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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEAL SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving dinner for retirees will be served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nov. 25 at Bldg. 4270, the dining facility for 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. The cost is \$9.55 per meal. The discounted rate of \$7.10 is available to spouses and dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4 or personnel on field duty with no per diem. For more information, call 751-7371.

MEAL SCHEDULE FOR UNITS

Nov. 24	3:45-5:30 p.m.	1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 11900	Dinner
Nov. 24	3:45-5:30 p.m.	3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 11900	Dinner
Nov. 24	4-6 p.m.	3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 11500	Dinner
Nov. 24	4-6 p.m.	1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 11500	Dinner
Nov. 24	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 10401	Lunch
Nov. 24	4:30-7 p.m.	1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 5455	Dinner
Nov. 24	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 5455	Lunch
Nov. 24	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 5454	Lunch
Nov. 24	3:30-6:30 p.m.	2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 5454	Lunch
Nov. 24	1-2 p.m.	120th Adjutant General Battalion	Bldg. 2302	Lunch
Nov. 24	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Soldier Support Institute	Bldg. 2302	Lunch
Nov. 24	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy	Bldg. 9572	Lunch
Nov. 25	11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	*2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 4270	Lunch
Nov. 25	11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	COVID	Classroom	Lunch
Closed		4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment	Bldg. 10540	

ON THE COVER

Fort Jackson's combined police force take on the fire department during the Battle of the Badges to build esprit de corps and teamwork while competing for a trophy and a year's worth of bragging rights.

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Sgt. 1st Class Robert Williams, Soldier Support Institute, reads about prominent Native Americans presented in a display during the Fort Jackson National Native American Heritage Month celebration Nov. 17 at Darby Field. Two guest speakers introduced attendees to the Comanche code talkers who helped win World War II and the warrior culture shared by all native tribes.

'... those are our warriors'

Native American heritage celebrated at observance

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson Soldiers and civilians celebrated the heritage of Native Americans and their contributions to military history during the National Native American Heritage Observance held on Darby Field Nov. 17.

"Native American history is American History," said Col. Kent Solheim, 165th Infantry Brigade commander. "Native Americans remain grounded in truth and resilient in spirit. We reflect on both the history and teachings of their achievements for our great nation."

During the observance, attendees learned the history of Comanche code talkers and their impact on World War II.

"In December of 1940, the Army recruited 17 Comanche to become code talkers," said Staff Sgt. Ky DeFilippo, a Comanche tribesman and drill sergeant assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. "They received phone, radio, Morse code, and semaphore training. They were placed under the command of Lt. Hugh F. Foster to develop an unbreakable Comanche language code."

DeFilippo, one of two guest speakers, said "they were given 250 military terms they trans-

lated" into common Comanche words "such as tutsahkuna' tawo'i", or sewing machine, to represent machine gun and "wakaree'e," or turtle, to mean tanks.

During World War II, these code talkers would land on Utah Beach in France, fight and relaying decisive communications throughout several strategic and key battles that enabled American and Allied forces to ultimately win the war.

"The Comanche code was never broken," DeFilippo said. "Although several were wounded, none were killed."

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THE FAMILY I COME FROM, WE CHERISH AND SUPPORT ALL SERVICE MEMBERS. IF YOU COME TO OUR LAND, WE LOOK AT YOU AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE WARRIORS AND WELCOME INTO OUR HOMES WITH OPEN ARMS.

Martin Red Bear,
Army veteran and member of the Lakota people of the Sioux tribe

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Gate 1 hours

Starting Monday Gate 1 will be open 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Santa Claus Live

Join Santa Claus Live on the Fort Jackson FMWR Facebook page from 5:30-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday until Dec. 2. Talk directly to Santa himself. Write a letter to Santa Claus and drop it in the North Pole Special Delivery Mailbox at Patriots Park until Dec. 2. Please include the email address and phone number of the parent or guardian on any letter dropped in the box.

Gingerbread House Contest

Child, Youth Services and Outdoor Recreation are teaming up for a Family Gingerbread House design and build competition. Families are invited to design and build a gingerbread house either from scratch or from one of the kits provided for a chance to win and have their gingerbread house announced and displayed at the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 3. CYS School Age and Youth programs patrons should sign up at the CYS facility; all others can sign up at Marion Street Station or the Solomon Center. Submission deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, call the Marion Street Station at 751-3494 or the Solomon Center at 751-4056.

It's flu season!

Fort Jackson Influenza Prevention Program is holding mobile outdoor vaccination events for all beneficiaries at the Warehouse Road parking lot on the following dates:

■ Mon.-Tues. - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Dec. Wed.-Fri. - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Picture ID and mask required. Please do not attend if you feel sick or are experiencing any flu-like or COVID-like symptoms.

Reporting Abuse

Every Soldier and member of the military community should report information about known and suspected cases of spouse abuse to include intimate partner violence and child abuse to the Fort Jackson Reporting Point of Contact (military police). The 24-hour report line is 751- 3113. If you would like to schedule "Healthy Relationship" training or talk to a Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate, call the 24-hour response line at (803) 429-4870.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Directorate of Human Resources

In order to allow our employees to spend time with their Families during the holidays, DHR will be closed on the following training holidays: Nov. 26, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2022.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY

Cars & Coffee

8-11 a.m. Solomon Center Parking Lot. Join the Fort Jackson Auto Craft shop and auto enthusiasts across post for fresh coffee and lots of cars. Must be a valid ID card holder. For more Need more information call 751-5755.

DEC. 1-2

Ammunition Amnesty

Fort Jackson will be holding Ammunition and Explosives Amnesty Days from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 1-2 to allow personnel and units to turn in unauthorized military small arms ammunition and training simulators that would ordinarily lead to a serious incident or disciplinary action without fear of reprisal. The Amnesty Program is not designed to circumvent the normal turn in procedures. The purpose of the day is to allow individuals/units the opportunity to return military ammunition which has been stolen, misplaced or erroneously in their possession. On Dec. 1, Department of Defense identification card holders can turn in ordnance on Warehouse Row near the corner of Marion Avenue and Washington Street. On Dec. 2, Fort Jackson units can turn in ordnance at the Ammunition Supply Point. For more information contact Robert Weigand, at the Garrison Safety Office, via phone at 751-8067 or via email at robert.k.weigand.civ@mail.mil.

DEC. 3

Holiday Tree Lighting

5 p.m. Patriots Park. Join Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commanding general, for the annual lighting of the holiday tree. The 282nd Army Band will play holiday tunes, while Families gather around the tree waiting for Saint Nick to arrive. Afterwards Families can enjoy Liberty Lights at Semmes Park.

DEC. 4

Holiday Shopping Trip

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hate the hustle and bustle of holiday traffic? Let Outdoor Recreation take care of that for you. Join us for a shopping trip to Concord Mills in Concord, North Carolina. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride, then shop until you drop. Register and meet at Marion Street Station. Authorized ID cardholders and guests. Limited space. For more information, call 751-3484.

DEC. 5

Hanukkah Celebration

5-7 p.m. Main Post Chapel (Downstairs Fellowship Room) Fort Jackson will hold a Hanukkah Celebration Dec. 5 in Main Post Chapel starting at 5 p.m. For more information, email Chaplain (Maj.) Heather Borshof at heather.borshof.mil@army.mil.

DEC. 9

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club panel

Noon to 2 p.m. Post Theater. A panel consisting of the post command sergeant major and selected senior enlisted leaders and

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

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names. Questions? Call 751-3615.

military personnel will hold an open forum for Soldiers to share candid unfiltered dialogue; covering topics such as personal and professional development, career progression, lesson learned, and the Army as a profession.

DEC. 11

Privately Owned Weapons

Day at Aachen Range

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aachen Range. Pre-register at Marion Street Station. Ensure all weapons are registered on post. No automatic weapons or .50 cal allowed. Ages 12 and up. Those under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Marion Street Station at 751-3484.

DEC. 14

Fort Jackson Holiday Run

Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commander, leads Soldiers and civilians across post in a run celebrating the upcoming holiday season.

DEC. 18

Weston Lake Winter Beach Bash

6-8 p.m. Weston Lake. Join us at Weston Lake Recreational Area for a winter evening filled with holiday music and winter-inspired drinks. Sit around our cozy campfire. Adult drinks such as eggnog and hot chocolate along with light snacks will be available for purchase. There is a two-drink limit per person. All ages are welcome but you must be at least 21 years old to consume alcoholic beverages. For more information, contact Marion Street Station at 751-3484 or Weston Lake at 751-5253/6337.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

SATURDAY

■ Ron's Gone Wrong (PG) 2 p.m.

DEC. 1

■ Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13) 2 p.m.

DEC. 4

■ Dune (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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November

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

□ 2-13 GRADUATION

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Thanksgiving

□ FORT JACKSON FAMILY
HOMES OFFICE CLOSED
□ CYS PROGRAMS CLOSED
□ ACS CLOSED

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Training Holiday

□ YOUTH SERVICES AND
PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES
CLOSED

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RETIREMENT REVIEW
@ POST THEATER

December

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□ HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

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□ HOLIDAY SHOPPING TRIP
@ CONCORD MILLS

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□ CG'S HOLIDAY GALA
AND BAND CONCERT
□ HANNUKAH CELEBRATION

5

□ MERRY FITNESS
BIGGEST LOSER
REGISTRATION

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7

□ DSA GRADUATION

8

□ SAMC PANEL
DISCUSSION

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□ JINGLE BELL RUN
□ PRIVATELY OWNED
WPNS SHOOT
@AACHEN RANGE
□ HOLIDAY ORNAMENT
PAINTING

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□ TOWN OF BLYTHEWOOD
CHRISTMAS PARADE

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□ HOLIDAY RUN

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□ 1-61 GRADUATION

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Victory Block Leave begins

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□ WESTON LAKE
BEACH BASH

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and trainees assigned to 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) began setting up the tree that will be lit on Dec. 3 during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Directorate of Public Works helped top and place lights on the tree with an automated lift while others set up Santa's Letterbox, signs, decorations and life sized nut crackers transforming the corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard and Marion Avenue into a southern winter wonderland. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. and all Department of Defense I.D. cardholders are invited to attend the evening of events. After the ceremony completes, attendees are invited to enjoy the return of Liberty Lights. The light trail entrance is located at the Marion Street Station.



Self-help eliminates some work orders for barracks personnel

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

The return of the Self-help Center will eliminate the need for certain work orders for those living in Fort Jackson barracks.

"We've resourced through the Logistics Readiness Center and our partners at LCI, a whole line of demand-supported facilities — focused items that facility managers at the company and battalion level can purchase," said Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commanding general. "Things such as light bulbs, shower heads, toilet seats, paint, brushes and so on."

Previously, those living in the barracks would need to call in a work order through their designated facilities manager, usually a Soldier also living in the barracks, to have repairs or items replaced. Maintenance teams from the Directorate of Public Works would complete and close these work orders.

Depending on the number of open work orders, simple repairs such as replacing a burned out overhead light bulb could take a week or two. With the return of self-help, these repairs can be completed by those living in the barracks within a few hours or days.

"This absolutely will increase the quality of life for them," said Edward Lefler, LCI assistant manager. "A lot of this stuff they can do on their own so it will be a much quicker process. This will eliminate a lot of work orders so DPW can focus on bigger things."

With the return of self-help, Soldiers living in barracks will also save money. Additional items available through self-help will be provided so Soldiers will not need to purchase for themselves. This includes items such as toilet plungers, that they wouldn't want or need to take with them when they move to another duty station.

"This is designed to ensure our leaders can fix what they can fix so our Department of Public Works can focus on larger, more complicated items such as washing machines and HVAC units," Michaelis said.

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Photos by ALEXANDRA SHEA

A member of the Fort Jackson fire department moves in for a lay-up during a basketball game against the Fort Jackson combined police team Nov. 19 during the Battle of the Badges competition. The competition was held to build camaraderie and esprit de corps for team members who only have the opportunity to interact with each other during calls to assist Soldiers, civilians and Family members.

Fort Jackson police take the 'W' during Battle of the Badges

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader



Sgt. Maj. Bradley Lanchester, Fort Jackson provost sergeant major, announces the combined police team as the winners of the Battle of the Badges Nov. 19.

Fort Jackson police and firefighters faced off in three sports events at the Child and Youth Services Sports Field Nov. 19 during the Battle of the Badges.

"This is the Battle of the Badges," said Sgt. Maj. Bradley Lanchester, Fort Jackson Provost sergeant major. "The fire department, Department of the Army security guards, Department of the Army civilian police and military police came together for some sportsmanship and esprit de corps."

The day started with a game of basketball. The court was filled with sneaker squeaks and shouting from the stands to cheer on their respective teams.

"They (police) blew us out in basketball," said William Sexton, Fort Jackson fire inspector. "It ended at 31 to 14 or something like that. They crushed us."

Kickball kicked off the second event where team fire made a comeback and won the game with a final score of 11 to 9.

"We won it in the final minutes," Sexton said. "It's sudden death now. Whoever wins this gets the trophy."

Soccer was the final, tie-breaking event. The game included two 20-minute exhausting halves.

Throughout the event, jeering from the teams kept everyone laughing and the mood light despite the competitiveness each demonstrated.

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FEATURE

WHY I SERVE

2ND BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. SEAN CUBA, 18
Tinley Park, Illinois

"I joined the Army to serve and protect my country, improve myself and become a part of something bigger than myself."

"Basic Combat Training is a much more rewarding and enjoyable experience than I thought it would be."

"The most challenging part of BCT was overcoming mental barriers and self-doubt."

"I look forward to continuing to improve as a Soldier and I couldn't have succeeded without the help of my drill sergeants and battle buddies."

My MOS is "91D – Tactical Power Generation Specialist. I chose this MOS because it correlates with my desire to study mechanical and electrical engineering."



SPC. MALIK SPENCE, 25
San Diego

"As a military dependent I always looked up to my father's service as an example of what it means to be a good person."

"There have been challenges I wasn't expecting during Basic Combat Training, but so far the experience has been what I expected it to be."

The most challenging part of BCT for me has been "learning to be more patient with some of my battle buddies."

My MOS is "15T – Black Hawk Helicopter Mechanic. I chose this MOS because it seemed challenging but rewarding."



PVT. AUSTIN FALISH, 18
Brussels, Wisconsin

"My friends and Family had the greatest influence on me," to join the Army.

"I imagined I would be doing push-ups from sun up till sun down," during Basic Combat Training.

"The most challenging part of BCT was figuring out how to work as a team in everything we did."

My best advice for someone about to start BCT is to "do what you are told and make friends with your peers."

My MOS is "91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I chose this MOS to learn something I will be able to use outside of the Army."



PVT. BRISTON SCHREIBER, 18
Montpelier, Idaho

"My football coach who was in the Army," influenced me most to enlist.

"Basic Combat Training was a lot harder physically but easier mentally."

"Leading other Soldiers was the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training for me."

My best advice for someone about to start BCT is to "always push ahead and stay humble."

My MOS is "15B – Aircraft Powerplant Repairer. I chose this MOS because I love engines and aircraft."



PVT. CHAMILE FISHER, 21
Jackson, Mississippi

"My father and grandfather influenced me most to join the Army. They joined the military around the same age as I am now. By them joining, it gave my Family opportunities. They were both in the Air Force and I wanted to follow their lead but not in their footsteps."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be a stepping stone from my civilian life. I wanted basic training to break me and build me into a stronger, wiser and honest Soldier."

"The most challenging part of BCT for me was controlling my mentality. I came to basic wanting to be the best at everything and realizing I'm not."

My MOS is 42A – Human Resources Specialist. I chose this MOS because I rely most on my organization. Being 100% in what I am doing through any task gives me all the confidence I need. Dedication is the second thing I rely on. I won't and can't move on to the next assignment until it is absolutely complete."



SPC. NOAH FRASER, 23
Williamstown, New Jersey

"My grandfather was the one who inspired me to join the Army. Ever since childhood he instilled in me the devotion to duty mindset. He taught me how to carry myself in this world and the values that are necessary. Every day I strive to be half the man that my grandfather was."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be one of the best learning experiences in my life. But I was not expecting to learn about compassion and empathy and how to communicate these emotions to my battle buddies, especially in a time of need."

"The most challenging aspect of BCT was understanding that everyone has a different idea of how to be a leader."

My MOS is 09S – Commissioned Officer Candidate. I chose this MOS because I have always had a natural inclination to lead others who have the same goals. I have enjoyed organizing plans and being responsible for the overall success of any task, no matter how minor it may be."



Docuseries takes raw, unfiltered look into BCT

By **JOSEPH LACDAN**,
Army News Service

The drill sergeants yelled at him relentlessly, as Josh Oller pushed himself through the trying weeks of basic combat training at Fort Jackson.

Oller had already endured challenges while growing up in an Atlanta suburb where he faced bullying from other students. He mostly kept to himself from elementary school until his high school years.

BCT tested Oller's limits

He saw enlisting in the Army as a proving ground; where he could test himself and win the approval of his girlfriend's parents as a worthy suitor.

Oller and four other Army recruits' journeys to become Soldiers are the subject of the new documentary series "Ten Weeks." The project takes a close look at Army basic combat training from the view of five recruits who each bare a repository of adverse life experiences.

The series followed the recruits from the time they arrived in civilian clothes at Fort Jackson to their graduation march in early 2020. The recruits' basic training experience was encapsulated in a 10-part series that debuted this Veterans Day on The Roku Channel.

We Are the Mighty, a media and production company comprised of veterans, partnered with Blumhouse Productions to produce the docuseries.

Led by showrunner Chris Rowe, the production team included several veterans working behind the scenes including August Dannehl, a Navy Veteran. Dannehl said the crew wanted to capture a Soldier's pivotal rite of passage and the poignant and challenging moments.

"What's interesting about the boot camp experience cinematically is that it's the point at which your life changes," said Dannehl who served as a story producer. "It takes a certain kind of person to not only show up at boot camp, but make it all the way through."

In these five recruits, Rowe and Dannehl found human stories that typify the diverse range of backgrounds and cultures representative of the modern Army.

"You have people from all races, all creeds, and all parts of the country coming together to really do something bigger than themselves, overcome adversity and become one as a team," said Rowe, a 24-year year Hollywood veteran and son of a Navy SEAL. "And that's a really great message right now."

The cast

Raised by his grandmother in Baltimore's

crime-riddled inner city, Leo Eades knew he needed to find a way out.

The father of three enlisted in the Army in part to build a better life for his family. At 27, Eades had more life experiences than his fellow recruits and looked to set an example for his children. "I've seen everything ... from drug dealers to murderers," he said. "I just didn't want my kids to be around it."

As he began his quest to become a Soldier, Eades never forgot the lessons he learned from his grandmother, who raised him from an early age. She told him stories about his uncle who served in the military; inspiring Eades to eventually join the military.

Riley Barnard wanted to follow the footsteps of his great-grandfather, a World War II Army veteran. However, Barnard faced a major hurdle to becoming a Soldier: he had to lose more than 100 pounds.

His grandfather's legacy inspired the southern Illinois native throughout basic training, as he continued to shed weight. "He told me before he died, he would love to see one of his grandkids in the Army," Barnard said.

Trinity Carpenter enjoyed playing the violin and spending time in the outdoors with her father while growing up in rural Pennsylvania. When authorities sent Carpenter's father to prison, she became a role model for her younger siblings. She thought her life's hardships prepared her for Army basic combat training.

"I had to grow up fast," Carpenter said. "Because I was more mature, I thought I was ready."

One of the youngest recruits in her platoon at 18, she thought her life experiences prepared her to lead. She enlisted in the Army in the hopes of becoming a drone operator like her Soldier husband.

Tragedy shook Stormy Gideons' life when her father passed away on her 10th birthday. Shortly after, Gideons' mother left the family, forcing Gideons to become caretaker of her three brothers.

The native of Fresno, California said her son, who was born shortly before her high school graduation, inspired her to join the Army. "When I had my son, I knew that I had to change everything that I was doing," she said.

During basic training, Gideons strove to exceed the performance of her male counterparts.

Oller admitted he struggled through the early weeks of boot camp. He severely hurt his ankle during basic training. At one point he considered quitting.

"Basic training was the scariest thing I had ever been through," Oller said. "I've had real



Screenshot

Spc. Josh Oller embraces his girlfriend Amariah, after completing Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson. Oller was one of five recruits featured in the new Roku documentary series '10 Weeks.' The series takes an in-depth look into Army Basic Combat Training and explores the stories of the recruits, who come from a diverse range of backgrounds.

emotionally challenging times before ... [basic training] was something new and different. It took a lot of courage a lot of prayer, and miracles."

By the end of his high school years in Newnan, Georgia, Oller had mostly overcome the bullying. He joined his school's cross country team and became more skilled at playing the guitar.

At Fort Jackson Oller felt prepared for the physical aspects of basic training having been an avid runner in his prep days. He struggled to overcome the mental challenges of basic training and learning to fire an M4 Carbine rifle.

"It was a challenge to maintain confidence in myself," Oller said.

He later began to understand the drill sergeants wanted to mold him into a better Soldier.

In July 2020, Oller graduated from the Army's basic Public Affairs course at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland. Oller moved onto his next assignment at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii, where remained in high spirits and he hoped to propose to his girlfriend, Amariah. Meetings with the film crew became welcome medicine for Oller. The stresses of boot camp at times had his mind racing and he said his interview sessions gave him a needed break.

"It allowed me to have some separation from the drill sergeants and all the other trainees," he said. "I was able to also hear my own thoughts and to get some therapy ... in a way."

Dannehl took a journey himself to become a filmmaker in Hollywood.

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Photos by JALEXANDRA SHEA

Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commanding general, talks with Nicholas Garcia, the grandfather of a Soldier who was a part of Family Day activities earlier in the day, during the post's National Native American Heritage Month celebration on Nov. 17 at Darby Field. Garcia happened to be attending his grandson's Family Day when he learned of the celebration event and attended.

Heritage

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DeFilippo visits his elders in Lawton, Oklahoma and attributes his motivation to enlist in the Army to his father, also a veteran, and the warrior culture of his heritage.

"I do think it is my heritage that ultimately pulled me to join the U.S. Army. I am related to Quanah Parker, the last known war chief of the Comanche tribe," DeFilippo said. "Being a warrior of a homestead is just in my nature."

Michaelis, a Bear Army veteran and member of the Lakota people of the Sioux tribe, also spoke of the warrior culture and the "strong relation with the armed forces."

"A lot of Native Americans come from warrior societies," Red Bear said. "A lot of them couldn't fulfill their culture, their way of life as time went on. The only way they could practice their warrior societies was enlisting in the U.S. armed forces ... Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy ... whoever they be. It doesn't matter who they are, what branch they are, to us as natives, those are our warriors."

Red Bear explained how the Army gave him and others the opportunity to practice his personal need to live his warrior culture. He said he's a "feeling deep inside that drives me."

While the enlistment of Native Americans in the military helps diversify the forces, it also offers non-Native American service members an opportunity to experience a different culture but an extended family as well based on warrior culture.

"There are many instances where Native Americans have influenced Army life," Red Bear said. "The Family 1 come from, we cherish and support all service members. If you come to our land, we look at you and know that you are warriors and welcome into our homes with open arms. That's how much Native Americans mean to the armed forces."

Despite National Native American Heritage month not being celebrated by you," Red Bear said. "We recognize the warrior passion inside of you and they will always support, cloth, feed you and treat you as Family just how you treat each other as Family. Always remember that."

Though not a scheduled part of the celebration, Nicholas Garcia was recognized during the ceremony by Solheim during the ceremony.

A member of the Coochit people found in

I DO THINK IT IS MY HERITAGE THAT ULTIMATELY PULLED ME TO JOIN THE U.S. ARMY. I AM RELATED TO QUANAH PARKER, THE LAST KNOWN WAR CHIEF OF THE COMANCHE TRIBE.

Staff Sgt. Ky DeFilippo

New Mexico, Garcia happened to attend the ceremony while visiting his grandson Nico during the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment Family Day.

Garcia stood out during the ceremony wearing a leather vest adorned with beadwork his people are renowned for. He spoke for a time with both Solheim and Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commanding general, who traded stories of their love of motorcycles.

After the ceremony ended, attendees were treated to a display of Native American art and information about some of the most influential Native Americans in American military history including the code talkers.

DeFilippo spoke about his heritage and how Native American Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the month of November, this year's theme of "Grounded in Tradition, Resilient in Spirit," which reminds us of the difficulties of the past year, and historically how Native communities draw strength from traditional practices, common values and rich long standing customs to preserve and transcend, according to the Society of American Indian Government Employees website.

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Attendees of the Fort Jackson National Native American Heritage Month celebration pay their respects as the nation's colors are presented during the event Nov. 17 at Darby Field. Two guest speakers introduced the attendees to the Comanche code talkers who helped win World War II and the warrior culture shared by all native tribes.



Col. Kent Solheim, 165th Infantry Brigade commander, welcomes attendees to the National Native American Heritage Month celebration Nov. 17 at Darby Field. Solheim also introduced the celebration's two guest speakers.



Col. Kent Solheim, left, 165th Infantry Brigade commander, presents Certificates of Appreciation to the National Native American Heritage Month celebration's guest speakers Martin Red Bear, center, a member of the Lakota people of the Sioux tribe, and Staff Sgt. Ky DeFilippo, a Comanche tribesman and drill sergeant assigned to 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Nov. 17 at Darby Field.

ON POST



Target practice

Master Sgt. Vincente Benjamin Barker, Chief Paralegal at the 81st Readiness Division, fires his weapon during the Aachen Rifle Range privately owned weapons day Nov. 20 at Fort Jackson. Barker said that when you're shooting, there are only three things of importance: you, your weapon, and the target.

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Chaplain School NCOs excel at Master Leader Course

By **MEL SLATER**
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Two Chaplain School noncommissioned officers recently completed the Army Master Leader Course at two different military installations with the same results. Excellence.

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Religious affairs NCOs work along with chaplains as part of the Unit Ministry Team to provide religious service support to Soldiers

wherever they may be. They are leaders. Servant Leaders.

"While religious affairs specialists must compete for opportunities, (Sgts. 1st Class Latrise Flanigan and Keith Wright) are another example of leaders capitalizing on that opportunity. The standard is to graduate, but their leadership and drive pushed them to exceed the standard and graduate with honors," said the Chaplain School's acting senior enlisted leader, Sgt. Maj. Elian Strachan. "Leaders

learn in Basic Leaders Course to achieve. The culture and systems at the 'Heart and Home of the Army Chaplaincy' push leaders to excel. I am proud of them both and all our leaders."

Flanigan graduated in the top 40% of her class with superior academic achievement at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"It's crazy that four years ago today I graduated (Senior Leaders Course)... and I graduated the Master Leaders Course achieving

honors in the top 40%," said Flanigan. "MLC helped me as a senior NCO in the areas of mission command/analysis, joint planning process as well as operating at the strategic level. I'm extremely blessed and glad it's over. Definitely a demanding course and truly thankful to have had people to lean on through the process. Everything happens for a reason and it's only up from here."

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Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.-noon	Main Post Chapel

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	DAY	TIME	PLACE
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* Catholic Mass	Sunday	8-9 a.m.	Solomon Center
* Protestant Consolidated Service	Sunday	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Solomon Center
The Bridge	Sunday	9-10 a.m.	Anderson Chapel
* Church of Christ	Sunday	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Magruder Chapel
* Hispanic Protestant Service	Sunday	9-10 a.m.	Family Life Center
* Islamic Service	Sunday	8-9 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
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Jewish Service	Sunday	10-11:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel Fellowship Hall
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Chaplains

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She enlisted in the Army in Norfolk, Virginia Military Entrance Processing Station in 2005 and completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Flanigan is currently assigned to the Chaplain School's Training Directorate, Fort Jackson.

Wright graduated in the top 10% of his class with superior academic achieve-

ment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"MLC was one of the most challenging Noncommissioned Officers Academy courses I have ever attended. It helped me to identify my strengths and weakness as a senior NCO in the areas of public speaking, army writing, critical and creative thinking, and operating at the strategic level," Wright said. "The course also gave me an azimuth check on leadership: being a servant leader and a leader of character. To achieve such honors in this demanding course required late nights, microwave dinners, and lots of prayer. I am thankful to have attended, and extremely glad I am mission complete."

Wright is a native of Brunswick, Georgia

who enlisted in the Army in June 1999, and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After completing BCT, he attended the Metal Worker Advanced Individual Training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. In March 2009, he reclassified to Religious Affairs Specialist.

Wright currently is serving as the senior platoon sergeant for the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course.

Flanigan and Wright have demonstrated a high level of competence and leadership skills with their individual finishes at MLC. They have the potential to go far in the Army. How far remains to be seen.

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Self-help

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Badges

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"You guys want to add some extra rules now or do you want to wait until we get ahead?" shouted one.

"Al Pacino called and said he wants his hair grease back," said another.

"Police won of course," said Maj. John Ferrell, Fort Jackson Provost Marshal. "The teams were fighting hard and we are proud to leave with the victory."

Sweaty and somewhat tired, the

teams returned to the station house together for a lunch of grilled hotdogs, chilli and numerous side dishes.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. R. Cesar Duran joined Lanchester to congratulate the teams and present the coveted three-foot trophy.

Team members jeered each other again making promises of strong return next year when they will face off again to claim the top title and years' worth of bragging rights.

"The police, fire and emergency medical technicians see each other all the time on calls but during calls it's down to business," Ferrell said. "It's

good to get out to build camaraderie, fellowship and enjoy each other's company."

Though the day was concluded and the teams returned to their regular duties, Ferrell had some advice for the team fire for next year's Battle of the Badges.

"Keep trying," Ferrell said jokingly. "Maybe if they (team fire) practiced sports instead of just dragging hoses around the parking lot they would do better. They tried really hard and we will work hard to get some participation trophies so everyone will leave with something."

COVID RESPONSE UPDATE

Per General Order #3, dated Nov. 10, 2021

- ❑ All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask at all times while indoors in any facility on Fort Jackson. Unvaccinated personnel must continue to wear a mask while in formation outside.
- ❑ All guests 12+ years old must be fully vaccinated OR be able to provide a NEGATIVE COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test taken within 72 hours of Family Day. The PCR test must have the name of the guest on it.
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- ❑ Those who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who attend large official Fort Jackson events, defined as events where 50 people or more will be present, including IET graduation, are required have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the event.
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Dec 24Closed
Dec 31Closed

Auto Craft Shop

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25Closed
Dec 24Closed
Dec 31, Jan 1, 2Closed
During Block leave-hours are 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Century Lanes Bowling Center

Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 24-25Closed

Ivy Lanes

Nov 24Closed
Open Nov 26-28 1-7 p.m.

Child Youth Services

Nov 25 all CYV programsClosed
Nov 26 Youth Service & Parent Central Services ... Closed
Dec 18-Jan 2 All CYV Programs 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Lee Road Extended Care/24 hourClosed
Dec 24, 31 all CYV programs/facilitiesClosed

Fitness

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Dec 13 -238 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec 24-25Closed
Dec 27-308 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec 31-Jan 1Closed

Perez Fitness Center

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25Closed
Dec 24-25Closed
Jan 1Closed
(Dec 17 - Jan 3) Monday-Friday 6 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Sat & Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Vanguard Gym(Dec 17 - Jan 3) 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25Closed
Dec 24-25Closed
Jan 1Closed
Jan 211 a.m.-6 p.m.

Coleman Gym

Open 24 hours for registered users

Aachen Range

Only Open Nov 20 , Dec 119 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(for scheduled events)

Recycle Center

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 24, 27Closed
Dec 31, Jan 3Closed

Golf Club

Nov 25Closed
Dec 25Closed

Knight Pool

Closed until further notice

Marion Street Station

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 16Closed
(no power)
Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 30 1/2 day 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dec 31Closed
Jan 1Closed

Weston Lake

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 24 1/2 day 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 24-25Closed
Dec 30 1/2 day 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dec 31- Jan 1Closed

Solomon Center

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 24Closed
Dec 31Closed

Palmetto Greens and 512 Trolley

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 24-26Closed
Dec 17-Jan 17.....Closed
(open only on Family Day/Graduations 10-4)

Jack's Frame Shop

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25-Dec 3Closed
Dec 21-31Closed

Victory Travel

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 24-26Closed
Dec 20-22 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec 23-24Closed
Dec 27-30 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec 31Closed

NCO Club

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25-26Closed
Dec 17 - Jan 7Closed

Victory Bingo

Nov 24-25Closed
Dec 24-25Closed
Dec 31-Jan 1Closed

Thomas Lee Hall Library

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25-28Closed
Dec 24-26Closed
Dec 31-Jan 2Closed

Videorama

~~Nov 11~~Closed
Nov 25Closed
Dec 20-Jan 2Closed

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From ships to filmmaking

August "Augie" Dannehl grew up just outside New York City in the small New Jersey suburb of Demarest. Show business ran in his family; his mother and father both starred on the Broadway stage and met on the set of "Evita." He always dreamed of following his parents' into entertainment, but on the production side.

His aspirations had to be put on hold and he served five years in the Navy as a nuclear reactor operator on aircraft carriers.

He had been exposed to a wealth of cultures in New Jersey and New York and said he noticed the increasing diversity in the U.S. Army. He developed a deeper respect for the branch he didn't join.

After five years, Dannehl decided to chase his dream of working in film industry, he studied film at Columbia and New York universities. He eventually had a conversation with Hollywood filmmaker David Gale in a New York coffee shop. "We hit it off," Dannehl said.

At the time Gale had started a film production company comprised of military veterans called "We Are the Mighty," or WATM.

Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs, a Vietnam War Army veteran pushed the idea of crafting a documentary on the Army's basic combat training, which Dannehl and his crew immediately endorsed. In 2012 Jacobs published the book "Basic: Surviving Boot Camp and Basic Training."

WATM partnered with Blumhouse Television to execute on Jacob's vision, to capture transition from civilian to Soldier. Dannehl knew that from a visual perspective that Army boot camp had the most to offer.

"You want to see as much of that kind of physical training, with the weapons and going through the wilderness," said Dannehl, now the head of production at WATM. "You know that offers you a lot to film. You want to be able to see all that stuff. So I think, the Army was always ... the top choice."

Dannehl and his eight-person crew wrapped filming before the onset of COVID-19, spending 12 hours a day following the platoon around the barracks, the fields and the wilderness at Fort Jackson. Although they shot in the milder winter of South Carolina, sometimes pouring rain made filming sessions difficult. Dannehl said the crew filmed about 90 percent of the documentary outdoors.

The crew had to endure tumultuous weather and cover cameras amid downpours.

"There was one day where the rain was so bad that the first sergeant had to call the range operations, which he said he's never had to do before," Dannehl said. "He didn't think that it was fair to have trainees out there. As long as they were out there, we were out there."

Rowe said the filmmakers used close quarter shots to capture the transformational experience of basic training; from the time the recruits shed their identities as civilians to the moments when they assimilate into military culture.

"I wanted to capture how gritty and how hardcore of an experience there is," Rowe said.

Former Green Beret Chase Millsap, now WATM's chief content officer, helped facilitate communications between We Are the Mighty and Fort Jackson. He said the docuseries will showcase the challenges of basic training in an unfiltered format.

"Ten Weeks" premiered Nov. 11 on The Roku Channel. The series can be viewed on The Roku Channel, which is available on Roku devices, the Web, iOS and Android devices, Amazon Fire TV and select Samsung TVs and can be accessed in the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

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