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SATURDAY
Historic Trip to Fort Sumter
6:45 a.m.-7 p.m. Army Community Service at Relocation Readiness Program cordially invites all foreign born spouses and their Families (ID card holders) to join us on a tour to Fort Sumter. The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter in 1861. Walk in the steps of those who shaped this nation alongside a National Park Ranger while taking in the stunning scenes of historic Charleston. Then you will cruise the harbor enroute to Fort Sumter. The trip to Charleston is free; lunch is not provided. Seats are limited and are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. POC for additional information and to register, contact: patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil 803-751-9770 or miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil 803-751-1124. RSVP by March 24.

SHARP 5K
SHARP 5K included in the Reverse Sprint Triathlon. This year you can do the 5K with the others doing the Tri or the Duathlon. 5K run, 15K Bike and a 150M Swim. Sign up online on the MWR page or call the Sports Office for more information, call 751-5896/5817. When you sign up, just let us know which event you are planning to do – the Tri, Du or just the 5K.

TUESDAY
Maude Leadership Lecture Series
E. Eric Porter, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel with the U.S. Army Forces Command will be speaking to Fort Jackson senior leaders, company-level and higher command teams and human resources/organization leaders at 3 p.m. in the Solomon Center April 11 as part of the Maude Leadership Lecture Series. The lecture series was created to provide HR professionals with increased opportunities to enhance their leadership skills with current and former leaders of the Army. For more information contact Capt. Chinere Ashok at chinere.ashok.mil@mail.mil.

Golf Meeting
5 p.m., Golf Course Club House. Intramural and Recreational Golf Captain’s meeting.

APRIL 14
Tax day 10 Miler
6-8 a.m. Open to Service members and civilians (minors must be accompanied). Registration opens at 5:30 a.m. Trophies for top finishers in each category. Preregister at the Legal Assistance Office, located at 2600 Lee Road.

Child Abuse Prevention/Month of the Military Child Observance Walk
10 - 11:30 a.m.. The Family Advocacy Program in conjunction with CYSS will host Fort Jackson’s 3rd Annual Child Abuse Prevention/Month of the Military Child Observance Walk. The walk will start from the commissary parking lot at the rear of Pierce Terrace Elementary school and go up Imboden Street to the CYSS Youth Center where there will be activities for all participants. The event is free of charge and all community members are encouraged to participate in making this statement in recognition of Military Children and against Child Abuse. For purposes of accountability we ask that participants please register with FAP with the number of participants at 803-751-6325

APRIL 24
Day of Remembrance Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., NCO Club. The Days of Remembrance: Learning from the Holocaust “The Strength of the Human Spirit” luncheon. The guest speaker is Dr. Abe Wandersman, professor of psychology at USC and a son of a Holocaust survivor. The event is hosted by the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

MAY 6-7
S.C. Guard Air Ground Expo
McEntire Joint National Guard Base. The event is free to the public. For more information visit www.scguard.com/expo/.

MAY 7-11
OCS Reunion
The Army Officer Candidate School Alumni Association 2017 Reunion is scheduled May 7-11, in Columbus, Georgia. The association represents all Army officers commissioned through any Officer Candidate School, regardless of previous locations or branch affiliation. There will be demonstrations and briefings highlighting developments related to the OCS program. The itinerary includes the OCS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, OCS Alumni Banquet at the National Infantry Museum, Little White House Tour, Reunion Dinner and OCS Memorial dedication. The reunion will be conducted at the Columbus Marriott Hotel, 800 Front Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31901. For more information, contact Nancy Ionoff at 813-917-4309.
Fort Jackson Soldiers earn EIB skills badge

‘Our Army isn’t about everybody getting a trophy’

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

“It’s really exciting and it’s something I always wanted,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Barsi, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Training Center after earning the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Barsi and 16 other Soldiers from Fort Jackson were awarded the EIB during a ceremony March 31 at the Joe E. Mann Building on post.

“You definitely need to get your mind focused,” Barsi said after having the EIB pinned on his chest. “You have to get your mind right. There is a lot of concentrating. You may know something, but bad habits you had in the past could cause you to stumble.

The EIB testing is notoriously difficult with only 17 Soldiers out of more than 115 that tested earning the badge.

“Our Army isn’t about everybody getting a trophy,” said Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, during the ceremony.

“That’s not the way we roll. We roll by giving distinction and achievements to those who earn it.”
Proposed Expert Action Badge
to honor, motivate Soldiers

By SEAN KIMMONS
Army News Service

While tackling concerns about the Expert Action Badge, senior enlisted leaders stressed March 30 in a virtual town hall that the goal of the badge is to enhance readiness, not discount the efforts of infantrymen or medics with similar skill badges. If approved, Soldiers would compete in 30-plus warrior tasks and battle drills, as well as up to five events from a unit’s mission essential task list, for a chance to wear the badge on their uniforms, like the Expert Infantryman Badge or Expert Field Medical Badge.

“It’s not an ‘everybody action badge’ or everybody gets it,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gragg, with the Center for Initial Military Training. “You’re going to have to work your butt off to get this badge and when you get it you’ll be proud of it because you’ve had demonstrated exceptional performance.”

While infantrymen have had a badge to validate their skills since 1944 and medics started theirs in 1965, Gragg said, the EAB would give the other 75 percent of Soldiers the opportunity to earn one.

Today’s Soldiers have also been lagging behind in their basic skills, which could affect mission readiness, he said.

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— Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gragg,
Center for Initial Military Training

said during the town hall, hosted by the Army Training and Doctrine Command.

He added the Soldier’s Creed starts off saying that those in the Army are “trained and proficient” in those skills. “All I’m asking you to do is to show it,” he said. “That’s all it is.”

Still in the conceptual phase, more than 50 Soldiers are taking part in testing the EAB idea at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Some of the requirements for Soldiers may include a 12-mile foot march to be finished under three hours while carrying a load of 35 pounds; a physical fitness test with 80 percent in each category in their respective age group; and being able to locate three out of four land navigation points within two hours.

Shotgun and AK-47 rifle skills could also be part of the challenge. If a Soldier were to receive two “no-gos” on an event, their testing would end.

“As you can see this is not a given, you’ll have to earn it,” said Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport, the top enlisted advisor for TRADOC.

Davenport previously told reporters that if signed off on, Soldiers could start seeing the EAB by October 2019.

But some Soldiers, particularly those in the infantry, have expressed dismay in rolling out such a badge.
Corks & Characters
a wine club with a reading problem

Tuesday, April 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson Officers’ Club book discussion and wine tasting.
Wines provided by AAFES will be Barefoot varietals.
For more information, call (803) 782-8761.

CARL HIAASEN
RAZOR GIRL
A NOVEL

Purple Up!
for Military Kids

At the Officers’ Club, wear purple and get 25% off food purchase.
Wear purple and get a free round of mini golf at Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf.
Anyone that comes to the 512 Trolley Cafe to purchase a drink wearing purple can get a free mini cupcake.

April 21 Only

Officers’ Club
EASTER BRUNCH

Happy Easter!
Join us at the Fort Jackson Officers’ Club for Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 16, 2017, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
There is a high demand for reservations, so we kindly ask you to make them at least two weeks in advance. Depending on demand we may or may not be able to take walk-ins.
Call (803) 751-4906 to make reservations.
$18.95 for members
$23.95 for non-members

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CENTURY LANES
FOR BREAKFAST
AND STOP THE BLAHs!

Tuesday, April 18
7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch will be served
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
For more information, call (803) 751-4066

FIRST FRIDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, April 7 - 12:30 - 4 p.m.
Join us for our monthly First Friday Golf Tournaments. You may enter your own team and individuals are also encouraged to sign up.
For more info please call (803) 787-4437
Protecting our people

Post takes stand against sexual assault, harassment

By SGT. 1ST CLASS TRULISSA L. MOORE
Installation Lead SARC

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, a time where civilians and military communities come together to raise awareness of efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault and to support survivors. This month also reinforce the mindset that all members of the Army Team are empowered and have the responsibility to address sexual assault, sexual harassment, retaliation and the behaviors that lead to such indiscipline. SAAPM is an opportunity for the Army’s leadership to demonstrate to Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Family members that prevention of sexual assault/harassment remains a top priority for the Army.

Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson and Army Training Center commander, wrote in the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation that, “SAAPM is a great opportunity to honor the first line responders in the SHARP program as their medical, legal, and investigative partners for their tireless efforts to prevent sexual offenses from occurring and for providing first-rate response and victim services when this unfortunate incident does occur.

“I charge our leaders to reexamine command policies and sexual harassment/assault and prevention action plans to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our personnel. Our leaders are key in creating a culture that is free of sexual violence by setting, enforcing, and exemplifying standards of discipline.”

This year the Army has decided to stay with the theme “Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army.” This theme offers numerous opportunities to deliver messages that relate to both the individual and unit level. It also supports the U.S. Department of Defense’s theme “Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission.” Sexual assault harms victims both physically and emotionally, and its lingering effects can haunt a victim much in the same way as wounds received in battle. Sexual assault is further complicated by fear of stigma or retaliation for reporting. It not only affects the individual, it also impact mission readiness by compromising unit cohesion, trust, and discipline. Each service member can encourage behaviors that foster a climate of dignity and respect, and help ensure readiness to complete the mission.

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Jesus wants to hang out with YOU!

If you heard that Jesus was visiting a local church in person, wouldn't you think that was amazing?

Wouldn't you love a chance to sit side by side with him and tell him everything that is going on in your life, receiving comfort and strength just from being in the same room with him?

You have that opportunity! During these weeks leading up to Easter, we're offering a special prayer time every Sunday afternoon. We're calling it "Quiet Time With Jesus."

Every Sunday, from noon to 5pm, our church will be open for people to come enjoy quiet time with the Lord.

There's no music, no sermons... just Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist, waiting to hang out with you and pour his love into your heart. Come anytime from noon to 5pm and stay for whatever amount of time you'd like! Pray, reflect on your week, read scripture... or just sit in silence with our Lord, hanging out with Jesus!

In this world of constant bustle and noise, why not take a moment to refresh yourself and spend time with Jesus in a new way?

It doesn't matter what your faith or background is, you are invited to come hang out with Jesus!

What did the early Christians teach?

In the writings of the early Christians, one sees a clear and unanimous belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Ignatius of Antioch was taught personally by St. John the Apostle! He writes in the year 110 on his way to be martyred, "I desire the Bread of God, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire His Blood, which is love incorruptible" (Letter to the Romans).

In about the year 150, in the midst of persecution, St. Justin the Martyr writes a long defense of Christianity. In it he describes Christian worship at length, including the belief in the Eucharist. Speaking of the bread and wine, he explains, "For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of his word... is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh" (First Apology).

There are many more examples; the writings of the early Christians can be found easily online! ("Early Church Fathers") More on this subject can be found on CatholicBridge.com.

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You’re Invited!

Where? Transfiguration Catholic Church
When? Sunday afternoons Noon to 5pm Though April 9

306 N Pines Rd
Blythewood, SC
Fort Jackson dedicated a building March 31 in honor of Lt. Col. Matt Urban, a World World II Medal of Honor recipient who sacrificed his own well being in sake of finishing the mission earning the nickname of “Grey Ghost.”


“This is the right thing to do,” said Fort Jackson Commander Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson. “We always have to look back at our heroes. The Medal of Honor is not one that are country takes lightly. It’s one that truly represents that call of duty that goes above and beyond.”

Urban, who died in 1995, was assigned to 2-60th during the war where his courage to finish the mission earned him the Medal of Honor, but as a result of his dedication, also seven Purple Heart medals. Each purple heart awarded represents a wound acquired from the battle.

“To be wounded once could be considered bad luck and could result in someone being a little more cautious in their future actions,” said Back, who served as one of the chair members on the Matt Louis Urban board. “I seriously doubt to be overly cautious was ever a consideration for Matt Urban, the warrior.”

Urban was taken to the hospital during battle after being injured four out of the seven times. While receiving medical treatment, he asked when could he return to his command. Not liking the answer, Urban snuck away to rejoin his command in battle where he received his other three wounds.
Symposium connects transitioning Soldiers to civilian careers

By JENNY HALE
U.S. Army Human Resources Command

Each year, more than 100,000 transitioning Soldiers leave Army active duty service and look for opportunities in the civilian sector. In fiscal year 2016, Army transition participant surveys showed that 56 percent of transitioning Soldiers planned to seek employment opportunities in the civilian sector.

From March 28 - 30, 2017, the Army hosted a training symposium at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The symposium trained Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program center staff and stakeholders on various topics related to the program, focusing on the theme of “Transition to Connection.”

The U.S. Army’s transition program supports Soldiers and their family members through mandatory career training prior to leaving active duty. The program is taught at over 70 locations worldwide and supported by the Installation Management Command.

“SFL-TAP and the Army believe in helping our Soldiers find jobs. The SFL-TAP Transition Symposium was the first step in bringing stakeholders and SFL-TAP Center leaders together to learn how to better connect Soldiers to civilian careers,” said retired Col. Walter Herd, SFL-TAP director.

The symposium focused on best practices for connecting transitioning Soldiers to jobs in the civilian sector, networking with veteran-friendly companies interested in hiring transitioning Soldiers, and how to encourage transitioning Soldiers to become experienced in civilian skills through Army programs and other resources.


On Wednesday morning, attendees listened to the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, speak on transition, bettering the Army’s perception in society, and hiring transitioning Soldiers.

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‘An intense week’

MEDDAC NCO wins regional competition

By NICK SPINELLI
MEDDAC Public Affairs

On March 30, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Taylor, Integrated Health Medical Home, won the Regional Health Command-Atlantic Best Warrior Non-commissioned Officer Competition.

“I was surprised,” he said. “It was an intense week and there was a lot of competition.”

Over the course of five days, Taylor and his fellow NCOs from across the region competed in events designed to test every aspect of being a Soldier, from combat to administrative duties.

“We did the Army Physical Fitness Test in full uniform, we took a written exam, and I was asked to write an essay on the benefits of the Army’s Equal Opportunity program,” Taylor said.

The competition also included an obstacle course at the Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, day and night land navigation trials, and weapons proficiency.

Taylor said there were even two “mystery events” designed to gauge how the NCOs responded to tasks they hadn’t been preparing for or weren’t expecting. For Taylor, it was the culmination of years of service.

Finding the internal motivation to put that first foot forward is the key to success.

— Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Taylor,
Integrated Health Medical Home

“I think I’ve been working towards this indirectly for over a decade. It’s like my whole Army career was preparing me for this competition,” he said.

According to Taylor, the lessons he learned over that career are what led to his victory, and also serve as his professional mantra.

“It all starts with the individual,” he said. “Finding the internal motivation to put that first foot forward is the key to success.”

Medical Activity commander Col. Eric Edwards was on hand to witness Taylor’s victory and expressed his congratulations.

“We are extremely proud of Taylor’s achievement in this year’s competition. For those that know him, they know he is a humble leader who always puts others before himself,” he said. An incredible warrior, he represented Team Jackson and the USA MEDDAC well.”

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Taylor was announced as winner of the Regional Health Command-Atlantic Best Warrior Non-commissioned Officer Competition in a ceremony held at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Brig. Gen. R. Scott Dingle, RHC-A Commanding General, and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Brady, RHC-A Command Sergeant Major.
**NEWS**

‘I BECAME A SOLDIER ...’ 1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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<td>“Basic Combat Training has taught me more than enough about basic tools that can be used in my everyday life.”</td>
<td>“Learning the stepping stones on how to be a Soldier and having the opportunity to serve my country” were what I like about basic training.</td>
<td>“Basic Combat Training has been a fantastic primer for the real combat situation that I’ll be under in the future. Having had very little experience with military weapons and equipment, I’m grateful to the Army for the exposure and training BCT provides.”</td>
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<td>“My MOS is 68W – Combat Medic Specialist. I want to be able to help save people. My mother is very proud of me. She says that graduation for her would be another one of her greatest moments. For her it’s more so me.”</td>
<td>“My Father is incredibly happy. My Father, who is a retired sergeant major, couldn’t be any prouder. My wife is ecstatic. I just want to be the best Soldier I can possibly be. Serving my country is the greatest honor. One day I want to be a commissioned officer.”</td>
<td>“I joined the Army to pay for college. I found out that the military offers tuition assistance and the G.I. Bill so the Army seemed like a good choice for me.”</td>
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<td>“I also joined to become a better person mentally, physically and financially.”</td>
<td>“Everything has been great with basic training. I’ve been so fortunate to be in a great company and great platoon with the best drill sergeants. I’ve also made so many friends from all over the world.”</td>
<td>“The best part about Basic Combat training is to see the civilians that walk in the door on day one, turn into qualified and disciplined Soldiers – the change is huge.”</td>
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<td>“Basic training has taught me how to endure, how to persever and how to just do what I have to do when I have to do it without procrastination.”</td>
<td>“My MOS is 25B – Information Technology Specialist. I chose this MOS because I enjoy working with technology.”</td>
<td>“My MOS is 153M – UH-60M Pilot. I chose this MOS because I have always been interested in aviation from a young age. I knew the Army offered world class and challenging aviation training. I had the opportunity to apply for a flight slot and was selected.”</td>
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Just days before the 100th anniversary of the U.S. declaration of war, Arlington National Cemetery celebrated the opening of a World War I exhibit Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“For the past 24 months, Arlington National Cemetery and the American Battle Monuments Commission have teamed together to create an exhibit remembering the First World War,” said Chris Warren, Arlington National Cemetery historian, adding that the collaborative expertise and resources of both organizations created the exhibit “to honor the service and legacy of all those who served during the Great War.”

The exhibit covers everything from the advances in military technology used in the war. Placed throughout the roughly 500-square-foot exhibit, which is located in the lobby of the cemetery’s Welcome Center, are 15 displays with thematic panels that play video and display photographs and artifacts from the war.

One display covers the role of African-Americans and women during the war. Another features the repatriation of fallen Service members back to the U.S.

In a joint effort with the American Battle Monuments Commission, Arlington National Cemetery unveiled its new World War I Exhibit March 31.

More than 30,000 U.S. casualties of World War I are buried in American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries overseas, he said. Nearly 5,000 American casualties are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

“I feel that the transformed Welcome Center will serve as a reminder to veterans and their loved ones that their efforts are forever honored and will impress upon visitors the greatness of the sacrifice American service people endure for this country’s freedoms,” said Grace Lane, American Battle Monuments Commission contractor and project coordinator.

“The new exhibit ... instilled within me a deeper sense of gratitude toward American heroes.”


The exhibit will run through November 2018.
ONE FOR THE BOOKS
FORT JACKSON WELCOMES ‘CENTENNIAL BATTALION’

Third Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment picked up a new cycle March 31 and April 3 called the ‘Centennial Battalion.’ The unit earned the moniker by having the distinction of graduating during Fort Jackson’s 100-year anniversary celebration week. Soldiers in Training in the Centennial Battalion will be documented by the Leader throughout the cycle culminating with their graduation.
School celebrates Month of the Military Child

By KERRIE AMMONS
C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Did you know that April is the Month of the Military Child?
According to the Military Child Education Coalition, the official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why?
The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it’s almost impossible to destroy. It’s an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It’s a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They’re ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends. Experts say military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. Military children have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world, and that education doesn’t only come from school. They live history. They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences (Military Child Education Coalition, 2017).

Pinckney Elementary School had a kickoff celebration Monday to celebrate the beginning of the month of the Military Child. When children arrived at school Monday morning, they found themselves walking and dancing through beautiful balloon tunnels, bubbles and dance party music all before they entered school. The opening celebration was sponsored by the Pinckney Parent Teacher Organization. The beautiful school banner, made by the Pinckney PTO, sums up how we all feel about our military kids.
Saluting this BCT cycle’s honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office.

Staff Sgt. Miguel Berte
Alpha Company
1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class Josue Martinez
Bravo Company
1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class David Fuqua
Delta Company
1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Tia Williams
Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Cory Perkins

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Joseph Deharez

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Joseph Taylor

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jonath Petrick

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Victoria McCormick

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Tomas Rodriguez

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Areana Villaescusa

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Travis Carter

HIGH BRM
Spc. Sean Musser

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Keichi Real

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Jose Javier Amaya

HIGH APFT
Staff Sgt. Jacob L. Manuel

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Pvt. Carlos Hernandez

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Pvt. Areana Villaescusa

People

Protecting our people

Each of us has a role in ensuring the men and women around us can live and work free from the threat of sexual assault. Each Service member and Department of the Army Civilian, regardless of rank, must know, understand and adhere to service values and standards of behavior in order to eliminate sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior. Addressing sexual harassment in a unit is an important step to preventing sexual assaults, since many victims of sexual harassment, especially men, later experience a sexual assault. Understanding how to recognize opportunities for intervention is vital to stopping unsafe behavior, to include any form of retaliation.

Protecting our mission

In addition to the devastating impact on an individual, a sexual assault can severely impact a unit’s readiness to perform its mission. We must encourage positive behaviors by recognizing acts that contribute to a supportive command climate. We can protect our mission by ensuring everyone within DOD is committed to advancing an environment where sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, hazing, bullying, and sexual assault are not tolerated, condoned, or ignored.

Every echelon of DOD has a role in fighting sexual assault and other crimes. In order to extend SAAPM’s message of focusing on our individual roles in combating sexual harassment and sexual assault there will be SAAPM activities conducted throughout the month of April on Fort Jackson. These activities will provide awareness and education of SAAPM to Service members, civilians, and Families. Sexual harassment and sexual assault are incompatible with the Army values and erodes solidarity, trust, respect, and ultimately affects mission accomplishment. The prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault requires the individual to make a personal commitment to take action if a dangerous situation is unfolding not just in the month of April but every day.

Careers

“I don’t want people hiring anybody because of goodwill,” said Dailey. “I want them hiring our Soldiers because they’re truly qualified and have tremendous skill and capability. And they have these skills that, in some regards, you can’t achieve in the civilian sector.”

On Thursday, the Kentucky Lt. Gov., Jen- ean Hampton, spoke about her experience as a transitioning Service member and how different the transition process is today.

“There was no organization even close to this one (SFL-TAP). They gave us what they thought was training and preparing us to leave, but it was kind of a hurried affair,” Hampton said.

Hampton is a seven-year Air Force veteran, who served during Desert Storm. Hampton was a part of the Air Force during the drawdown after Desert Storm and was paid to leave military service.

“Based on the experience that I had when I was exiting the military… the Army is way ahead of the curve,” she said.

The symposium is a bi-annual event that fosters a platform for training, networking, and dialogue about Army transition and the future of the SFL-TAP initiative. The Army promotes the concept slogan “Once a Soldier. Always a Soldier. Soldier for Life.”

Badge

Gragg asked them to look at the logic of the Army having this type of badge. “We’re not trying to cheapen anything,” he said of the EIB and EFMB. “What we’re trying to do is enhance the Army. We’re trying to increase Soldier readiness.”

Davenport added: “It’s not a competition; it’s not to say that one has more value than the other.”

Enlisted leaders hope the badge will lead NCOs to rediscover a culture of training their Soldiers. The assumption, Gragg said, is that the competition would cause Soldiers to do more training at their home station as they prepare for it.

“You don’t go to the marathon not understanding how to run a marathon,” he said. “You do some training before you get to the marathon.”

Another badge is also under consideration, this time for platoon sergeants who frequently lead up to 150 Soldiers going through advanced individual training.

In 2008, the Army removed drill sergeants from AIT environments, and with that came the loss of a drill sergeant badge and special pay for those in charge of troops.

“We have a challenge in meeting and maintaining AIT platoon sergeants in the force with the numbers that we need,” Gragg said. “Often times, it’s because individuals have no desire to come out and do it because there’s nothing in it for them.”
The Army Training Center recently bolstered the Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program to improve job satisfaction and reduce sick leave among civilian employees.

CFWP is an on-site command sponsored program available to the civilian workforce that looks at increasing an employee’s entire fitness level through health screenings, nutrition, stress management, weight control, tobacco cessation, social and spiritual fitness programs, and the performance triad.

“That program promotes a healthier lifestyle with civilians,” said Carol McCoy, a human resource specialist with the Army Training Center and Fort Jackson. “With the downsizing and the (operational tempo) that we keep there are a lot of mental and physical stressors that civilians encounter.”

The six-month program is rooted in Department of Defense Instruction 1010.10 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Army Regulation 600-63 Army Health Promotion.

Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson senior commander, wrote in Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum #14 – Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program that he encourages “each of you (Fort Jackson leadership) to make civilian wellness a priority and develop a program that will meet the intent outlined in this policy for the betterment of your unit, personnel, and the overall morale and esprit de corps of the Fort Jackson Team.”

You will see “a healthier civilian workforce, better job satisfaction, and productivity and performance increases,” McCoy said. “It’s a win-win situation for the civilians.”

The wellness program allows an employee enrolled in the program to take three hours per week, approved by their supervisor, to attend classes, workout and participate in health related programs, she added.

Capt. Renzie Rahim with Moncrief Army Health Clinic’s Preventative Medicine Office said employees must first contact their supervisors to get approval before contacting him and Jerri Kershaw to schedule an orientation.

Employees must take an orientation class, a nutrition class conducted by a clinical nutritionist and an exercise class, before entering the program. Employees will also undergo a health screening to determine if they are healthy enough to be in the program. An employee can only enter the program once.

 Orientations are held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month in the Victory Conference Room on Moncrief’s third floor.

The purpose of the program is “not just about the numbers” but to incorporate how the employee’s job performance has improved, Rahim said.

The CFPW is a collaborative process with employees, supervisors and health professionals. Employees work out their schedules with their supervisors while health professionals collaborate with supervisors to track employee performance. Rahim and other health officials work with supervisors to provide feedback and to ensure the program is working effectively.

“Some of the stuff we ask the supervisor is, does your employee appear happier or have a higher morale, or look less stressed at work after participating in the program?” Rahim added. “Are they able to finish strong at the end of the work shift?”

Those things aren’t just about losing weight they show a holistic approach to employee wellness.

Civilian employees are eligible for the program after working 90 days with ATC, have worked at a high standard, have no leave restrictions or verbal or written reprimands, and have not been suspended or demoted for misconduct or poor performance 15 months prior to joining the CFPW.

McCoy said she recommends to employees to join the CFPW. “What do you have to lose?” she asked. “You are getting subject matter experts in exercises and nutrition.”

For more information contact Rahim at 751-5251 or email Kershaw at jerri.kershaw.civ@mail.mil. Detailed information regarding the CFPW can be found in Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum #13 – USATC Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program.

FORT JACKSON HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**CATHOLIC**

Stations of the Cross: April 14 and April 14
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Holy Thursday: April 13
6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

Good Friday: April 14
6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

Holy Saturday Vigil: April 15
8 p.m. at Main Post Chapel

**Easter Mass: April 16**

8 a.m. at the Solomon Center
11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**PROTESTANT**

Good Friday: April 14
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

Easter Worship: April 16
8:30 a.m. Anglican at Bayonet Chapel
9:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**For more information call Main Post Chapel 803-751-6689/751-6681.**

Optometry clinic open to all ID card holders

If you have a government issued ID card, you can get your eyes examined at the Fort Jackson Medical Activity. The optometry clinic is open to all active duty military, retirees, and dependents (both active duty and retired).

“We are available for routine eye exams, acute problems, and check-ups,” said Maj. Jason Hales, a MEDDAC optometrist. “We also offer fittings for eye glasses and contact lenses; although with contacts, you will have to have worn them before.”

Eligible beneficiaries may also order spectacles, which are fabricated at MEDDAC’s Optical Fabrication Lab. Although the Lab’s primary mission is to provide glasses to Soldiers in Training, it also offers them for deploying and non-deploying Soldiers as well as retirees.

Eligible beneficiaries who already have an eye glass prescription may also order a new pair on a walk-in basis with no appointment required during normal business hours.

“We have an amazing team of dedicated providers and technicians who care about your eye health,” Hales said.

According to Dr. Hales, a major benefit for utilizing MEDDAC’s optometry services is that many ID cardholders already receive primary care services at the MEDDAC, making it a more convenient option.

“Currently, in many circumstances we can also offer same day appointments, so the wait time right now is significantly less than many outside clinics,” he said.

Updated eligible appointment times are posted weekly to the MEDDAC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MoncriefClinic. To schedule an appointment with the MEDDAC Optometry Clinic, please call the General Appointment Line at 803-751-CARE (2273).
Moses takes command

MAJ. GEN. PETE JOHNSON,
Fort Jackson and Army Training Center commander, congratulates Navy Capt. Steven R. Moses, for taking command of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center March 31. Moses assumed command from Navy Capt. Mark W. Smith in a ceremony that included speeches from Navy Rear Adm. Michael S. White, Naval Education and Training Command commander, and Navy Rear Adm. Margaret G. Kibben the Navy’s Chief of Chaplains.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Summer Camp registration open for enrollment

Parents interested in enrolling their children for CYSS Summer Camp programs should come to Parent Central Services in the Joe E. Mann Building. Enrollment is open to children and youth in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Kindergarten students must have successfully completed the grade to register. Each week features a different theme along with scheduled activities and fun filled field trips. Summer programs are open to all military, DOD civilians and contractors working on Fort Jackson.

Registration is open 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at CYSS Parent Central Services office in the Joe E. Mann Building at 3392 Magruder Avenue. For more information, call 751-4865/4824.

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Infantrymen need to pass the Army Physical Fitness test scoring more than 80 points in each category, find three of four points during land navigation, perform 30 separate tasks to standards and complete a 12-mile foot march in under three hours in order to earn the EIB.

If the NCO gets a “no-go” on the PT test, land navigation and 12-mile forced march they are dropped from the competition. They are allowed three “no-go’s” during the lane testing before being disqualified. However, they are allowed to retest at a station a second time to receive a go. If they fail the second time they are immediately disqualified from the event.

Soldiers who completed all tasks with first-time goes earned the title of “True Blue.” This year four Soldiers earned that distinction.

Johnson acknowledged the difficulty of the testing and he is “privileged” to watch Soldiers earn accolades that are “a distinction in our Army.”

He added he was proud of the Soldiers for their attention to detail and their drive to succeed.

“We need to wake up every single day, continuing to improve our foxhole and trying to figure out how we can stay ahead of the rest,” he said.

For Barsi, earning the EIB was a significant part of his career. “It’s a different set of skills,” said Barsi comparing the EIB competition to the Drill Sergeant of the Year. Barsi was selected as Fort Jackson’s 2016 Drill Sergeant of the Year. “The drill sergeant competition has multiple different tasks I have to do similar to the EIB. The EIB

Urban
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“I asked you to remember that they are not called Medal of Honor winners because that medal can not be won, it must be earned,” said Back. “I believe the hallmark of Col. Urban’s Army career was that he thought taking care of his Soldiers was a most important task of every leader, second only to mission accomplishment. He always put them at the top of his list.”

Hurford believes her dad would have been happy to have a building named after him on such a great installation.

“I hope that by this plaque and my dad’s name being placed on the building the causes the Soldiers to pause and read about his accomplishment,” she said. “I hope it causes them to ask what is it inside of themselves that is like what was inside of my father Matt Urban. What cause him to put his fellow soldiers lives before his own and the betterment of his country before his own self interest.”

Jackson Centennial Birthday Ball

Tickets for the Centennial Birthday Ball are now available on-line at https://jfcenntennialbirthdayball17.eventbrite.com

The ball, hosted by the Fort Jackson Palmetto Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, South Carolina June 10. Ticket prices for sergeant first class and civilians in pay grade GS7 and below are $16.74 each while master sergeant and GS8 and above are $27.24 each. The Centennial Army Birthday Ball is a formal event, and the attire for civilians is formal evening wear or black tie. Military uniform is the Army Service Uniform; Dress Mess/Dress Blues.

Childcare will be available at the Hood Street Child Development Center. Children must be registered with CYS in order to take advantage of the program. Cost is $20 per child; additional children from the same family are $18 per child. Children will be served dinner and have a Centennial Birthday party as well.

Hours of operation for childcare will be from 4-11 p.m. Registration with CYS must be submitted no later than May 17 for approval.

For more information, call Beverly Wedges with the Fort Jackson Protocol Office at 751-3929.
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