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Sending a message

Training aims to increase active shooter preparedness

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

In an effort to “proactively protect” the community and other areas throughout South Carolina, the installation’s Protection Division hosted the first Fort Jackson Regional Active Shooter Training Aug. 14-15 at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center’s auditorium.

Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson and Army Training Center commander, characterized securing Fort Jackson as a “huge challenge” because the post doesn’t “want to build the Great Wall of China” to keep everyone out and block complete access to the installation.

Roughly 5,000 visitors each week access the fort to visit Soldiers in Training during Family Day and Basic Combat Training graduations. This can make it difficult to properly vet everyone.

Johnson said the training seminar allowed attendees to help “generate cross-levels” of information between agencies and installations.

Sharing of information between different agencies can help protect from potential threats.

The training is “about getting after it and not waiting for the (After Action Review),” Johnson added.

Anti-terrorism experts from the FBI, Department of Defense and the University of South Carolina discussed how law enforcement and first responders reacted to active shooter incidents in Orlando, Florida, San Bernardino, California, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Experts also spoke about the motivations behind the attacks.

One particular portion of the training resonated strongly with attendees – an overview of the active shooter incident in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where a gunman fired on recruiting stations.

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Seven interview tips to help you land a job

BY BARBARA MARTIN
ACS Employment Readiness Program

You finally get the call you have been waiting for – yes, a job interview. Are you ready to meet face-to-face and sell yourself to an employer? Can you answer the question, “Why should I hire you?” Most job seekers spend a great amount of time focusing on polishing up their resume, but spend little time on preparing for the big moment, the interview.

The resume landed you an interview, but the interview will be the deciding factor on you getting a job offer or not. The interview is a formal meeting designed for employers to determine your suitability for the job. They are looking to see if you have the skills needed for the position, your motivation and will you fit into their company culture.

Military spouses become apprehensive and discouraged when employers question them about their employment gaps or frequent moves. Instead of dreading the process, turn it around and focus on all of your positive attributes and how you would be a great asset to the organization. Be prepared to demonstrate through your military lifestyle those highly desirable skills employers seek such as adaptability, resiliency, highly motivated, strong work ethic, reliability and team-oriented.

Here are seven quick steps to help you prepare for your next interview.

Step 1: Research the company.
Step 2: Research what kind of interview you will be encountering.
Step 3: Practice mock interviewing.
Step 4: Dress the part.
Step 5: Know where you are going and arrive early.
Step 6: Come prepared to sell your skills with examples, questions to ask the employer, career portfolio and plenty of copies of your resume.
Step 7: Follow-up. Always send a thank-you immediately after the interview.

Jobseekers can practice their interviewing skills by using the My Interview Simulator, a free-online program designed to simulate a mock interview. This is a great opportunity to practice and rehearse potential employment interview questions. Remember the more you practice the more confident you will feel about yourself. You can access this resource tool by going to http://www.myinterviewsimulator.com.

The Fort Jackson Employment Readiness Program offers a Job Searching Strategies Workshop each month to help develop a job searching strategy, resume development and prepare you for the interview process. This workshop is open to all military personnel, Family members, surviving spouses and DOD civilian employees. Contact the ACS Employment Readiness Office at 751-5452/9460 for upcoming dates.
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Army Reserve Senior Enlisted visits deployed troops

By SGT. TOM WADE
USARCENT Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Reserve Command Sergeant Major participated in the Joint Monthly Access for Reserve Components, Aug. 2-6, in Kuwait. The JMARC enables leaders to observe first-hand the contributions of their deployed personnel in the U.S. Army Central area of operations.


“The in the Army Reserve component, there are a lot of logisticians, lot of sustainment type functions that support the force as a whole,” said Copeland. “The Army Reserve is a great force, one which I could not be any prouder of.”

Many of the Soldiers expressed excitement in meeting Copeland in person. For them, hearing his vision and plan for the future solidifies their personal commitment to the U.S. Army Reserve.

“I found Sergeant Major Copeland’s town hall meeting to be very informative and engaging,” said Master Sgt. Iris Everett, unit supply specialist, 335th Signal Command Theater-Provisional. “Sergeant Major Copeland answered all questions presented in a respectful and honest manner that made Soldiers feel comfortable.”

Sgt. 1st Class Scottie Ervin, horizontal construction supervisor, Area Support Group-Kuwait, supported Everett’s opinion and emphasized his own.

“I liked his mission to empower junior soldiers to take charge of initiatives in regard to their career and other junior soldiers,” said Ervin. “I also learn more details about our mission and why we are supporting other units.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CATHOLIC
Sunday
■ 7:30 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
■ 8 a.m., Communion, Solomon Center
■ 9:30 a.m., CCD, Education Center
■ 9:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
Monday through Thursday, First Friday
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday
10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

EASTERN ORTHODOX
Sunday
9 a.m., Worship and Liturgy, Hospital Chapel

JEWISH
Sunday
9:15 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel
10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Post

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sunday
10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC
Friday
12:45 a.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

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

PROTESTANT
Sunday
■ 8:30 a.m., Anglican/Liturgical, Bayonet Chapel
■ 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Chapel
■ 9:15 a.m., Adult Bible Study, main Post Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel
■ 10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Service, Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ 5 p.m., Aspire! Protestant Youth, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday
■ 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Women’s Bible Study, Main Post Chapel
■ 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

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

Wednesday
■ 12 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, SSI Library
■ 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle chapel

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

Photo by SGT. TOM WADE

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS
■ Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032
■ Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542
■ Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg 5460, 751-4961
■ Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-4297/4476
■ Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
■ Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain and Religious Support Office, 4356 Hardee St., 751-3121/6318
■ McCrady Chapel, 3820 McCrady Rd at McCrady Training Center, 751-7252
■ Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
■ Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6494/6881
■ Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-3089/7427

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Army Strong, Army educated

Soldier exemplifies importance of learning

By MARK MANICONE
Fort Jackson Leader

Rows upon rows of tables, decorated with the emblems of schools and companies that are eager to tap into the sea of Army talent that ebbs through Fort Jackson. Major government agencies and multiple off-post and on-post colleges, set up shop in the Solomon Center Aug. 15, eagerly awaiting the chance to talk with Soldiers and their Families.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Barthmaier was one of those Soldiers. The 40-year-old Soldier is set to retire Nov. 1 and is openly exploring job opportunities available to him, except he doesn’t have to look far—the employers come to him. That’s because Barthmaier has three associate degrees and a bachelor’s degree in business administration, all in two years. And he is currently working on completing his masters of business administration.

“People I knew that were already retired always asked, ‘Did you get any degrees yet?’” Barthmaier said. “They always told me, ‘Make sure you get your education before you retire,’ because that was their biggest regret.”

And he didn’t pay a dime for all of that education.

Through the resources and guidance of the Army Continuing Education Service and G.I. Bill resources he was able to obtain all these degrees, including the current master’s in progress, without tuition payment.

“Who’s going to turn down free education?” Barthmaier said. “And it gives me something that’s tangible; that’s what you need.”

Barthmaier was no slouch either. He graduated with a 3.885 GPA from Columbia Southern University, where he received his bachelor of business administration, and is where he is now pursuing a master of Business Administration.

Barthmaier made sure to capitalize on the opportunities available to him while he is in uniform. He started as a 20-year-old Soldier from Philadelphia with a high school G.E.D, and will retire from the Army a senior NCO and a college graduate.

“It wouldn’t have been possible without them,” Barthmaier said. “They passed me the torch and I ran with it.”

I just want to make sure that Soldiers know the opportunities available on and off post.

— Veronica Fields-Cox
ACES education officer

The career fair is the only opportunity off-post institutions get to advertise and promote to Soldiers and their Families. It also provides an avenue through which Soldiers can network in preparation for civilian work or education.
Col. Edward Bailey, left, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Central, greets the Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah, Aug. 2, at Patton Airfield, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The minister visited the USARCENT area to honor the 27th anniversary of the invasion of Kuwait and the liberation of Kuwait but also the continuous support of the defense of Kuwait.

Two nations securing their bonds

USARCENT hosts Kuwait Minister of Defense

By SGT. KIMBERLY BROWNE
USARCENT Public Affairs

Twenty-seven years ago Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Republican Guard invaded Kuwait and occupied the state for seven months. Subsequently, the United States and a wide array of other Coalition Forces, the biggest collaboration of forces since World War II, deployed to the area to support Kuwait and its sovereignty.

Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah visited U.S. Army Central, Aug. 2, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to honor the 27th anniversary of the invasion of Kuwait.

Maj. Gen. Terrence McKenrick, deputy commanding general, USARCENT, and Col. Steve Berger, Area Support Group-Kuwait commander, escorted the minister on an aerial tour of Camp Arifjan before landing and receiving a briefing on ongoing operations.

“Minister of Defense Mohammad came to visit United States Soldiers at Camp Arifjan to express his appreciation for our commitment to the security of Kuwait and stability in the region,” McKenrick said. “USARCENT has a long standing relationship with Kuwait and their defense officials. This visit was also an opportunity for us to express our thanks to the Kuwait minister of defense for our partnership and for their hospitality.”

During their aerial tour of Camp Arifjan, the minister of defense expressed his thanks to both McKenrick and Berger on behalf of the Kuwaiti people for the United States’ continued support of the defense of Kuwait.

“We are welcoming the Kuwaiti minister of defense ... to reinforce the strong partnership between the United States and Kuwait,” said Berger. “It is also especially an honor to spend a day with Kuwaiti military leadership on a day in which Kuwait honors those Soldiers and citizens who courageously defended their homeland 27 years ago.”

Not only was this visit a means to honor the liberation of Kuwait but also the continued collaboration of the United States and Kuwait.

ID card holders can participate in dental assistant program

The American Red Cross Dental Assistant Program gives Military ID card holders a new opportunity. Military ID card holders will have an opportunity to gain a new skill as a dental assistant as part of the American Red Cross Dental Assistant Program taking place at Fort Jackson Dental Health Activity. The application process will be open from Aug. 25 to Sept. 22. Applications are available at the American Red Cross office, Strom Thurmond Bldg Rm. 120, and Oliver Dental Clinic, 4323 Hill Street.

The program is scheduled to start Oct. 18. The program consists of seven weeks of classroom lectures and then students will have to complete 600 hours of chairside assisting. Requirements for the program include:

- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Up-to-date immunizations
- A dependent of a service member or retired service member
- Must be a US citizen

To find out more about enrolling in the program, contact the American Red Cross at 751-6742. You can also find us on Facebook- Fort Jackson Dental Assistant Program.

Blended retirement open season begins Jan. 1

The blended retirement system open season runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018. Soldiers with less than 12 years of service (active component) or less than 4,320 retirement points (reserve component), on Dec. 31, 2017 should use the MyArmyBenefits Blended Retirement System calculator to help them decide if BRS is right for them. The calculator will make a personalized and detailed comparison of the retirement benefits under BRS and the High 3 retirement plans. Find the calculator at https://myarmymbenefits.us.army.mil/Home/Benefit_Calculators/Retirement.html.

Army Funded Legal Education Program

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2017 Army Funded Legal Education Program, or FLEP. Applicants can apply until Nov. 1. For more information contact Angie Walker, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistant at 751-7658, or via email at angeleque.m.walker.civ@mail.mil.
By NICK SPINELLI
Fort Jackson Medical Activity

More than 200 students received back-to-school physicals as part of Fort Jackson’s recent ‘Back to School Bash’ earlier this month.

The event began with two days of scheduled appointments at the Integrated Health Medical Home and the Moncrief Medical Home, followed by a walk-in clinic at the main MEDDAC building. It was after the physicals were done though, that the real fun began.

“A health fair was held in the Multipurpose Room on the 4th floor,” said Capt. Janna Gaddy, event coordinator. “All participating services set up display tables and fun interactive activities that provided beneficiaries and their families with health and safety information and materials.”

According to Gaddy, these tables helped prepare students and parents for the upcoming school year and linked them with resources throughout Fort Jackson.

A number of informational booths were set up with information on fire safety, healthy eating, pet safety, sleep, hygiene and much more. The Fort Jackson School Liaison and a Directorate of Family, Welfare and Recreation Youth Sports representative were also on hand to answer questions, and a bicycle safety course was held outside the main entrance. For students who will be driving to school this year, law enforcement set up their DUI course.

“The back-to-school bash gave both parents and children invaluable information that will prepare them for the upcoming school year,” Gaddy said. “Children got to have fun while they learned health and safety tips, and parents were connected to an array of resources across the installation.”

Families that missed the event can still schedule school physicals with their Primary Care providers by calling the appointment line at 751-CARE (2273).
**NEWS**

### ‘I BECAME A SOLDIER...’

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**Pvt. Elyiah Wooten, 18**
Charleston, South Carolina

“The Army was calling my name. I had all the reasons to join and it’s just the right thing to do. I’m the first in my Family to join. I want to bring honor to my Family name, and set a new standard for my Family. Leadership, the challenges, the benefits and the foundation is all I needed to know that I can honor my Family name and honor my country.”

“The Army surprised me. It is not what I thought it would be.”

“PT wasn’t a problem. It was all mental, my drill sergeants taught me to never quit. Knowing that I had to do it, and that I can’t quit, helped pushed me to complete the tasks at hand.”

“In 10 years, I see myself high within the ranks of the Army.”

“I look forward to more challenges and successes among my family and to having a new standard for my Family to follow.”

**Pvt. Kacie Parrish, 18**
Lisbon, Ohio

“What influenced me at first was college. Then the more and more I looked into the Army, the more I wanted to join.”

“The physical work is just what I thought it would be. The team building is what was so different.”

“Trying to get along and work with others would be the challenge was what I had trouble with.”

“Ten years from now, I see myself buying my own house, helping my parents in any way I can and finishing college to be veterinarian.”

“My experience here has been different. I’m a high school student that can claim she graduated basic, before she graduated high school. Here at basic at Fort Jackson, I won’t remember the punishments or all the activities we did here, but I will remember my drill sergeants.”

**Spc. Alexander Beach, 24**
Middlefield, Ohio

“I wanted to develop skills that would help me start my career. The Army has great financial benefits with schooling as well as benefits to get me further in the workplace.”

“I had many friends in the service that helped me understand what I was joining.”

“The most challenging part about BCT was learning to work with individuals from all walks of life and come together as one team.”

“In 10 years, I plan on becoming a clinical psychologist for the Army.”

“This process was a great way to prove yourself that you have strengths that can make a difference. It also gave insight into the weaknesses and how teamwork is key.”

**Pvt. Mario Alberto Lara Jr., 18**
Mesquite, Texas

“My Family members that served and the opportunity to see the world is what influenced me to join the Army.”

“The Army is more mentally challenging than I thought. I thought it was more physical.”

“The most challenging part of basic training was the ruck march. I was huge on mental strength and physical strength.”

“I see myself continuing in my military career, in 10 years.”

“I am looking forward to what all the Army has to offer, and the places it will take me.”

**Pvt. Andrew Niscior, 31**
Jacksonville, Texas

“Following in my grandfather’s footsteps influenced me to serve, and it has always been a dream of mine.”

“The Army was what I thought it would be, and it has exceeded my expectations.”

“The hardest part about Basic Combat training was dealing with a bunch of undisciplined teenagers.”

“In 10 years, I see myself working for Lockheed Martin and continuing to serve as a reservist.”

“This was an unforgettable experience, and I’m excited to start my new life as a Soldier.”

**Pvt. George Garcia, 18**
Tampa, Florida

“I heard the song ‘American Soldier’ by Toby Keith and as I grew up, it led me to see that it was right for me.”

“I thought the Army would be more difficult. I thought there would be a lot more foot marches and drill throughout the cycle. Overall, I found it to be much easier.”

“The most difficult part was leading my peers because I’m only 18, and I am leading people older than me. So, I had to get past the ‘I’m older than you so I don’t have to listen to you’ attitude.”

“In 10 years, I see myself being at least a sergeant in the Green Berets, and to acquire the airborne, ranger and air assault tabs.”

“Overall I feel that basic training is going to be a good base for other training later on.”
Staff Sgt. Manuel Gordillo, a military policeman with Fort Jackson’s Physical Security Office, said the training was extremely helpful because he was able to hear from one of the first responders to that shooting.

“It shows that mass shootings are on the increase,” Gordillo said. The shooter is “trying to send a message very loudly. Our job is to give them an amount of pause and eliminate that threat.”

“We don’t want people living in fear. Everyone has a responsibility to say something if they see something.”

Fort Jackson is expanding information sharing through partnerships with state, local and federal protection and security agencies to help prevent terrorist acts.

Col. Stephen Elder, Fort Jackson’s Garrison Commander, cautioned attendees to “not be complacent.”

“We can put up all physical barriers we want,” but it won’t help unless everyone is trained, he added.

“It is equally important how we act,” he said. “If something happens are we ready? Have we trained for it?”

Attendees file into the Armed Forces Chaplain Center Auditorium Aug. 14 moments before the 2017 Fort Jackson Regional Active Shooter Training. Experts from across the Department of Defense and law enforcement agencies spoke about the motivations behind active shooting and discussed lessons learned from various incidents.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
On Monday, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature’s most awe-inspiring sights—a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon completely covers the sun and the sun’s tenuous atmosphere—the corona—can be seen, will stretch from Lincoln Beach, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun’s disk.

What is It?

The moon passes between the sun and Earth and blocks all or part of the sun for up to about three hours, from beginning to end, as viewed from a given location. For this eclipse, the longest period when the moon completely blocks the sun from any given location along the path will be about two minutes and 40 seconds. The last time the contiguous U.S. saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

How Can You See It?

You can see a partial eclipse, where the moon covers part of the sun’s disk. For this eclipse, the longest period when the moon completely covers the sun from any given location along the path will be about two minutes and 40 seconds. The last time the contiguous U.S. saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

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After a thorough behavioral health assessment designed to identify the patient’s emotional, behavioral, spiritual, and psychological needs.

“The only caveat is the required one year stabilization period following discharge from inpatient or residential treatment,” Martin said. “During that year, the SUDCC provider ensures appropriate step-down care is provided, and assists the Soldier in developing a holistic relapse prevention plan.”

As in ASAP, patients in need are encouraged to self-refer to the program. In addition, commands of active duty Soldiers and health care professionals may request a SUDCC evaluation for anyone where there is a concern about substance use disorder symptoms.

Despite being a separate program, SUDCC still serves the Fort Jackson community and is a compliment to services provided through ASAP.

“SUDCC has maintained close working relationships with the ASAP, supporting all prevention efforts within the Fort Jackson community,” Martin said.

Like ASAP, SUDCC is available to all military beneficiaries over the age of 18. To self-refer for SUDCC, call 751-2513/6597. For more information on ASAP at Fort Jackson, visit http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/garrison/dhr/atasap.

What is SUDCC?
The Army’s Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care program uses a multidisciplinary approach to treat and provide Soldiers, Family members and Army Civilians the resources and support they need to overcome the challenges of illicit drug use, prescription medicine and alcohol abuse.

Why is this important?
The SUDCC program will provide Soldiers and the Army Family holistic, integrated care in accordance with Department of Defense policies, national standards and best practices, to enhance command awareness and engagements through unit-aligned behavioral health care. Clinical services will be integrated with behavioral health to address co-occurring mental and physical illnesses and substance use disorders for effective and evidence-based intervention.

Source: www.army.mil
By THERESA O’HAGAN
Marketing Division, Family and MWR

Normally staring directly into the sun is a very bad idea. With Fort Jackson being in the path of totality for the eclipse Monday, you may be tempted to do just that. Don’t.

According to NASA’s Eclipse website, “The only safe way to look directly at the uncelared or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as ‘eclipse glasses.’ Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun; they transmit thousands of times too much sunlight. Manufacturers and authorized dealers of eclipse glasses and handheld solar viewers are verified to be compliant with the ISO 12312-2 international safety standard for such products.”

Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation purchased 2,760 pairs and are giving them away free with any purchase of $5 or more at selected Family and MWR locations (see list on page 5). “One pair per $5 increment, limit 2 pair per $10 or more sales transaction. Additional pairs are available for direct purchase at $2 per pair while supplies last and they are expected to sell out quickly,” said John Keegan, manager, Marketing Division, Family and MWR.

The Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library is hosting an eclipse viewing event day of the eclipse. The event will begin with a story time at noon. Registered patrons will then make a pin-hole viewer craft, paper eclipse model and receive a snack and a soda. Registered patrons are also guaranteed to receive eclipse glasses (one pair per person). Registration is limited to a maximum of 30 children. Please call the Library at 751-5589 to register.

“Patrons that do not register, are still more than welcome to attend story time. We will be handing out eclipse glasses on a first come, first served basis,” said Julie Miller, librarian.

The Library has a total of 600 pairs of eclipse glasses. Two hundred will be distributed at the Library Tuesday, when patrons make a check out (limited to two pairs per person). The rest will be handed out the day of the eclipse.

The total solar eclipse will take place at 2:41 p.m. Monday. Expect to experience the longest 100 percent total eclipse on the east coast ranging from 2 minutes and 30 seconds up to 2 minutes and 36 seconds of total darkness in the middle of the afternoon, according to totaleclipsecolumbiasc.com. This eclipse is first transcontinental total eclipse in the past 99 years. The Columbia area will not have another observable eclipse until 2078. A total eclipse happens when the sun, moon and earth line up perfectly.

It is recommended that those viewing be quiet during the eclipse for the enjoyment of all and to notice natural phenomena that occurs in conjunction with an eclipse such as temperature drops of 5-15 degrees, nocturnal animals emerge and begin their nightly routines, birds go to roost for the “night,” and stars and bright planets (Mars, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter) will be visible. Once the eclipse is complete, daylight will return and birds will begin to chirp and participate in their morning routines.
Saluting this BCT cycle’s honorees

PROPER EQUIPMENT, AWARENESS KEY TO ENJOYING ECLIPSE SAFELY

By NICK SPINELLI
MEDDAC Fort Jackson

In just a few days, the entire country will experience a total solar eclipse. For approximately three minutes Monday, those on Fort Jackson and in the surrounding area will be able to view the totality. However, the partial eclipse before and after the event can pose a serious risk to sky watchers.

“When the sun is above the horizon, our eyes are at risk of temporary and permanent damage, if viewed without the proper eye protection,” said Capt. Trenton Gaasch, Staff Optometrist and Assistant Chief of Moncrief Army Optometry Clinic. “A partial eclipse still produces the same UV/IR radiation as it does when the moon is not blocking part of it; however, our eyes are at greater risk of damage because the normal, painful feedback that occurs when looking at the sun is no longer present.”

According to Gaasch, viewing the sun/partial eclipse for several seconds, without the proper eye protection, puts the eyes at risk of developing temporary pain and bleaching in the retina, or back of the eye. Viewing the sun/partial eclipse for a matter of minutes however, without the proper eye protection puts the eyes at risk of developing permanent blindness, known as, solar retinopathy.

“Symptoms of solar retinopathy include decreased central vision, which could lead to permanent blindness, color blindness, and distortion of vision,” he said.

Eye damage can be easily avoided though, as long as those watching the eclipse use the proper eye protection, specifically ISO Certified Solar Eclipse Glasses or filters.

“Regular sunglasses are not appropriate”, Gaasch said. “Proper eye protection must be certified as meeting international standard: ISO 12312-2: 2015. It will say this on the glasses or the packaging.”

ISO Glasses can be purchased or received from a number of local and online retailers and civic organizations. However, buyers should make certain their glasses are ISO certified. There have already been several reports of fake eclipse glasses being sold in the area. Additionally, those planning to view the eclipse through a telescope or camera should remember they still need a certified filter or glasses.

While many on and off post will be taking a pause to watch the eclipse, even those who don’t plan to watch should be prepared.

Many areas around town will be blocked off or closed during the event. Some drivers may become distracted during the eclipse. Additionally, during the totality, it will appear dark enough for many nocturnal animals to venture onto roadways. Situational awareness and proper planning are essential to ensuring personal safety.

More information, including timelines and safety tips can be found at https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/
Post seeks public comment on environmental assessment

From staff reports

Fort Jackson officials released the draft Environmental Assessment of proposed alternatives for repairs to Semmes Lake, and Finding of No Significant Impact. There is an open comment period now through Sept. 13.

The Environmental Assessment evaluates the environmental, social and economic impacts of a federal project prior to decision-making. It aims to predict environmental impacts at an early stage in project planning and design, find ways and means to reduce adverse impacts, shape projects to suit the local environment and present the predictions and options to decision-makers.

In issuing a draft FONSI, the Army has determined the project will not significantly affect the quality of the human or natural environment.

The post officials are seeking public feedback about proposed repairs before a determination is made about the repairs. Anyone wishing to comment on the documents is encouraged to visit www.sac.usace.army.mil/SemmesandLegionLakes/ to view the documents and make comments.

Army Retired Council seeks nominees

The Chief of Staff of the Army Retired Council is seeking nominees. Nominations are currently being taken for three council members to serve on the Chief of Staff Army Retired Soldier Council. The Council was established in 1971 to provide the CSA with advice and recommendations regarding vital issues and concerns of Retired Soldiers, surviving spouses and their Families. They also provide the CSA an assessment of how current programs and initiatives may affect the retired community. For this year’s nominations, it is important to note that the council charter includes specific demographic requirements in order to adequately represent all retired Soldiers. This year’s selectees must include one non-commissioned officer and one commissioned officer. Another demographic requirement to be filled by this year’s three selectees includes one retired Army Reserve Soldier. Visit https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-397964 for more information.

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Continued collaboration is in both countries’ interests as well as in the interest of continued stability of the region. Moreover, this partnership enhances training capabilities, mutual responsibilities, and joint ventures.

“Our interaction and partnership training with our Kuwaiti counterparts continues to strengthen our interoperability and our professional understanding of each other,” Berger said. “This visit was a great opportunity to showcase what our Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, civilians, and contractors do on a daily basis. We have a professional force; a force that continuously makes us proud.”

During this meeting our key leaders took some time to discuss operational updates, partnerships, cost sharing and assistance for each nation.

“The visit allowed for us to share with senior Kuwait defense officials an update from Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve on the current status and way ahead for the fight to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria,” McKenrick said. “We also provided him with an update on our security cooperation engagements and exercises with Kuwait armed forces, where we focus on improving our interoperability and demonstrating our commitment to the defense of Kuwait.”

Throughout the engagement, all parties emphasized continued participation in combined exercises, exchanges, and symposia to raise professionalism and the training levels for all nations involved, ultimately enhancing our mutual capabilities and interoperability.

“Since liberating Kuwait, both the U.S. and Kuwait governments have enjoyed close and mutually beneficial relationship,” said David Docimo, deputy director of executive services, U.S. Army Central. “The minister’s remarks reaffirmed the State of Kuwait’s enduring support to U.S. Forces that have the privilege of being stationed here, and it’s reassuring to know that the alliance is as strong today as ever.”
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