CSA: Stay vigilant, be disciplined

Leaders,

Right now, across our world, stay-at-home orders are being lifted. People are returning to work. Larger gatherings are being permitted. Retail businesses are reopening.

As restrictions are lifted, we also see increased reports of “quarantine fatigue”. Many people are relaxing their standards on social distancing, wearing face coverings, and following other COVID-19 tips developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Over 20 states report increasing two-week trends of new COVID-19 cases. Public health experts are warning that these COVID-19 infections could continue to increase if people stop following CDC guidelines. Across the Army in particular, we have noticed a recent spike in new COVID-19 cases. I am sending this message to remind you that we must stay vigilant and not lose the progress we have made in flattening the curve and reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Our ability to be disciplined and continue to follow the latest public health guidance from the CDC is essential to the sustainment of our force.

We are reminding our Army team to take the following actions to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 infections:

- Continue to practice social distancing and stay six feet away from other persons you encounter. An easy tip to remember is to extend your arms horizontally, and if you are touching another person, you are too close!
- Wear a face covering when you venture out - especially if you are in a setting where social distancing cannot be maintained. For more information on wearing face coverings visit the APHC e-Catalog:
- Continue to practice proactive personal hygiene. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Continue to avoid contact with those who are sick, and practice good cough and sneeze hygiene.

GEN. JAMES MCCONVILLE
Army Chief of Staff

OUR ABILITY TO BE DISCIPLINED AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE LATEST PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUSTAINMENT OF OUR FORCE.

- Stay at home if you become sick yourself and contact your healthcare provider if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. For a full list of COVID-19 symptoms, visit the CDC website:

The Army Public Health Center has provided guidance on how you can prevent community spread with this flyer:

HQDA EXORD 210-20 (Coronavirus (COVID-19) Transition Framework) provides additional guidance to empower Army leadership at echelon to assess COVID-19 impacted environment and to make decisions that incorporate appropriate risk reduction strategies to safely and effectively execute Army readiness activities.

You are the Army’s greatest strength. Stay vigilant and be disciplined as we continue to protect ourselves and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

People First – Winning Matters – Army Strong!

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ON THE COVER


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Drills prepare post for S.C. heat

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

June 21 marked the first day of summer and after a week of cold weather from a lingering storm off the coast, things began heating up again. Despite the pandemic, Fort Jackson Emergency Medical Services has been conducting drills to ensure they can respond to any contingency during the hot weather training period.


Each site presented a potential heat casualty and additional simulated injuries to test the abilities of cadre and trainees to treat casualties using ice sheets and buddy aid while waiting for EMS’s arrival to the scene.

“We know we are headed into the hot weather months here at Fort Jackson,” Lee said. “As our guys are making these runs, the areas can be kind of remote so we want to make sure that EMS knows how to get there and track how long it takes us to get there. It gives drill sergeants a chance to assess what they need to do until EMS arrives.”

One scenario took place at a land navigation course off Wildcat Road, about a 15 minute car ride from main post. Once arrived, EMS assessed the Rescue Randy’s injuries and provided feedback to the cadre members that provided initial care.

“We had a trainee, who looked disoriented, walk up and tripped,” said Staff Sgt. Anthony Evans, a drill sergeant with Company B, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, about the simulated casualty. “We thought he was a heat casualty and immediately got the ice sheets on him. We also noticed a compound fracture on his leg so I splinted it.

Fort Jackson Emergency Medical Specialists watch as Staff Sgt. Anthony Evans, a drill sergeant with Company B, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment treats the wounds of Rescue Randy. Evans and his unit were participating in a drill to test their reactions to heat injuries.
NEWS

Jackson, MUSC to offer COVID-19 testing

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson is partnering with the Medical University of South Carolina to offer COVID-19 testing July 8 and 10 for people who are authorized post access on those days.

“I encourage everyone who is eligible to take the test whether you have symptoms or not,” said Fort Jackson Commander Brig Gen. Milford H. Beagle, Jr. “This is a we thing, not a me thing.”

The drive through testing location, off Marion Street near the Palmetto Falls Water Park, will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The main day for retirees and Veteran Health Identification Card patrons will be July 8.

Online registration is required. The registration link will be provided on social media. Roughly 800 participants can be tested per day and all must comply with COVID-19 screening criteria at the gate; wear a mask while waiting for the test and bring valid a picture identification. Participants are asked to show proof of medical insurance.

MUSC will provide all of the medical providers and testing resources. This mobile operation has been used in other parts of South Carolina.

Results will take between 48 and 72 hours and participants will be called if the test is positive. People will be able to track their information online as well.

New research advances Army’s quest for quantum networking

Army Research Laboratory Public Affairs

Two U.S. Army research projects advance quantum networking, which will likely play a key role in future battlefield operations.

Quantum networks will potentially deliver multiple novel capabilities not achievable with classical networks, one of which is secure quantum communication. In quantum communication protocols, information is typically sent through entangled photon particles. It is nearly impossible to eavesdrop on quantum communication, and those who try leave evidence of their tampering; however, sending quantum information via photons over traditional channels, such as fiber-optic lines, is difficult—the photons carrying the information are often corrupted or lost, making the signals weak or incoherent.

In the first project, the University of Chicago research team, funded and managed by the U.S. Army’s Combat Capability Development’s Army Research Laboratory’s Center for Distributed Quantum Information, demonstrated a new quantum communication technique that bypasses those traditional channels. The research linked two communication nodes with a channel and sent information quantum-mechanically between the nodes—without ever occupying the linking channel.

“This result is particularly exciting not only because of the high transfer efficiency the team achieved, but also because the system they developed will enable further exploration of quantum protocols in the presence of variable signal loss,” said Dr. Sara Gamble, program manager at the lab’s Army Research Office and co-manager of the Center for Distributed Quantum Information. “Overcoming loss is a key obstacle in realizing robust quantum communication and quantum networks.”

The research, published in the journal Physical Review Letters, developed a system that entangled two communication nodes using microwave photons—the same photons used in cell phones—through a microwave cable. For this experiment, they used a microwave cable about a meter in length. By turning the system on and off in a controlled manner, they were able to quantum-entangle the two nodes and send information between them—without ever having to send photons through the cable.

“We transferred information over a one-meter cable without sending any photons to do this, a pretty unusual achievement,” said Dr. Andrew Cleland, the John A. MacLean Sr. Professor of Molecular Engineering at Pritzker Molecular Engineering at University of Chicago and a senior scientist at Argonne National Laboratory. “In principle, this would also work over a much longer distance. It would be much faster and more efficient than systems that send photons through fiber-optic channels.”

Though the system has limitations, it must be kept very cold, at temperatures a few degrees above absolute zero, the researchers said it could also potentially work at room temperature with atoms instead of photons.

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Summer and PCS season brings unique safety challenges

By WALT BECKMAN
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

The summer vacation and PCS season is fast approaching. That means more individuals, Soldiers and Families will be setting out on road trips of all kinds. Statistics indicate that distracted driving due to phone use occurs most frequently during the summer — nearly 10% more than any other time of year. In addition to limiting distractions, consider how you can stay safe on the road this summer.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

No matter what type of trip you’re taking, start it off right by getting a good night’s sleep beforehand. Working all day and signing out at midnight to begin your leave increases your chances of being involved in a mishap. Operating a vehicle while fatigued can be just as dangerous as drinking and driving. In fact, driving after going more than 20 hours without sleep is the equivalent of driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08%, the point you’re considered legally impaired in the U.S. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety estimates that 21% of fatal motor vehicle mishaps involve driver fatigue.

One of the top safety tips to avoid a mishap on the road is planning ahead:

- Build time into your trip schedule to stop for food, rest breaks, phone calls or other business.
- Adjust your seat, mirrors and climate controls before putting the car in gear.
- Pull over to eat or drink. It takes only a few minutes.
- Check your route of travel for weather conditions and road construction and plan an alternate route should you need to get off a heavily congested roadway.
- Technology can be an asset if used wisely. Whether you use traditional road maps or GPS navigation, plan which route you’ll take ahead of time. This step lets you know which roads you’ll take along your trip. As you plan ahead, you can research the traffic levels of these roads so you can drive safer.
- If you use GPS, your navigation system may even be able to tell you which roads are under construction. When you avoid driving through construction zones, you greatly reduce your risk of accidents and injury.
- If possible, avoid driving at night, when conditions are more hazardous.
- Before your trip, look into hotels along your route so you don’t have to make too big of a detour for lodging. Additionally, booking a hotel in advance can make stopping at night much easier.

If your trip is a long one, trade out driving duties. Staring at the open road for hours on end can make a driver drowsy. To avoid falling asleep behind the wheel, switch drivers every few hours if possible. If driving alone, stop at a rest stop or gas station every couple of hours to stretch your legs and take a break.

Remember, it’s summer and it will be hot out there. Should your vehicle break down, have some water and snacks on hand to tide you over until help arrives. A small cooler with water and snacks could be a lifesaver.

WHAT IF YOUR CAR BREAKS DOWN?

Getting out of the car at a busy intersection or on a highway to change a tire or check damage from a fender bender is probably one of the worst things a motorist can do. The Insurance Information Institute recommends the following precautions when your car breaks down:

- Never get out of the vehicle to make a repair or examine the damage on a busy highway. Get the vehicle to a safe place before getting out. If you have been involved in an accident, motion the other driver to pull up to a safe spot ahead.
- If you cannot drive the vehicle, it may be safer to stay in the vehicle and use a cellphone to summon for help. Standing outside the vehicle in the flow of traffic, under most circumstances, is a bad idea.
- Carry flares or warning triangles to mark your location once you get to the side of the road. Marking your vehicle’s location to give other drivers advance warning can be critical. Remember to put on your hazard lights!
- In the case of a blowout or flat tire, move the vehicle to a safer place before attempting a repair, even if it means destroying the wheel getting there. The cost of a tire, rim or wheel is minor compared to endangering your safety.

RULES FOR PASSENGERS

After cellphones, the leading cause of driver distraction is other passengers. Reaching toward the back seat, turning to talk, checking on kids or pets in the rearview mirror, or anything else that takes your focus and attention away from the road can be a dangerous distraction. Establishing rules and “zones” can help keep everyone safe and happy on your road trip.

For more information about Army safety visit: www.safety.army.mil.
Army launches project to improve inclusion

BY DEVON L SUITS AND JOSEPH LACDAN
Army News Service

Starting in August, photos will be eliminated from promotion and selection boards as the Army launches “Project Inclusion” to identify practices that inadvertently discriminate, senior leaders announced Thursday.

The project is a holistic effort to listen to Soldiers, civilians and family members and enact initiatives to promote diversity and equity, according to Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy.

“A lot has to be done to address the symbolic challenges that we face that could create divisiveness within our ranks,” McCarthy told reporters.

NO MORE PHOTOS IN PROMOTION BOARDS

Before deciding to eliminate photos from officer, enlisted and warrant officer promotion boards, leaders looked at a 2017-2018 study that determined, regardless of race or gender, people looking at photos will have an unconscious bias toward individuals with similar characteristics, G-1 officials said. Further, they said Department of the Army photos provide minimal information compared to the rest of a promotion board file.

During an experiment in the study, researchers ran two identical promotion boards: one that included photos and one without. In the one that did not contain photos, researchers found that the outcomes for women and minorities improved.

The results contributed to the decision to remove the photos.

PROJECT INCLUSION

Project Inclusion will enact a series of initiatives in the next few months to help build a diverse, adaptive, and cohesive force, said Anselm Beach, the deputy assistant secretary of the Army for equity and inclusion.

“We, as a leadership team, recognize that we need to take a harder look at ourselves and make sure that we’re doing all that we can to have a holistic effort to listen to our Soldiers, our civilians and our families to enact initiatives that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion,” McCarthy said.

In the coming weeks, the Army inspector general and members of the Army Equity and Inclusion Agency will join Army senior leaders as they visit installations, said Under Secretary of the Army James McPherson.

During each visit, leaders will engage in open and transparent conversation about race, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

“We know that we have to do more,” McCarthy said. “We are going to have very hard and uncomfortable conversations.”

McPherson said that he wants to hear Soldiers’ thoughts about current events and listen to their ideas on inclusivity.

Each “listening session” will look to identify any impact to mission readiness caused by current social issues, Beach said.

“If a Soldier [or civilian] is distracted by an issue, then they are not fully present to accomplish the mission,” Beach said. “Understanding those impacts allow the Army to enhance mission readiness,” which can lead to new policy or adjustments to an operating environment.

Each session would create a “safe place” for Soldiers to express themselves without fear of reprisal. By creating an open dialogue, people will have a chance to understand and support each other, Beach added.

“This is about leadership,” said Gen. Joseph Martin, the vice chief of staff of the Army. “Leaders have to set conditions for these discussions to happen and be productive. They’ve got to create an environment where a Soldier feels safe. And it’s also an environment that’s free of disbelief.”

McCarthy said leaders will also examine racial disparities within the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The Army’s inspector general, Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, and the Army’s judge advocate general, Lt. Gen. Charles Pede, will then evaluate findings after 60 days and attempt to address the causes of the disparities, McCarthy said.

Sherry Gaither, a pastor at Stronghold Christian Church in Lithonia, Ga., promotes Georgia Army National Guardsman Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joselyn N. White, human resources officer, Joint Force Headquarters-Georgia during a promotion ceremony in February 2019 at the Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, Ga. Army leaders announced Thursday that photos will be removed from all promotion boards beginning in August.

Changes under Project Inclusion also include the reconstitution of the Army Diversity Council. Led by the secretary of the Army and chief of staff, the council will prioritize diversity programs throughout the Army, all while addressing symbolic and systemic issues, Beach said.

“Part of why we wanted [to host meetings with Soldiers] is to get out and invest exponentially more time engaging with Soldiers at every echelon about these unconscious biases that may exist,” McCarthy said. “We must have a better understanding [of] the challenges every day that ethnic minorities may face. Are there systemic flaws within the promotion system or are there things that may be of a symbolic nature that cause division within our ranks?”

The force is also making changes to the Army People Strategy with the addition of the “Expanding Diverse Talent of the Army Officer Corps Strategic Plan.”

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Community Updates

Retirees and their beneficiaries and
Veteran Health Identification Card holders
are allowed access to post Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday to use the Commissary, The Exchange, and other services that are still operating those days. Golfers and cyclists possessing Defense
Biometric Identification System cards may
access the installation those days as well.
Retirees and their beneficiaries who are
medically immunocompromised, as well
as aged 65 and older, will continue to have
priority shopping hours from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays to further reduce risk.

Retirees who have a medical appointment
may also access the installation on
Wednesdays and Thursdays and must
present a memorandum from Moncreef
Army Health Clinic stating their name, date and time of their appointment at MAHC.

GYMS REOPEN
Coleman Gym
- Monday-Friday 5 a.m. - 7 a.m. Active Duty
- Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. All Au-
thorized Patrons
- Saturday-Sunday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. All Authorized Patrons.
- Closed Holidays
- Vanguard Gym
- Monday-Friday 5 - 7 a.m. Active Duty
- Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. All Au-
thorized Patrons
- Saturday-Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- All Authorized Patrons
- Holidays Closed

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information.

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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.
Questions? Call 751-7045.

DA PHOTO LAB:
Training Support Center (TSC) Photo Lab is
closed until further notice

AAFEs HOURS:
- Main Exchange: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.
- Fr. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Main Barber Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Clothing and Sales: Sun. and Mon.
- Closed, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tue. - Fri.; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat.
- Mini-mart Dry Cleaners: Sun. and Mon.
- Closed, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.
- Class 6: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 1 Express: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Mon. - Fri. and closed Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 2 Express: 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Mon. - Fri. and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Exchange Food Facility temporary
- hours (Drive-Thru or Take-Out orders only)
- Starbucks: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Boston Market: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Arby’s: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Qdoba: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Charley’s: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Popeye’s: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Sun.
- Burger King: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.- Fri.; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- AAFES food establishments have limited outdoor seating available.

COMMISARY HOURS:
- Sun. 11 a.m. - noon 65 and older and
imunocompromised
- Noon - 6 p.m. all authorized patrons
- Mon. Closed
- Tue. 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. 65 and older and
imunocompromised
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
- Wed. - Thur. 10 - 11 a.m. 65 and older and
imunocompromised
- 11a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
- Fri. 7:30-9 a.m. 65 and older and im-
munocompromised
- 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
- Sat. 9-10 a.m. 65 and older and im-
munocompromised
- 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
There is no transaction limit, but restric-
tions on high-demand essentials will
remain in place until further notice. The
Commissary has placed limits on meat
purchases. Purchases are limited to:
2 fresh beef, pork, chicken, and turkey
items.

DENTAL CLINIC
Caldwell and Hagen Dental Clinics are
open. Olive and Oral Surgery Dental Clin-
ics are temporarily closed. Caldwell Den-
tal Clinic is located at Bldg. 4950, Strom
Thurmond Blvd. Front Desk/Appointments:
751-5178/6017/5529.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE
The Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office will
take in-person appointments Tues-
days, Wednesdays and Thursdays to
active-duty service members and their
dependents.

RECYCLING CENTER
The Recycle Center will open with limited
operations to support Fort Jackson units
on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to
2 p.m.

ID FACILITY
Retirees and their beneficiaries will
have access to the installation and all
available services on Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday-Friday and Saturday. Exceptions
include the following: The ID Card Facili-
ity will remain open daily by appointment
only, with walk-in appointments accepted
for lost or expiring ID cards.

MONCRIEF ARMY HEALTH CLINIC
Medical
Meditac will provide retiree enrolled
beneficiaries their medical benefits at
the Moncreef Medical Home. This applies
to retiree beneficiaries who normally receive
their health care at Moncreef Army Health
Clinic on Fort Jackson. Moncreef Army Health
Clinic will remain open every day to those
housing on Fort Jackson, active duty ser-
vice members, and their dependents.

Pharmacy
Retiree enrolled beneficiaries who do
not live in Fort Jackson should fill pre-
scriptions at the Moncreef Medical Home.
Retiree beneficiaries who live on the
installation will continue to fill prescriptions
at Moncreef Army Health Clinic. Beneficia-
ties who do not live on the installation and
are not enrolled at Moncreef Army Health
Clinic or Moncreef Medical Home, may
continue receiving their medication at the
Moncreef Army Health Clinic pharmacy
on Fort Jackson each Tuesday and Friday.

DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY, MORALE,
WELFARE AND RECREATION
Knight Pool - Reopened June 22 for lap
swimming only. Hours of operation 6 a.m.
- 1 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri and 12-6 p.m.
Tues and Thurs. closed on holidays. Lock-
er rooms/showers are closed. Shower
at the rinse off showers on deck in swim
attire. One swimmer per lane. Reserve
lanes by calling 751-4796.

Outdoor Recreation - Hours of operation:
10 a.m. - 5 p.m Mon - Fri., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. Closed Sundays and holidays
Weston Lake Recreation Area open 10 a.m.
- 5 p.m. Tues - Fri.; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sat. and Sun and closed holidays
Auto Craft Center to open Thursdays and
Fridays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sat. and Sun.
Sgt. Suds Car Wash is open 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week
NCO Club - The NCO Club for take out
and outdoor seating during lunch
Magnusons Club and Pub - waterfall
Century Lanes Bowling Center - Closed
Ivy Lanes Bowling Center - Closed
Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf - Closed
Coffee Trolley - Closed
Jack’s Inn - No new reservations
Retail Zone in the Solomon Center -
Closed
Thomas Lee Hall Library - Closed
Victory Hall - Closed
Victory Bingo - Closed
Andy’s Fitness Center - Closed
Send all

CHILD, YOUTH SERVICES
Child Development Center (CDC) and
CYS programs open for mission essential
personnel only.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES
- Classes and workshops are canceled or
postponed.
- The Lending Closet is closed.

FORT JACKSON MUSEUMS
- All four Fort Jackson museums are closed.

FORT JACKSON FAMILY HOMES
- Routine and preventative mainte-
nance work orders are being fulfilled
- Community amenities, common areas and
- fitness centers
- LifeWorks events canceled
- Workers possibly utilizing gloves and
masks when in homes and in business
transactions
- Offices open for business-essential
purposes only

OBSERVANCES
All ethnic and special observances are
postponed through June 30.

TAXI AND COMET TRANSPORTATION
Taxi and COMET bus service on Fort
Jackson has been suspended

RECREATIONAL SERVICES
- Fort Jackson Chaplain Family Life
Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Chap-
lain Family Life Center provides marriage,
family, and individual counseling to service
members, Family members, DOD employ-
ees and retirees. All counseling at the Fam-
ily Life Center is confidential. Call 751-4966
for appointment.
- Religious services began June 28 for
in-person religious services in a safe en-
vironment to enhance the worship experi-
ence and protect the force.
FEATURE

‘I BECAME A SOLDIER …’

2ND BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PFC. CODY BATTENFIELD, 21
Nederland, Texas

“I joined the Army for the opportunity to serve the country at the highest possible level. Also, the Army will afford me the opportunity to provide a better life for my Family.”

The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was “taking more than 50 individuals from all different upbringings and backgrounds to work together as a team.”

My MOS is “153A - Rotary Wing Aviator. I chose this MOS to receive the most advanced rotary wing training in the world.”

“I look forward to the challenges ahead and the ability to gain leadership experience.”

PVT. WILLIAM MULDER, 22
Holland, Michigan

“The two reasons I joined the Army were for the educational benefits and to better myself and the future of my Family.”

The Army was not what I expected, “COVID-19 took away a lot of things we were supposed to do during this Basic Combat Training cycle. I did not expect how (good) chow really was.”

The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was “trying to adapt my leadership style to the other trainees personalities.”

My MOS is “25U - Signal Support Systems Specialist. I chose this MOS because it is a job which I believe will be beneficial in the future.”

PVT. BRANDI BAKER, 22
Anacortes, Washington

“I joined the Army because, ‘I have always had a lot of gratitude for those who willingly serve in the military and wanted to give back and do my part. I believe Steve Rogers (Captain America) said it perfectly when he said ‘Others are laying down their lives and I got no right to do any less than them.’”

The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was “working with a wide range of people with different levels of motivation, strengths and team-work capabilities. You really have to learn to work with anyone. Clear communication is a vital skill that can always be improved.”

My MOS is “68W - Combat Medic Specialist. I chose this MOS to serve those who serve and I also love the thought of patching people up and sending them away for long term care.”

“The drill sergeants have been great examples and all bring different skills to the table. I hope to have leaders like them in my future units. I hope to take the good qualities from each of them to be a good leader like them one day.”

SFC. JUSTIN BODOLAY, 32
Lyle, Washington

“As a prior service member, I felt a sense of pride and service when I put my uniform on. When I got out, I started to become too comfortable and felt my discipline in general was slipping. I joined to regain that sense of pride, that sense of service to something larger than myself, to get out of my comfort zone and regain my discipline. Also, medical benefits after retirement sounds pretty good.”

“I was expecting the Army to have more emphasis on attention to detail and discipline only because of my experience in the Navy. The emphasis on weapons and physical training makes sense now that I have a better appreciation of the Army’s mission.”

My MOS is “1ST - Blackhawk Helicopter Repairer. I chose this MOS because I am trying to become a Blackhawk Pilot and this MOS will not only make the process easier, but it will give me a base of knowledge on the aircraft that will be invaluable.”

SFC. GARRETT DACKO, 22
Mission Viejo, California

“My friends and Family influenced me into joining the Army. I want to continue my Family’s legacy and make them proud, as well as create a stronger bond with those friends who are currently serving.”

“The most challenging things about Basic Combat Training were learning to work with different people from different backgrounds and taking into consideration everyone’s perspective. Trying to maintain everyone’s best interest while in a leadership position was the most difficult part.”

“I am thankful for the opportunities granted to me during training and I look forward to continuing my progress towards becoming the best version of myself.”

PFC. JERRICA KANG, 28
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

“Everything the Army Values encompass attracted me to joining the Army. The sense of patriotism and pride for serving our country is the ultimate sacrifice. I knew I was called to something greater (when I joined).”

“The Army is more than what I thought it would be. I have learned more than I ever thought possible about people and the limits they’re willing to exceed for you, when you reciprocate and push them.”

“The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was learning how other Soldiers react and learn in the most stressful environment to quickly learn and adapt to ever challenging situations.”

My MOS is “91D - Power Generation Equipment Repairer. I chose this MOS for the sign-on bonus attached so I can finish my education. I also like working with my hands.”

“I look forward to a challenging career and the people I will meet along the way.”
Officials encouraging fireworks safety ahead of holiday

By STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER STAUDER
Special to the Leader

My wife says people can be summed up into two categories: those who err on the side of caution and sound judgment (her), and the accident prone (of course, me). Seeing me in short sleeves provides all the evidence needed to support her hypothesis.

Those of sound judgment and appropriate caution could be argued as believing in the concepts of risk management and its subsequent application. The accident prone, on the other hand, find themselves emulating risk management to satisfy the requirements of my wife — I mean, their command. It wasn’t until I was transferred into a safety specialist position within the New Hampshire Army National Guard that I began to understand the importance of not just satisfying requirements, but believing in the concepts of safety both on and off duty. More truthfully, though, it probably happened when I set fire to the woods behind my house.

We were hosting a get together at our home that stretched into the evening. As many young men often do, I felt inclined to introduce fireworks into the festivities. The instructions on the thick cardboard mortar tube were quite clear: When placing the charge into the tube, ensure it is secured to the ground; and never place more than one charge in the tube at a time.

I’d set off this type of firework in the past and, in retrospect, had become complacent. I’d also fired multiple charges simultaneously from the same tube, which made me confident in my ability to perform this task. This time, however, I made a decision that introduced unnecessary risk. I did not secure the tube’s base to the ground. But why would I? I’d never had a problem with a tube shifting or falling over in the past.

After the first charge lifted off, I watched in abject horror as the tube fell over with the second charge still inside, fuse burning. When it fired, the round headed straight toward the woods, perfectly parallel with the lawn.

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By ALEXANDRA SHEA


"Some of you are here because you are required to be, some are here because they want to be, and some are here because there’s no tellin’ what might come out of my mouth and you wanted a front row seat," Gan said with a chuckle. "You’re my kind of people."

Gan passed the post colors to Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., Fort Jackson commander, as his final act as Post Command Sergeant Major. Gan passed the post colors to Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., Fort Jackson commander, as his final act as Post Command Sergeant Major. While the ceremony showcased state flags and church music, Gan took a moment to compose himself as he reflected on his past few years at the pressure training post during his remarks.

"What a honor," Gan said of transitioning would be assigned to Fort Jackson. "I learned that some of the finest leaders are found right here at Fort Jackson. I fell in love with this state, the community, the friends I have made and all the civilians and leaders I have had the privilege of working with.

Gan explained how to be quiet isn’t the individual names of everyone he wanted to thank for their support and friendship during his time and commented how he would be taking much of what he had learned with him, including a beautiful one far ...

"I was up in the mountains and I quoted one of the most beautiful wildflowers I’d ever seen. ‘What do you do when you see such a wildflower? Well, you pick it to take it with you,’ Gan said of his wife Autumn, who he met while stationed in the Palmetto state.

Beagle took time to address Gan’s mother who was tuning into the live stream.

"Debbie is our biggest fan on Twitter and on Facebook," Beagle said as Gan nodded his head in agreement. "She is always there. So I thank you very much mom for what you do to be our number one fan."

Beagle spoke of Gan’s passion for helping Soldiers and how "can’t” wasn’t a permanent word in his vocabulary.

"If he says you can’t, he doesn’t mean you won’t," Beagle said. "He simply means you may need a little bit of help and he is there to give you that help."

"You know your words can’t bring you justice. I appreciate you and love you like a brother and I have valued our time here," Beagle said in closing. "As we close one chapter, we open another. We welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Tavenier and his Family to South Carolina and Fort Jackson."

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Meet new Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavenier

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavenier who assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Jerimiah Gan during a ceremony June 26, is known for his energy and passion. His former boss USAG Ansbach commander Col. Steven M. Pierce said, "Anyone who has interacted with him knows of his positive energy and his passion for serving the Army and taking care of people."

Tavenier sat down with Fort Jackson Public Affairs and answered a few questions to help the Fort Jackson community know him better.

Q. I see from your biography that you attended the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School. How will that help in your new role here since the academy is located at Fort Jackson?

A. Serving as a drill sergeant has been the most rewarding assignment of my career thus far, and having that experience allows me to appreciate the hard work and dedication that comes with training and developing our future Soldiers.

Q. What principle actions or events in your life have led to your success as a Soldier?

A. The two most critical contributing factors in my success was graduating Ranger School and finding a mentor. Without a doubt, Ranger School is the Army’s premier leadership course. Although earning the Ranger tab doesn’t define you as a leader, it sets you apart from your peers, and broadens your aperture with endless opportunities. The second contributing factor is having a sound mentor who can provide raw and uncut feedback. I was fortunate to identify a leader with a leadership style I admired, respected, and wanted to emulate. Our Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development System cannot teach us everything about serving as an exemplary leader, so it’s important to have a mentor who can answer questions and provide guidance on property leading and developing Soldiers.

I highly encourage Soldiers to develop mentor/mentee relationships throughout their careers to ensure our Army remains the most professional in the world.

Q. When and how did you determine you wanted to become a career Army noncommissioned officer?

A. Serving as a career Soldier was never my goal. I just wanted to serve a greater cause and hoped it would provide me some purpose and direction. To be quite honest, I never planned on making the Army a career, it just happened.

Out of high school, I wanted to attend college and pursue a career in the art industry, but I couldn’t afford it. So I joined the Army to “be all I could be” instead of going down a path of destruction. I simply focused on one assignment at a time and tried to be the best in that current position. After a few reassignments, I realized I was halfway to retirement so I decided to just continue serving. Before I knew it, I was nearing 20 years as a command sergeant major, and all the young Soldiers were calling me a “lifer.” I wouldn’t change it.

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The new plan will focus on diversity and inclusion initiatives to strengthen the Army’s ability to acquire, develop, employ current and future leaders. Similarly, the Army will continue to expand its outreach to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority-serving institutions.

MILITARY JUSTICE REFORM
Tied to the project is an evaluation of the military justice system to determine if any racial disparity or bias exists in the investigation or court-martial processes, McPherson said.

During the assessment, the Army judge advocate general, the Office of the General Counsel, inspector general, and provost marshal will partner and review a range of cases to include absence without leave, urinalysis, and sexual assault or sexual harassment cases.

The review will “compare the severity of punishments by race, and see if there is a disparity… in the result of unconscious bias,” McPherson said.

The Army is also working to determine if the military justice system is more likely to investigate a specific Soldier due to unconscious bias. However, accurately assessing the investigation process could be a challenge, as race and ethnicity information is rarely documented during this stage, he added.

The enduring effort will not only improve equality, but make the force stronger, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville.

“It’s really more about inclusion,” he said. “It’s not just about percentages. It’s not just about numbers. It’s about making people feel that they are a valued member of the team and that you recognize the importance of having different perspectives.”

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Q. What do you see will be the difference about being the post command sergeant major and your last job as a garrison command sergeant major?
A. I truly believe serving as a garrison command sergeant major prepared me for the responsibilities as the post command sergeant major. As a garrison command sergeant major you get an opportunity to fully understand how to integrate the various systems and services throughout the organization. One of the biggest differences will be the sphere of influence and the ability to serve a broader audience.

Q. How important is Family to you and what role has your Family played in your military career?
A. Family is critically important to me. My Family is what keeps me grounded during tough times. The Army is a fighting force and will continue rolling along with or without me. Without hesitation, my wife consistently inspires me to serve as an exemplary citizen, and more importantly, an exemplary Soldier that leads by example.

Q. How important is Fort Jackson’s relationship with the local community and community leaders as well as professional relationships or partnerships throughout the state?
A. Fort Jackson’s relationship with the state of South Carolina, and more importantly, the City of Columbia is critically important to the success of our mission in training and developing our future Soldiers. One of General Beagle’s enduring initiatives is community outreach, which means we are always looking for ways to collaborate and participate with the community, and serve as good stewards of this great state. The City of Columbia’s recent recognition as the Great American Defense Community is a true testament to their support and loyalty to the military. We are a direct reflection of society and at the end of the day we are the community’s Army.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier watches as Command Sgt. Maj. Jerimiah Gan, outgoing post command sergeant major, places a streamer bearing his name on a spontoon with ribbons representing all Fort Jackson post command sergeants major. Gan relinquished responsibility for Fort Jackson to Tavernier during the ceremony June 26 in Fort Jackson’s Solomon Center.

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The team is now conducting experiments that would entangle several photons together in a more complicated state, which could ultimately enable enhanced quantum communication protocols and capabilities.

Entangled particles aren’t just limited to photons or atoms, however. In a second paper published June 12 in the peer-reviewed journal Physical Review X, the same Chicago team entangled two phonons—the quantum particle of sound—for the first time.

Using a system built to communicate with phonons, similar to the photon quantum communication system, the team entangled two microwave phonons, which have roughly a million times higher pitch than can be heard with the human ear.

Once the phonons were entangled, the team used one of the phonons as a herald, which was used to affect how their quantum system used the other phonon. The herald allowed the team to perform a so-called quantum eraser experiment, in which information is erased from a measurement, even after the measurement has been completed.

“Phonons give you a much bigger time window to do things and relieve some of the challenges in doing a quantum eraser experiment,” Cleland said.

Though phonons have a lot of disadvantages over photons—for example, they tend to be shorter-lived—they interact strongly with a number of solid-state quantum systems that may not interact strongly with photons. As a result, phonons could provide a better way to couple to these systems.

This coupling is a critical capability for many quantum networking applications, and may also benefit other quantum information science applications such as quantum computing. Additionally, the wavelengths of phonons are shorter than those of photons for the same frequency, potentially enabling smaller quantum circuits.

“Together, these experiments provide multiple avenues for future research into how we construct quantum networks that function in non-ideal environments, and reliably transfer quantum information between systems,” said Dr. Fredrik Fatemi, researcher at the laboratory and co-manager of the Center for Distributed Quantum Information. “Both are critically important for developing future quantum technologies.”

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EMS spent about 30 minutes with Evans and his fellow drill sergeants at the St. Lo Land Navigation Course explaining how the immediate care they provided helped reduce further injury to the “trainee” and how additional actions could be taken.

“It gets really hot here during the summer and a lot of the trainees and cadre are from colder climates and have never had to deal with this (heat),” Evans said. “It’s important to make sure everyone knows what needs to happen (when there is a heat casualty). People have died from stuff like this before.”

In addition to ensuring trainees are professionally trained to defend the nation in times of war, the post’s highest priority is safeguarding the health and safety of trainees, cadre members and support staff.

“Nobody wants to write to a trainee’s Family to say they died because they were too hot,” Evans said.

A recently released Red Hash Alert issued by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Commander Gen. Paul E. Funk, stated “from 1996 to present, the Army has lost a Soldier every year to heat.” The alert also charged commanders and leaders to consider operating environments and take appropriate risk mitigation measures.

“Reducing our heat illness injuries this summer is our top safety priority for the next three months,” said Fort Jackson Safety Director Will Gutherie.

While conducting EMS heat casualty drills is one effective measure to reduce heat casualties, drill sergeants also deploy a host of ways to reduce heat injuries including modifying uniforms by rolling up sleeves and pant legs, wearing individual hydration systems, ice sheets, arm immersion tanks and work/rest cycles to name a few.

“Heat mitigation is critical this time of year,” Lee said. “Not just for trainees but all Soldiers and (support staff).”

Lee also added the heat mitigation measures learned at Fort Jackson should be applied to everyday life for Soldiers, civilians and staff to help keep safe when enjoying time off of work.

“What we learn in the Army can easily be applied in your personal life,” Lee said. “If you’re out grilling like some will for this 4th of July weekend, make sure you’re hydrating with water not just beer.”

For more information about heat illness and injury prevention, visit the Army Public Health Center’s webpage at phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/hipss/Pages/Heat-Related-Illness-Prevention.aspx.
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July 2, 2020
Family, friends, civilians and Soldiers gathered to honor this month’s retirees for their dedication to duty June 30 at the Post Theater. The ceremony was also streamed live on Facebook. June's retirees were: Col. Aaron J. Cook, U.S. Army Central, Shaw Air Force Base; Maj. Michael E. Murray, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Jackson; Maj. Angelo Valdebenito, U.S. Army Central, Shaw Air Force Base; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lincoln Gadson, 98th Support Maintenance Co., Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; Chief Warrant Office 3 Burton K. Jaillette, U.S. Army Central, Shaw Air Force Base; Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth J. Oliver, 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, Shaw Air Force Base; Sgt. Maj. Gail G. Lashley, 1st Theater Support Command, Fort Knox, Ky; Master Sgt. Amelia Bryant, 408th Contracting Support Brigade, Shaw Air Force Base; Sgt. 1st Class Vito B. Fatuta, Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, Fort Jackson; Sgt. 1st Class Tomashia Grant, Moncrief Army Health Clinic; Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Ruopp, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson; and Staff Sgt. Jermaine D. Tripp, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment.
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The first charge illuminated the night just before the second exploded about 100 feet away on top of a blanket of dried leaves. I sprinted toward the woods, contemplating my imminent stint in jail for starting a mass wildfire and whether I would survive the ensuing encounter with my wife and mother. I don’t know how, but I managed to traverse a creek in a single bound and arrived at the first of six spreading fires. I stomped each one into what I felt was submission before moving on to the next.

As I stamped out the last fire, my body shaking with adrenaline, I allowed myself a smug and triumphant moment, patting myself on my back for handling the situation like a true professional. I was brought back to reality by the sound of a fire extinguisher. Anticipating my accident-prone nature, my wife had grabbed our fire extinguisher the moment she discovered I would be using fireworks. It would be nice to say I put out the fires single-handedly, but it was my wife — the type of person who believes in safety — who made the difference that evening.

Following this close call, I realized safety is more than a metrics system or check-the-block mentality. That type of safety is the emulation of a belief. It does not give us pause to explore potentialities, only satisfy the requirements of our respective 6s, whether they be military or household. Safety is the absolute understanding of intended and unintended consequences that generates a true belief in the constant application of risk management to on- and off-duty activities. A few minutes of safety could be what saves you from a couple years in prison for arson. Well, that and an exceptional wife.

(Editor’s note: This article is part of a U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center’s Summer Safety campaign. For more on the campaign visit: safety.army.mil)

FYI
To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips:

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- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never relight a “dud” firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trash can.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.