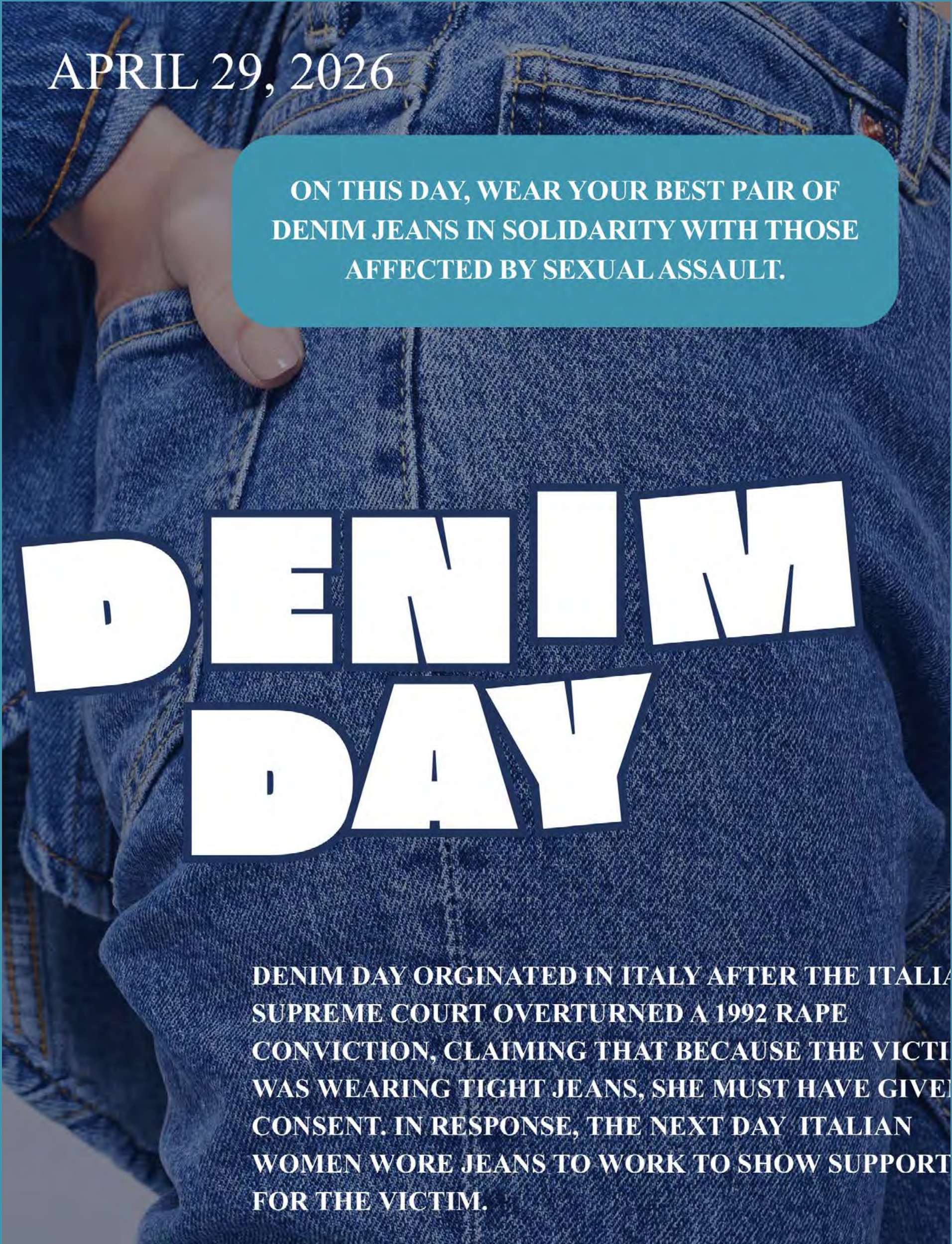


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