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SECARMY comes to Fort Jackson

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth visited Fort Jackson July 20-21 as the first stop in her tour of Basic Combat Training installations.

“Fort Jackson is the largest basic combat training installation in the Army with 54% of trainees going to basic here,” she said. “With those statistics, Fort Jackson is one of the best examples of why end-strength is a critical part of providing the land-power the nation needs.”

Wormuth, who was confirmed as the 25th Secretary of the Army May 28, was escorted to various parts of the installation by Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Fort Jackson commander. During her visit she saw the entire process of how a civilian becomes a Soldier from their first stop at the Military Entry Processing Station to the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) and parts of training including Victory Tower and rifle marksmanship.

“I think the best way we can see the state of the Army, is for senior leaders to see the training first hand that are asked of our future force,” she said.

While at Victory Tower July 21, she watched as trainees braved rappelling down the face of the tower and sliding down a rope belly first. She even spoke with a trainee who overcame her fears to slide down the rope.

“I saw the best drill sergeants in the world transform America’s determined trainees into Army Soldiers,” she said in a tweet. “Rappel-

ling and marksmanship built their confidence, but what stands out most is their commitment to their squad and to our country.”

Fort Jackson is the Army’s main production center for Basic Combat Training. The installation trains roughly 54% of all Soldiers and more than 60% of women entering the Army each year.

Wormuth stopped at the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment where she received a brief on the Army Combat Fitness Test and even tried her hand at some of the events.

As Secretary of the Army she is the senior civilian official within the Department of Defense responsible for all matters relating to the Army. This includes those related to Army Families such as housing and child care.

She stopped at Fort Jackson’s Lee Road Child Development Center where she learned what it took to run the Army’s only 24-hour child care facility.

As she was entering the facility she met a drill sergeant, who has three children in the program, dropping off a bottle of formula for her baby.

“All of her kids were spending the night,” said Sunny Bolton, Fort Jackson’s Child, Youth Service coordinator. “So (Wormuth) got a first-hand look at what that program provides the single drill sergeant.” The program provides the drill sergeant “a peace of mind to be able to go out and do what she needs to do while she knows her kids are safe and tucked in at night.”

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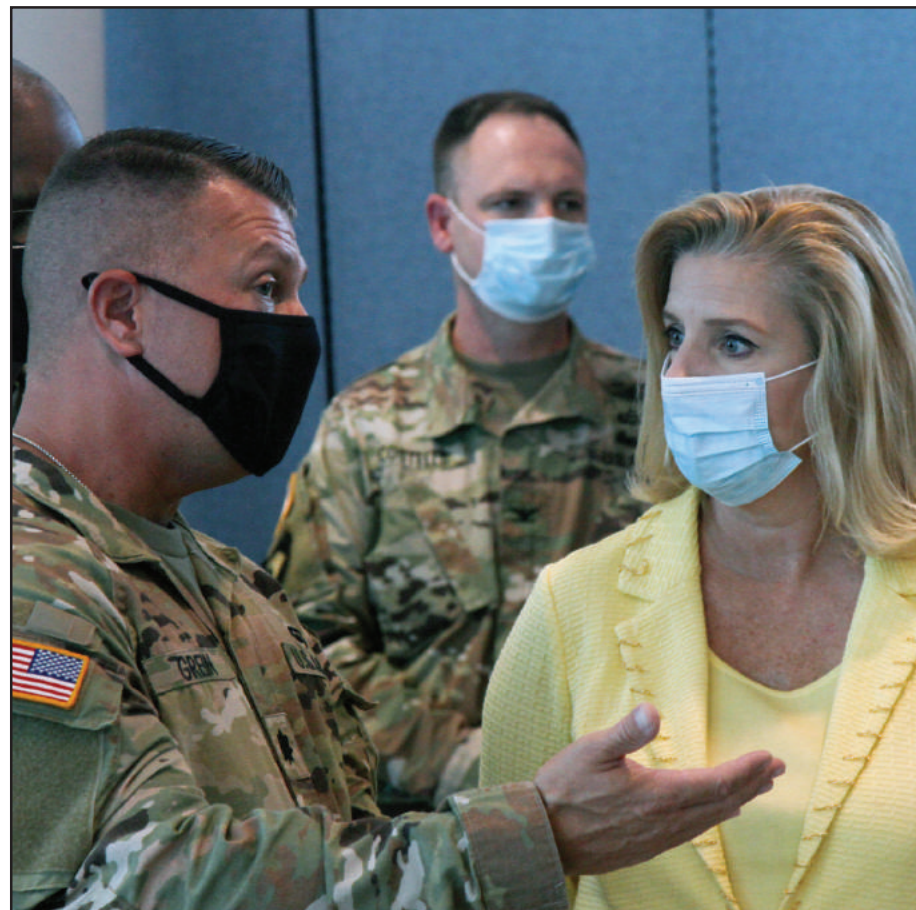


Photo by STAFF SGT. DONTAVIAN HARRISON
Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth speaks to Lt. Col. Avi Grein, commander of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) during a tour of Fort Jackson.

ON THE COVER

Staff Sgt. Stephen Rose competes in the annual, week-long Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition sprint through Fort Jackson’s Fit to Win I course and climb a rope tower July 27.

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Photo by ALEXANDRA SHEA

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Fort Jackson Soldiers in height of PCS season

By **ALEXANDRA SHEA**
Fort Jackson Leader

Many people often think of summer as a time of relaxation and fun, but for many Soldiers summer leaves them and their Families feeling anxious and stressed as they face a military move. National shortages of labor pools and commercial drivers has added to that stress.

“There is a shortage of labor pools across the nation,” said Jacqueline Flowers, Fort Jackson traffic manager. “We are in competition within the industry for the same resources.”

Labor and driver shortages to transport goods, in this case household goods, across the nation is not unique since the onset of COVID 19 restrictions and isolation measures. Many other industries feel the crunch as well.

“Be understanding and have a Plan B,” Flowers said. “Everyone moves in summer, not just military, but we are here to help in any way we can.”

Flowers and her team at the Fort Jackson Transportation Office serve incoming and outgoing Soldiers during primary and peak permanent change of station, commonly known as PCS season which runs from May 15 until Labor Day. She explained how each Soldier’s needs are unique and her staff are available to assist in a variety of ways including scheduling the move of household goods and coordinating travel.

As the Fort Jackson Transportation Office continues to successfully assist Soldiers and their Families with moving, she explained how a few simple steps can help ease the stress of military moving.

Soldiers should contact the transportation office as soon as they have orders in hand to begin scheduling a shipment date and become familiar with the Department of Defense Customer Moving Portal at move.mil are the first steps a Soldier should take, according to Flowers.

“Be flexible in your planning,” she said. “Understand you may not get your preferred moving dates.”

Flowers also explained that on occasion Soldiers will have a need for a hard household shipment date. If that date cannot be met, she

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Jacqueline Flowers, Fort Jackson traffic manager



Army News Service photo

Movers lower the ramp of a moving truck as they prepare to move a Family’s household goods. The first step Soldiers should take after receiving Permanent Change of Station orders is to schedule a household goods shipment.

explained there are additional options.

Soldiers can conduct a personally procured move, or PPM, by packing and shipping their own household goods or to designate a releasing agent such as a Family member. The releasing agent can remain with the household goods until they can be shipped through the transportation office while the Soldier reports to their gaining unit and duty station.

Another option available to Soldiers is to secure a shipping container. Often referred to as PODs, a container is delivered to a home where the Soldier packs and seals the container. An agency then picks up the container and ships it to the Soldier’s next address for unpacking.

Another alternative, a Soldier can request an extension to report to their gaining unit and installation.

“It doesn’t pay to procrastinate,” said Sgt 1st Class Christopher Waterbury, Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion. “I will have to have my household goods picked up from storage when I leave.”

Waterbury began planning his move even before he received his orders. Waiting to contact the transportation office by just one day after receiving his orders created a challenge for

him to schedule his household goods shipment on his preferred date. His revised plan now includes having his household goods shipped using a releasing agent as he travels to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

“We care about this move,” Flowers said. “Transportation Command cares about this

move.”

To contact the Fort Jackson Transportation Office, call 751-5515 or stop by 5450 Strom Thurmond Boulevard, Room 112 Monday thru Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ARMY PCS MOVE

Here are some tips for the 2021 Permanent Change of Station (PCS) season

The Army PCS Move App, now available for iOS and Android devices.

The Army PCS Move App provides access to an organized central hub of information. Download the app from your favorite app store today! You can also get assistance by calling the Army PCS Help Desk at 1-800-521-9959.



Leader file photo

A member of Moncrief Army Health Clinic receives the COVID-19 vaccination Jan. 8 at the Solomon Center on post. Fort Jackson will begin giving the vaccine to members according to Centers of Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

How COVID-19 fast-tracked innovation in the Military Health System

By **THOMAS J. WALSH**
Army News Service

In early 2020, as the Sars-CoV-2 virus was just beginning to spread across the United States, the Defense Health Agency was already working to coordinate epidemiological data on the emerging threat.

By March of 2020, as the virus was reaching nearly every state in America, the Military Health System was using new, molecular-based COVID-19 tests that enabled sample analysis and delivered results in just four to six hours.

Since then, it's been off to the races for the DHA and the MHS in general with regard to health care innovations in the face of the virus.

The urgent demands of the pandemic forced the MHS to adjust quickly by building out new

capabilities, implementing new customer-care techniques and launching massive new research efforts.

As a result, new and rapidly developed health care procedures have kept warfighters on post, ships at sea, and military medical professionals on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus.

"We can't ignore that COVID-19 has already irrevocably changed how we deliver care and will continue to do so," Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Sean Hipp, Director of DHA's Virtual Medical Center, said in July 2020.

"We must use the terrible clarity these unprecedented circumstances provide to honestly evaluate our tools and practices, and apply that wisdom to make real, lasting improvements to health care. This mindset of embracing innovation for the sake of our patients is already a

hallmark of MHS providers. We find creative, clinically sound ways to treat our patients - no matter the obstacle."

The MHS has been a leader in virtual health, otherwise known as telehealth or telemedicine, using secure, accessible and compliant technology. The MHS Virtual Medical Center has expanded virtual health tools for military patients and medical personnel across the services to ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 pandemic. That's included mobile mental health tools and apps that have provided valuable support to people experiencing anxiety, depression, substance abuse and other problems during the COVID-19 crisis and its accompanying periods of isolation.

Another example is the MHS Nurse Advice Line, which since the earliest weeks of the crisis has provided patients with reliable access

- via web chat, video, and phone - to registered nurses who are trained to triage beneficiaries.

The nurses provide advice on self-care, refer beneficiaries for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, or coordinate clinically appropriate care. The care could be a virtual appointment with a provider, a referral to an urgent care center, or a visit to the emergency room.

The pillars of MHS efforts to fight COVID-19 have been the execution of testing for the virus, and, more recently, rolling out vaccinations. Military and civilian lab managers and technicians have been among those on the front lines. Their work goes beyond that uncomfortable swab to the back of the nose that many have experienced.

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Chaplain School's 43rd commandant says farewell

By MEL SLATER
Chaplain Center and School

The Chaplain School is bidding farewell to its commandant, Chap. (Col.) Bryan Walker during Chaplain Corps Regimental Week activities here at Fort Jackson from July 26-30.

The Chief of Chaplains, (Maj. Gen.) Chap. Thomas Solhjem will officiate a change of commandant ceremony Friday on the campus grounds to formally recognize the transfer of command between Walker and Chap. (Col.) James Palmer Jr. It will be an outdoor ceremony conducted live and streamed virtually.

Walker assumed the position in 2019 and is the 43rd commandant since the school began in 1918. He had retired from the Army in 2019, but the Army's Chief of Chaplains asked him to continue on and take the position as commandant.

"I was honored to be selected by the Chief of Chaplains to serve in a position so critical for the training and education of Army Chaplaincy chaplains and religious affairs specialists," Walker said.

As commandant he was responsible for how Chaplain School trains chaplains and religious affairs specialists to provide religious support to the Army, Soldiers and their Families, while advising commanders on religion, morals, morale and the right of free exercise of religion for all Soldiers.

The school provides instruction of over 20 courses including the Chaplain Officer Basic Leader Course, residence and non-residence Chaplain Captains Career Course and Advanced Individual Training for religious affairs specialists. Functional Courses include the Resource Manager Course and the Fund Clerk Course.

The main effort for Walker during his time as commandant has been the transformation planning for the school and campus. The Chaplain School is undergoing transition and will be renamed the Institute for Religious Leadership later this year.

Personnel numbers have risen on the campus as a result of the relocation of the Religious Support Operations Center under the Office of the Chief of Chaplains and its continued growth.



Photos by MEL SLATER



Above, Fort Jackson Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis tours the Chaplain Corps Museum during his initial visit to the Chaplain School with Commandant, Chap. (Col.) Bryan Walker on July 13. Left, Walker addresses members of the Chaplain School workforce during Monthly Readiness Day activities at The Heart and Home of the Army Chaplaincy at Fort Jackson on May 27.

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Army leaders encourage women to fill STEM roles

By **THOMAS BRADING**
Army News Service

As the Army's race for talent sprints on, investing in women to fill leadership roles in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, is critical to mission readiness, leaders said Thursday during a webinar.

Maj. Gen. Maria Barrett, head of the Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, believes the Army cannot leave any talent on the table.

"The race for talent is real," Barrett said during the event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army. The service needs to "bring people in and engage them in a way that encourages them to participate."

Like many of her female peers, Barrett said she has dedicated her career by not wanting others to focus on the fact she is a woman in the technology ranks, but rather on her merits as a Soldier.

Instead of being viewed as women, "we put our heads down and strive to be the best signal officers, the best leaders we can be and in the end contribute to the team in a meaningful way," she said.

Army leaders have to view the next generation of Soldiers in a similar way. "As a leader, I think you have to look at the full lifecycle spectrum of your workforce and understand where you might have a gap or a weak area ... and get after it quickly and consistently," Barrett said.

In exchange for recruiting and keeping women leaders in Army STEM careers, the investment may change the face of technology in the ranks. "Once you have a woman in a role, it's not unusual to see another woman in that role – and that's a big deal," Barrett said.

This approach starts at the local level.

If the Army shows young women leadership possibilities in its STEM careers, they may see how attainable those opportunities are for them, said Nancy Kreidler, director of cybersecurity and information assurance for the Army deputy chief of staff, G-6.

After showing young women those prospects in their communities, it can energize their participation in STEM from advanced placement math courses to coding groups at the high school level, Barrett said.

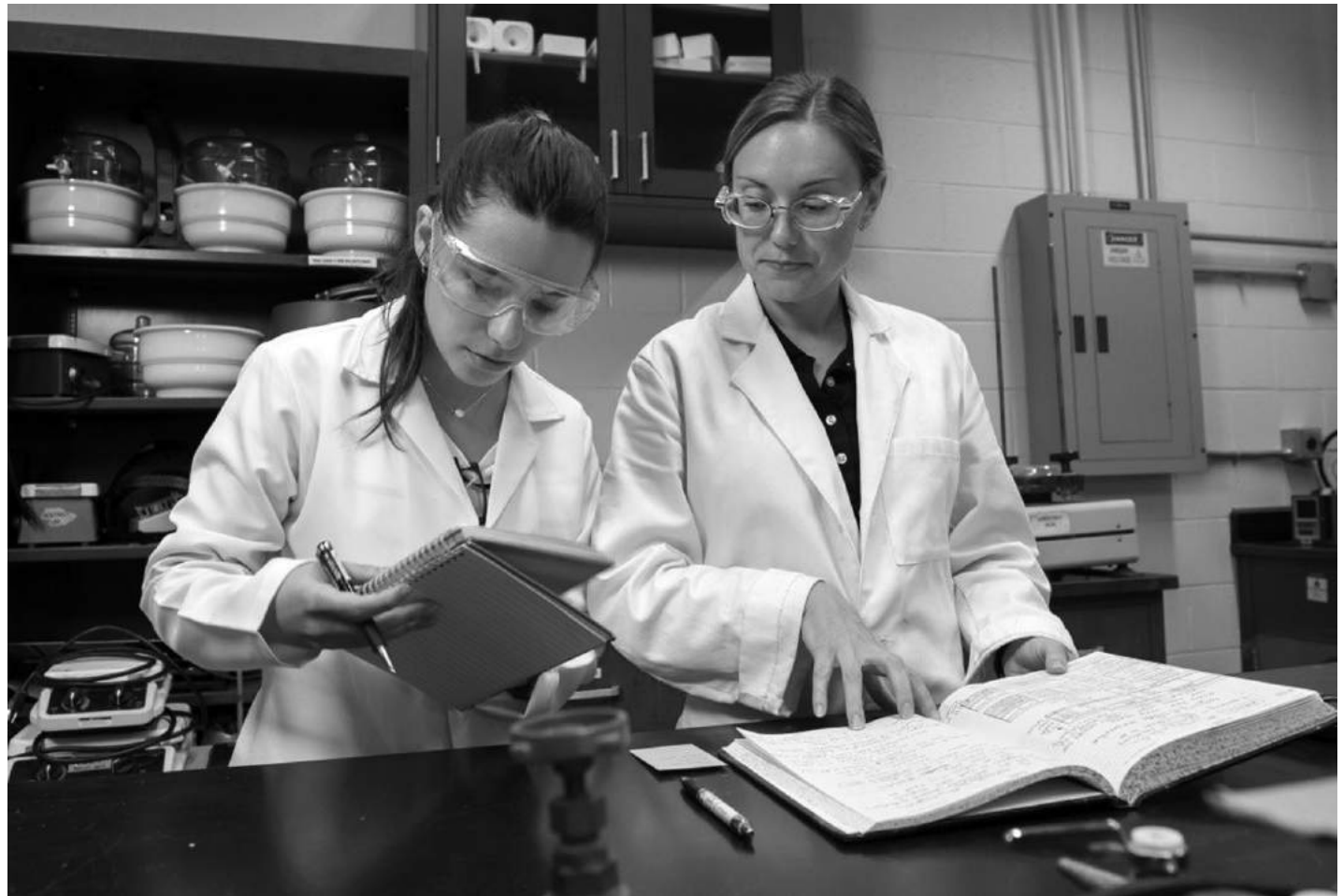


Photo by DAVID McNALLY

Isabella Costa, left, a Brazilian post-graduate researcher, works alongside Victoria Blair, a materials engineer with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, on the hunt for materials science breakthroughs.

More women will then likely intern for programs, move into entry-level positions and gain the exposure needed for jobs offered by the Army. But once they fill those technology roles in the Army, Barrett said navigating their careers is best done with a mentor.

"Find a mentor. Find someone you can talk to; reach out and don't go it alone," Kreidler said. "If you are in a bad situation, don't wait around to think it's going to get better when it's not. Leave. Go find where you're valued."

Barrett knows this from personal experience. During the first half of her career, she hardly had any female mentors to turn to. Because of this, "it was men who understood leadership, men who understood mentorship,

(and) were the most valuable asset to me," she said.

While men helped her along the way, she hopes the next generation of female leaders will mentor young Soldiers, too. "There is a role for female role models and mentorship in this equation," she added.

Kreidler, an Army civilian for nearly four decades, said she had even fewer women role models in her early days. The career public servant was usually "the only woman in the room," she said, and was often passed for promotion because, as a woman, she was considered too aggressive.

One of the takeaways from the panel was not to single out mentors based on their gender. Instead, Barrett hoped young Soldiers

will find mentors from all walks of life.

"If your whole mentorship circle is females, I'm going to say you're missing out on a perspective that would be very useful," she said, regarding men and women. "It works best when it's balanced. Because you get that perspective, you also get comfortable dealing with each other."

The representation of qualified talent, like with women leading in areas where they never led before, will lead to more qualified talent. For instance, this year Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth became the first woman to fill that role.

The fact she is in that role means "it can happen again," Kreidler said. "(These) are groundbreaking times."

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Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moncrief's Acute Care Clinic will operate under new hours, beginning Aug. 6.

The new hours include:

Fridays and Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the last check-in at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – Thursday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the last check in at 10 p.m.

Saturday Sick-call: 8 to 11 a.m.

During this time, only Soldiers-in-training, to include those in Basic Combat Training, the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant's Academy, Basic Officer Leadership Course, and others, will be seen. There will be no exceptions.

Regular patient care will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Patients will not be allowed to sign-in after 7:30 p.m.

COVID Testing will be available until 10 p.m., from Sunday through Thursday, and until 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

ID Card Office Changes

Effective Aug. 1, 2021, the Fort Jackson ID Card office procedures will change as follows:

■ 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (Monday-Friday); Exception is Federal Holidays

■ 8-10 a.m. Walk-ins, 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. appointments and emergencies, which are defined as lost ID cards, pin resets, and cards with chip issues. For more information call 751-2487.

Looking for Lifeguards

Fort Jackson's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is looking for lifeguards. Apply at USAJobs.gov search "Lifeguard" Location "Fort Jackson." Pay range is \$7.25-\$16.23 per hour. Lifeguard Certification is required. Call 751-4796 for more information on the next certification course or more information. If you are employed by Fort Jackson Aquatics, you may be eligible for reimbursement of course fees.

Commissary Hours

■ Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Monday: Closed

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (8:30 a.m. early opening for those with disabilities)

■ Wednesday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (9:30 a.m. early opening for those with disabilities)

■ Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (8:30 a.m. early opening for those with disabilities)

The commissary has online ordering Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Orders can be placed anytime for those days at: Click 2 Go (C2G) Commissaries.com

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 a "Healthy Relationship" training or talk to a Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate, call the 24-hour response line at (803) 429-4870.

Post Newcomers Orientation

9 a.m., Post Theater, first Thursday of every month (except federal holidays). The orientation is mandatory for all Soldiers and required for all Department of the Army Civilians arriving to Fort Jackson. It is a great opportunity for spouses to receive first-hand information about the valuable resources on and around Fort Jackson. Please note, everyone in attendance will be required to adhere to the updated mask policy, dated May 25. For more information, call Army Community Service at 751-5256.

Fort Jackson Sound Off Toastmasters Club

The Fort Jackson Sound Off Toastmasters Club invites the community to join them every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for their weekly meeting held virtually via Zoom. The meeting ID is 827 5175 8019, and password: Soundoff. For more information, call Kamala Henley at (803) 236-0669.

ID card policy extension

Due to the Department of Defense's limited ability to return identification card facilities to normal operations while continuing to comply with local pandemic safety precautions, uniformed services ID cards that expired between Jan. 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021 are extended as follows:

■ Aug. 31 for all foreign affiliates and their dependents

■ Oct. 31 for dependents of active duty uniformed service members, and for Reserve and National Guard members and their dependents

■ Jan. 31, 2022 for retirees and their dependents, and all other populations USID cards that expired before January 1, 2020 or after July 31, 2021 have not been extended and will not be accepted. For more information, call 751-7115.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY

TRADOC DSOY Ceremony

TRADOC's 2021 Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition. Awards ceremony takes place at 10 a.m. July 30 at Hilton Field.

AUG. 2-6

Vacation Bible School

Come join the Religious Support Office for Vacation Bible School Aug. 2-6. A VBS Bag (with materials) can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26-30 at Main Post Chapel. A VBS Kick-Off Service will be held from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 2 where the VBS theme and music will be introduced and the children will get to meet the staff. A parent or

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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.

guardian must be present at the one hour service. Aug. 3-5 all VBS activities will be virtual. On Aug. 6 we will celebrate the end of VBS together at Patriots Park from 9-11 a.m. Online registrations begins July 14. A link to registration can be found at the RSO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FORTJACKSONRSO>

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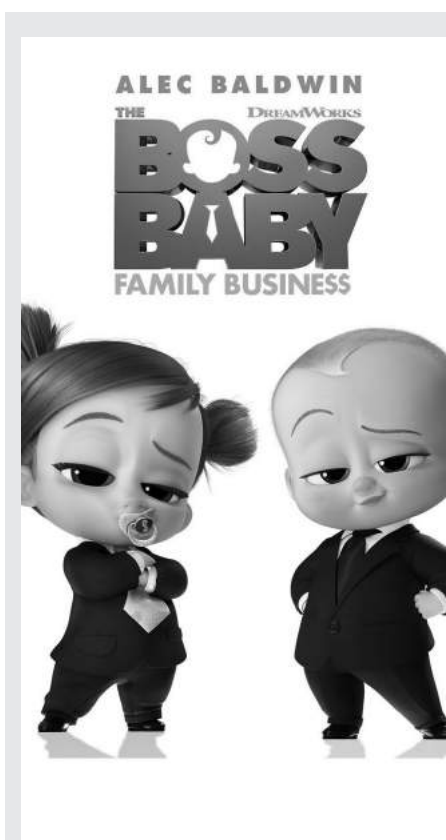
National Night Out

6-8 p.m. Patriots Park. Fort Jackson's police and community come together for night of family oriented fun. There will be a performance by the 282nd Army Band, food trucks, a Military Working Dog demonstration, emergency vehicle displays and information booths from on-post resources.

AUG. 14

Fort Jackson Education Center Open House

10 - 2 p.m. Fort Jackson Education Center. The Fort Jackson Education Center is hosting an Open House to showcase the on-post colleges and universities and their post-secondary programs. There will be Green to Gold and Warrant Officer recruiters discussing their programs as well as an Army-IgnitED Q&A session. This event is open to Soldiers, spouses, veterans, adult family members and Fort Jackson civilians.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

SATURDAY

■ The Boss Baby: Family Business (PG) 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

■ The Forever Purge (R) 2 p.m.

AUG. 7

■ Black Widow (PG-13) 2 p.m.

TICKETS

First Run

Adult: \$8.50 / Child (6 to 11): \$6.50

Other

Adult: \$6.50 / Child (6 to 11): \$4.25

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

● Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. OLIVIA PALMITER, 23
Dover, New Hampshire

"Before coming to Basic Combat Training I worked for an Federal Firearms License, processing federal background checks. I worked very closely with veterans and met some people who have been extraordinarily influential in my life and I decided to join. I am the first in my Family to serve and their constant support made the final decision easy. It makes me proud to know that by defending my country I protect them as well.

"For me the most challenging part of BCT was the amount of leadership roles I found myself in. I had managed in the past but this was a completely different environment that presented brand new challenges."

"I am a 13R – Field Artillery Firefinder Radar Operator. I wanted an MOS where I could work in the field as well as develop computer skills learning about the world of information technology."



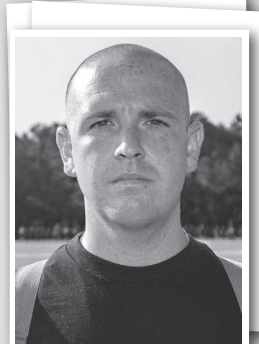
PVT. BRANDON ALLENDORF, 29
Louisville, Kentucky

"I had a few influences. Number one - my wife. I wanted to do something challenging and bigger than myself to make her proud and open more opportunities for my Family. Number two – my Family, and number three – my coworkers at the firehouse. They all knew it was a goal of mine to join the military."

"Homesickness and not being able to talk to my wife and Family every day" were the most challenging things about Basic Combat Training.

The advice I would give someone planning to start Basic Combat Training is "run, a lot. Get in the best shape, also get your self confidence up.."

"My MOS is 74D – Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialist. I chose it because as a firefighter I am a HAZMAT technician. I like learning and handling chemical, biological and radiological situations."

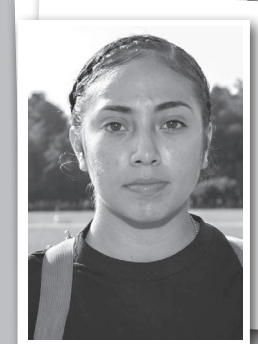


PVT. MORELIA A. SANCHEZ, 18
Tucson, Arizona

"Since elementary school I was always asked, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' and I honestly would always give an answer, but as time kept going on I realized my answers changed constantly. Not knowing what I wanted to do scared me. Letting my Family down and not making something of myself scared me. Once my recruiter asked me I really was scared to answer but as soon as I said yes I knew my choice would change my life."

"I thought I wouldn't be strong enough to pull through but I ended up doing all of it, pushed myself and got through something important that'll impact my life for the better."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was figuring out what I was capable of. I missed my mom all the time, there were times when I lost motivation, but as I'm here right now, I realized all of the things I was able to accomplish."



PVT. AMANDA MUNOZ, 23
Orlando, Florida

"I joined the Army to give myself a shift of perspective. I had become very comfortable in life and I wanted to push myself in being uncomfortable for a greater good."

"Before joining I imagined Basic Combat Training to be a lot of marching and corrective training from the cadre."

"The most challenging obstacle about Basic Combat Training was learning that teamwork is the only thing that leads you to success. I was used to having myself in order and not worrying about anyone else. Basic Combat Training changed that."

"For any future Soldiers considering joining Basic Combat Training, I would advise them to get strong, physically and mentally. Mental strength will take you a long way."

"My MOS is 42A - Human Resources Specialist. I chose this MOS because I've worked in an office environment for the past three years and really enjoyed it. I also am aware that in most units S1 has a lot of deficiencies, so I hope to influence the change people want to see within this MOS."



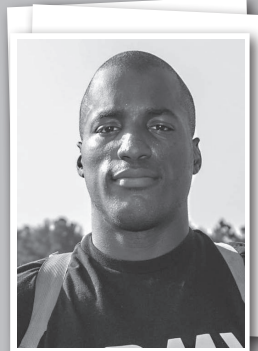
SPC. LEDRICK EACKLES
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"A first sergeant named Marcus Barnardez influenced me to join the Army ... he told me stories of his time in the Army and how it changed his life. He didn't have a son so I accepted the role and continued the legacy."

The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was "learning and understanding how to deal with 181 people reaching goals and also becoming family."

"My advice would be to be mentally prepared to separate yourself from your normal life. (It's) not just adjusting from no phones or using snail mail but having to lean on someone you only met weeks ago when you have low moments and be that person the squad can lean on if you're capable to handle it. Most important, be yourself."

"My MOS is 74D - Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialist. I chose this to deepen my knowledge of chemicals and reactions because I'm a chemical engineer offshore in the civilian world."



PVT. KALAE ALEXANDER K. MAUNAKEA-FORTH, 26
Waianae, Hawaii

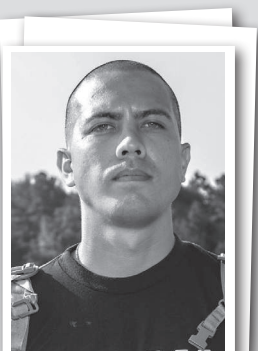
"I used to be in a stagnant part of my life and I want to make a difference in my life, I joined the Army to be a part of something bigger than myself."

"I knew that (Basic Combat Training) would be challenging but I did not imagine BCT as it is now. I thought it would be pushups with little to no food or sleep."

"Teamwork, communication, and moving as one was the hard part of BCT."

The advice I would give someone planning to start BCT is "live to enjoy everyday. Find pleasure in discomfort, be comfortable when you're miserable. Find joy in every moment of the most difficult times."

"My MOS is 25N - Nodal Network Systems Operator. I chose it because a recruiter told me I could make a difference. I was skeptical at first, (but) after doing some research I learned it opens up a world of opportunities about communications, and potentially protecting my country from hackers."



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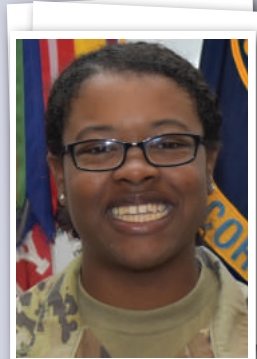
"I originally joined the Army to pay off student debt I incurred getting my bachelor's degree. While being in the Army my reason for serving has changed. Now I believe I joined the Army to provide and protect the Family I love today and Family I will make in the future."

"I have been in the Army for four to five months. I believe I will have a stronger foundation and future if I remain in the Army."

"My grandfather was in the Air Force, an uncle was in the Navy and my sister is currently a Navy officer. My biggest influence will be my cousin who is an Army specialist. He encouraged me and he was the one who pushed me to join."

"My fondest moment in the Army would be throwing grenades at Remagen Range on Fort Jackson because it was very intense and exciting."

PVT. KYLAH EDMONDS



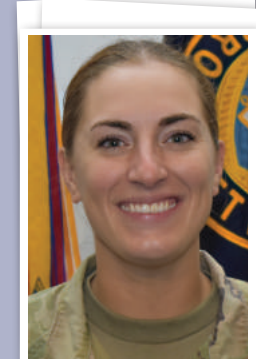
"I joined the Army to better myself, receive help with my education and to break generational curses and be the first to start a career in the Army. When I was 7 years old I already wanted to fight for my country."

"I have been serving since October 2020."

"My grandfather and great grandfather both served in the Army. My cousin is in the Navy."

"One of my fondest moments was when I was outside in formation thinking about the Soldier's Creed. I thought about the words and compared them to my time in Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson ... since then my desire for service to my country became deeper."

SPC. SKYLAR WIRTANEN



I joined the Army "because I wanted to serve the country I love as well as follow in my grandpa's footsteps."

"My grandfather served in the Army as well. That is why I chose the Army out of all the other branches of service."

"My fondest moment wouldn't be a moment, but all the people I have met. The battle buddies I've gone through Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training with were incredible and I know we will be life long friends."

SGT. PAUL WOODWARD



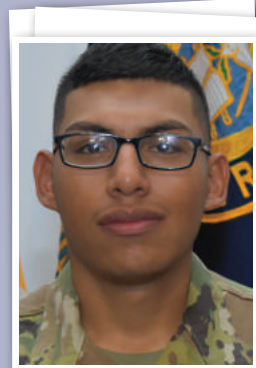
"I joined the Army so I could find purpose in my life, to get the GI Bill to pay for college and time to find out what I enjoyed."

"I have served for 12 years. My goal is to serve for 20 years. I wanted to surpass my grandfather's rank as corporal and I have been trying to find a position that I would be happy to retire in. I believe being a religious affairs non-commissioned officer is it."

"My grandfather served in the Army and my Uncle Bill served in the Coast Guard. They supported my decision and encouraged me. My grandfather even attended my Basic Combat Training graduation."

"My unit had the opportunity to rappel from a Black Hawk helicopter. It was one of the of the most 'Hooah' moments for me and a great team/unit bonding experience as we trained and practiced on the 100-foot rappel tower and progressed to the helicopter."

PVT. SEBASTIAN FLORES



"I joined the Army because I wanted to change my life around. I was tired of doing the same thing every day. I wanted to do something for my life and serve my country like others before me."

"My uncle served in the military. He was an infantryman in the Marines. He joined because he wanted to protect the country he was born in."

"My fondest moment was being out in the field. I felt great when I was chosen to be squad leader and knowing that I know what I am doing out in the field."

PFC. GEORGINA SOLISBONILLA



I joined the Army because it "was an opportunity I couldn't waste. I am able to demonstrate responsibility, dependability, and critical thinking to motivate Soldiers and accomplish daily tasks."

"I joined the Army in November 2020. My goal is to become a commissioned officer. In want to be there for Soldiers and civilians emotionally and mentally."

"I am the first one in my Family to serve in the military and hopefully will not be the last."

"One of my fondest memories was in Advanced Individual Training when we went to the field. I learned new skills, gained more leadership skills, and most of all learned a lot from my battle buddies and instructors."



Drill Sergeant of the Year competitor Sgt. Juan Parada of the Reserve's 108th Training Command out of Charlotte, N.C., leads a small group of Soldiers in a Physical Readiness Training preparation drill July 27, 2021. Parada is one of 12 candidates from across the country competing in the week-long competition hosted by Fort Jackson.

Photos by ALEXANDRA SHEA

DRILL SERGEANTS BATTLE FOR TOP HONOR

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

The top 12 drill sergeants from across the nation are competing this week for the title of Drill Sergeant of the Year.

"This is a very important week in the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Roosevelt Whetstone, U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy commandant. "This is the week where we choose the next Drill Sergeant of the Year from across all of the Training and Doctrine Command and the Army."

Each competitor will spend the week being evaluated on their ability to conduct training such as Physical Readiness Training and Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills.

Monday started early for the competitors as they completed the Army Combat Fitness Test and were grilled during a formal board. The tiniest detail was not missed as each competitor presented themselves to a panel of four sergeants major as well as the academy's commandant and Fort Jackson's Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier.

"The hardest part is over," said Staff Sgt. Juan Martinez, a candidate from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, after completing his board session.

Each competitor had their own reasons to step up to the challenge of the competition and their confidence was high.

Since enlisting it has been my dream to become a drill sergeant," said Staff Sgt. Stephen Rose, Company B, 551st Signal Battalion, part of the Cyber Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, Georgia. "I want to be among the best of the best. I feel like an Olympian here."



Reserve Sgt. Juan Parada, assigned to the 108th Training Command, Charlotte, N.C., jumps over a wooden wall as he starts the Fit to Win I obstacle course July 27. The top 12 drill sergeants from across the country came to Fort Jackson to compete in the annual Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition.

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Tour

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The Secretary of the Army also met with the caregiving teams that work the overnight hours.

Wormuth “got to see that it takes another level of care, support and understanding for the CYS teachers who commit to working those kind of weird, non-traditional child care hours,” Bolton said.

“I think she was in awe of the services that are provided to single and dual-service service members,” Bolton added.

The post provides the Army with trained, disciplined, motivated and physically fit warriors who espouse the Army’s core values and are focused on teamwork as the post’s primary mission. Accomplishing that mission means training in excess of 45,000 basic training and 12,000 additional advanced training Soldiers every year.



Fort Jackson Commander, Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis and Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth watch as Soldiers demonstrate how an arm immersion tank helps prevent heat injuries.

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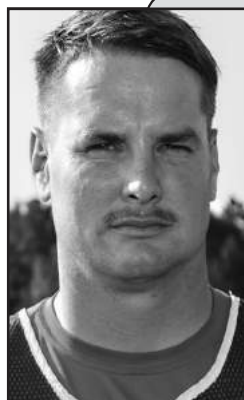


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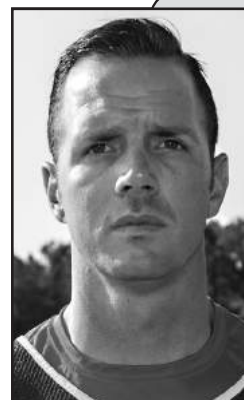


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Farewell

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A graduate school was established on the campus that will provide instruction in chaplaincy related disciplines, along with a Noncommissioned Officers Academy, which will bring advanced training for senior religious affairs specialists to one location.

Walker's time at the Chaplain School has not been without challenges.

COVID-19 has challenged the Army, the Chaplain Corps and USACHCS. Under Walker the school continued classroom training for chaplains and religious affairs specialists using safe procedures and CDC Guidelines to protect the force.

On July 13, 2020, the Chaplain Captains Career Course started the first virtual training session with 35 chaplain students from Hawaii, Alaska, Germany, Belgium and all over the U.S.

Walker recently spoke to the civilian workforce during his last town hall on July 20.

"We went through a pandemic and everything kind of turned upside down on its head, meaning there was a lot of concern and fear about what was going on with the virus and we kind of work through all of the steps," Walker said. "It's been your professionalism that enabled our job, which is our mission to train chaplains and religious affairs specialists."

Walker's previous assignment was executive officer for the Office of the Chief of Chaplains following three years serving as



Photo by MEL SLATER

Chaplain School Commandant, Chap. (Col.) Bryan Walker addresses Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course 21-001 students during their Chaplain Corps Regimental Pinning Ceremony after completion of their field training exercise on April 17.

the personnel director. He is a graduate of West Coast Christian College, Church of God School of Theology, and the Memphis Theological Seminary.

His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (2 awards), the Bronze Star (2 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), the Army Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Army Achievement Medal (5 awards), the Global War on

Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

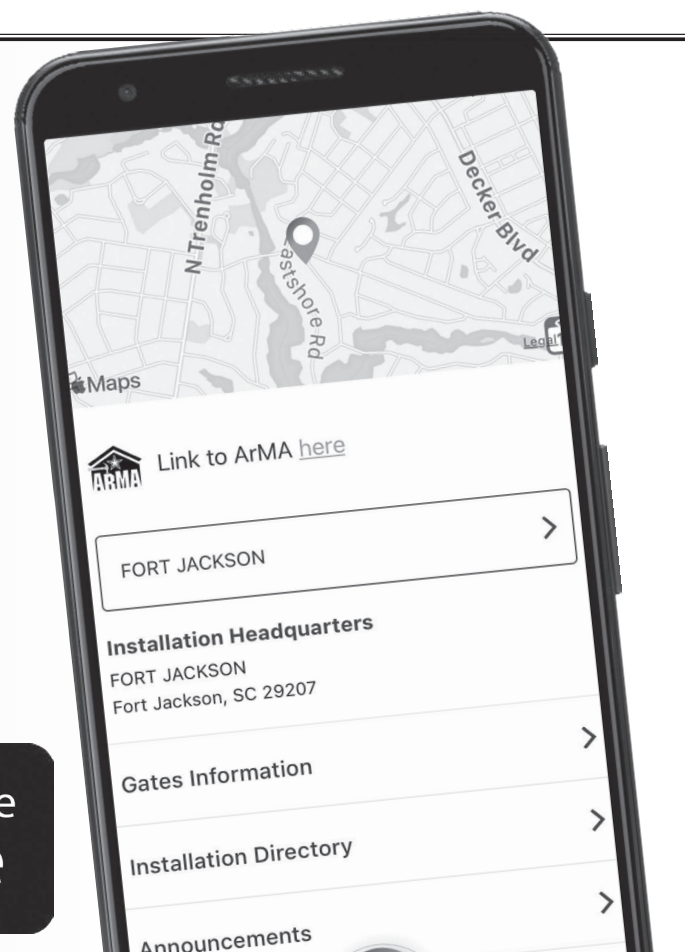
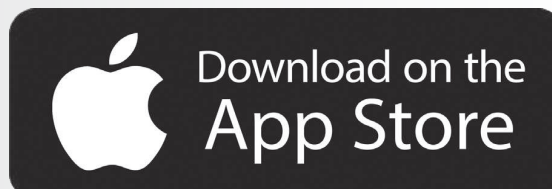
Walker will not be far away as he will assume a new assignment on the Chaplain School campus.

"When I step away from being the commandant then I become the chief of operations for RSOC," Walker said. So I'll be here for a couple more years and you'll see me."

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S.C., Republic of Colombia mark nine-year anniversary for partnership program

By **CAPT. JESSICA DONNELLY**
South Carolina National Guard

July 25 marked the nine-year anniversary of the partnership between the Republic of Colombia and the state of South Carolina, as part of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. The State Partnership Program offers opportunities for the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian armed forces to train alongside their peers and learn from each other. The goals of the partnership include increasing readiness, protecting sovereignty, maintaining peace, managing talent, and enhancing capabilities for both the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian armed forces. This partnership falls under the U.S. Southern Command.

The South Carolina National Guard recognized the anniversary with a message from Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general of South Carolina:

To the Service Members, Employees, Family Members, and Retirees of the South Carolina Military Department, and the citizens of South Carolina:
Today marks the nine-year anniversary of the State

Partnership Program between the Republic of Colombia and the state of South Carolina. The purpose of this relationship has been to strengthen partnerships, counter threats, and improve understanding and trust between both countries' military. Over the past nine years, South Carolina and the Republic of Colombia have had many engagements and our militaries have trained together, sharing best practices and strengthening relationships.

Since 2012, our partnership with Colombia has evolved and resulted in professional relationships and close friendships between the members of the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian military. This past June, a platoon of Colombian soldiers joined the South Carolina National Guard's 1-118th Infantry Battalion during a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 2019, the 1-118th sent Soldiers to Colombia as part of Exercise Together Forward, to allow for an exchange of infantry tactics and best practices, while performing squad and platoon training exercises. In fiscal year 2021, we hosted two Colombian Air Force visits at McEntire Joint National Guard Base to provide an

overview of the operational, maintenance, command and control, and infrastructure requirements associated with the 169th Fighter Wing mission. Over the years, we have focused our efforts on other mutually beneficial engagements including rotary wing and ground vehicle maintenance, logistics, air defense, rule of law, military transformation, and most recently, our experiences with the global pandemic, civil disturbances, cyber defense, and natural disasters. I encourage all Soldiers and Airmen to take advantage of opportunities to participate in the State Partnership Program engagements and learn from our partners in the Colombian military.

Thank you to all who have supported this program over the past nine years. I look forward to our future engagements and the opportunities to continue to work together to strengthen processes, systems, techniques, and tactics.

Sincerely,

R. VAN MCCARTY
Major General, SCNG
The Adjutant General

Health

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"In addition to adding COVID-19 testing platforms ... our team also vetted many additional products," said Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Nelson, chief of the Air Force Medical Service COVID Lab Team.

"We have advised on an array of testing methodologies to include diagnostic and asymptomatic pooling, wastewater surveillance and whole genome sequencing - mostly done on the research side of the house."

Other, more ground-level approaches to testing have played out across the country. The North Dakota Army National Guard coordinated drive-through testing sites with civilian counterparts and developed a system using an electronic tablet and a bar-coded label, speeding up the process and enabling about 1,000 tests to be done in just a couple of hours.

Elsewhere, staff at military hospitals and clinics quickly pivoted from mass vaccination events to pop-up events at high-traffic locations like installation exchanges and cafeterias.

And at Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, the medical staff took advantage of the CDC's recommended 15-minute waiting period for patients after the COVID-19 vaccines are given. The staff has been making appointments for routine care with patients who missed some of these checkups during the many months of quarantines.

"People weren't coming in to get their screenings at all - because of COVID they just didn't want to come in," said Tommy Franklin, Keesler Medical Center's director of staff.

"We tried to close that gap while they were coming in for the vaccines. It was 'Hey, oh by the way, we see you're behind on your pap smear, we see you're behind on your colon screening. Would you like to go ahead and get that screening scheduled now that you're here?'"

The goal was "to be able to use that window of opportunity to communicate with these folks and make eye-to-eye contact and let them know that 'Hey, we're open and available to do this for you,'" Franklin said.

Keesler uses CarePoint, a DHA information delivery portal that's been around for a while, to check the medical records of those coming in for a vaccine. A new innovation, called the DHA Appointing Portal, made its debut earlier this spring after a pilot project launched in December. DAP is an easy-to-use online tool to help patients schedule a time and date for their COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a nearby military hospital or clinic.

At roughly the same time this spring, MHS GENESIS, the Department of Defense's new electronic health record system, was developing a large digital record of COVID-19 vaccinations administered to service members and their families. Referred to as 'MassVax,' the archive more accurately tracks and ensures that the DOD's patient population has received COVID-19 vaccinations, considered essential to both a ready medical force and medically ready force.

Scientific studies on the disease by the military have proceeded apace, too. One involved clinical trials of a long-act-

ing antibody combination medicine to prevent COVID-19 among people who have been exposed to the disease, a DOD initiative that involved the Uniformed Services University of the Health Science's Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Program.

Called STORM CHASER, the program coordinated teams of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and clinical research staff at five MHS locations from Maryland to Hawaii. Another objective of the study was examining whether the antibody injection could reduce viral shedding in those who may develop COVID-19 after receiving the injection. (Viral shedding occurs when the virus replicates inside the body and is released into the environment, making the host person contagious to others.)

Other solutions were less sophisticated. For instance, staff at many military hospitals and clinics developed inexpensive, easily constructed ventilators for use in hospital and field settings to make up for shortfalls in national stockpiles.

"The individual MTFs did an astounding job of expanding day-to-day testing," Nelson said, in a recent issue of the Biomedical Sciences Corps newsletter. "The organizational response to SARS-CoV-2 proved without a doubt that necessity truly is the mother of invention ... and innovation!"

"One of the things that we were really impressed with in March, April, May and June of last year, was how fast DHA was cranking out guidance and policy to help the facilities as they navigated these waters," Franklin said.

"With another pandemic, God forbid, the rules and the way we play the game will change again. But at least for now we have a script and a foundation to start with."

GAO seeks input from Soldiers with SHARP experience

Staff reports

The U.S. Government Accountability Office is seeking information from active-duty Army members who have experience with the Army Sexual Harassment and Response Program. GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency of Congress that carries out investigations, audits,

and program evaluations of other federal agencies. GAO is not a part of the Department of Defense. GAO is collecting information as part of a review of the Army's efforts to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and sexual assault. GAO will conduct telephone interviews with interested servicemembers. These interviews will be confidential and GAO will not

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To share your perspective on the Army SHARP program and the Army's efforts to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and sexual assault, schedule a confidential interview call and leave a voice mail message at (202) 512-8600, or email GAOSHARPReview@gao.gov.

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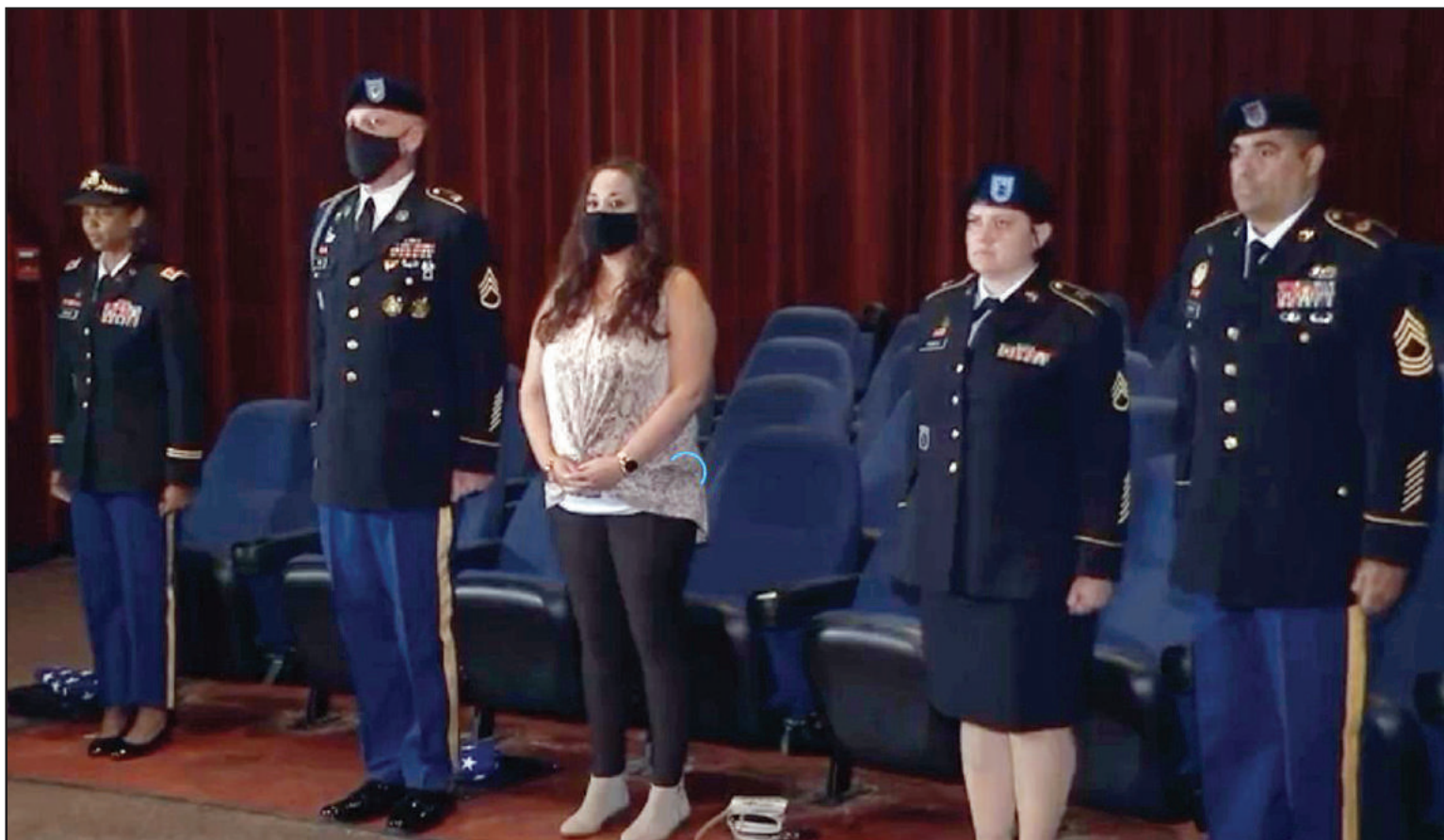


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Retirement Review

The following Soldiers were recognized during the July Retirement Review: Maj. Michael T. Davis, 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, Shaw Air Force Base; Maj. Shamika L. Wright, U.S. Army Central; Sgt. Maj. John P. Condliffe, U.S. Army Central; Sgt. 1st Class Venish E. Robinson, U.S. Army Central; Staff Sgt. Randy L. Frye, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment; and Staff Sgt. Tessa M. Porto, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment during the monthly retirement review.

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“I’m confident I will be able to execute to standard,” said Sgt. Juan Parada, with the Army Reserve’s 108th Training Command, based out of Charlotte, North Carolina. “No matter the result, I will give 110%.”

While the candidates each face the competition’s events alone, they remain a team to help each other face each challenge of the competition in addition to personal challenges.

“The rough part (for me) is I just had my first kid Nora Mae six weeks ago,” said Staff Sgt. Leyton Summerlin from the 198th Infantry Training Brigade, from the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia. “I wouldn’t be here without the support of my wife Veronika and my family. I can’t wait to get back.”

“It’s all about embracing the suck and the hard times together,” said Staff Sgt. Drew Madsen, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Arizona.

The candidates have already faced a five-mile ruck march, a round robin of Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, formal board, ACFT, and a run through the Fit to Win I course all while enduring the heat and humidity of Fort Jackson’s renowned summer weather.

“These are the best of the best of all drill sergeants here,” Whetstone said. “These candidates are doing a phenomenal job so far. It says a lot about these 12 individuals.”

The competition will continue throughout the week and the 2021 Drill Sergeant of the Year winner will be announced Friday morning.

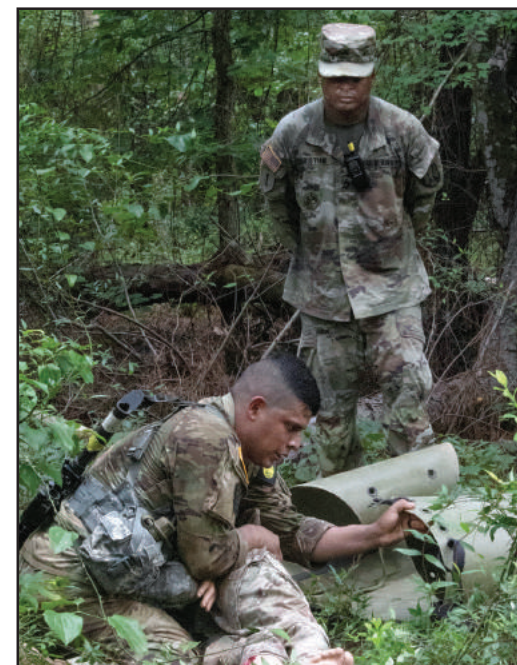
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Staff Sgt. David Woolnough, assigned to the 32d Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, Joint Base Sam Houston, Texas, presents himself to a panel of four sergeants major, Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Roosevelt Whetstone, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier during the Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition on July 26.

Left, Drill Sergeant of the Year competitor Staff Sgt. Joshua Stoner, from 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, 165th Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson South Carolina, climbs a rope obstacle at the Fit to Win I course during the competition hosted by Fort Jackson on July 27. Stoner is one of 12 competitors battling for the annual top honor. Below, Drill Sergeant of the Year competitor Staff Sgt. Cabot Cobb, the Army School of Music, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Va., cools off in an ice bath after completing the course.



Sgt. Juan Parada, 108th Training Command, treats and transports a mock casualty while under direct fire July 27. ‘I’m confident I will be able to execute to standards and no matter the outcome, I will have given 110%,’ Prada said.

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