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AROUND THE ARMY

Army announces implementation of mandatory vaccines for Soldiers

U.S. Army Public Affairs

The Army outlined its plan Tuesday to fully comply with the Secretary of Defense's order requiring all Service members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Army began implementing the Secretary of Defense's order on August 24, following Department of Defense and White House guidance. Before then, vaccines had been optional.

"This is quite literally a matter of life and death for our Soldiers, their Families and the communities in which we live," said Lt. Gen. R. Scott Dingle, the U.S. Army Surgeon General. "Case counts and deaths continue to be concerning as the Delta variant spreads, which makes protecting the force through mandatory vaccination a health and readiness priority for the total Army."

While Soldiers who refuse the vaccine will first be counseled by their chain of command and medical providers, continued failure to comply could result in administrative or non-judicial punishment – to include relief of duties or discharge. Soldiers have the ability to request an exemption from receiving the vaccine, if they have a legitimate medical, religious or administrative reason. Soldiers who are pending exemption requests will not be subject to adverse actions until the exemption is fully processed.

Commanders, command sergeants major, first sergeants and officers in Command Select List positions who refuse to be vaccinated – and are not pending an exemption request – face sus-



Leader file photo

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier receives the COVID vaccine Jan. 12.

pension and relief if they refuse to comply. Prior to any adverse action, each would be notified of the suspension and potential relief from their duties. They would then be counseled and provided the opportunity to be vaccinated before they would become subject to removal from their positions by a general officer.

Officers and noncommissioned officers who have been selected and are waiting to assume CSL command, key billet or

nominative sergeant major positions – some of the most coveted assignments in the Army – will likewise be subject to removal from the list for those assignments should they refuse to be vaccinated without a pending or approved exemption.

Commanders will request a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand be initiated for any Soldier who refuses to be vaccinated and does not have a pending or approved exemption request. Such reprimands can be career ending.

Active duty units are expected to be fully vaccinated by Dec. 15, 2021 and Reserve and National Guard units are expected to be fully vaccinated by June 30, 2022.

Soldiers may request administrative or medical exemptions as outlined in Army Regulation 600-20 and AR 40-562, as well as the new Army Directive 2021-33 that provides supplementary guidance on exemption requests.

Soldiers with previous COVID-19 infections are not automatically exempt from full vaccination and should consult their primary care managers. Soldiers pending exemption requests must continue to comply with all other applicable force health protection measures applicable to unvaccinated people.

Soldiers who have completed an FDA Emergency Use Authorization or World Health Organization-authorized series of vaccinations are fully vaccinated. Soldiers are only considered fully vaccinated two weeks post completion of a two-dose series vaccine or two weeks post completion of a single dose vaccine.

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Photo by ALEXANDRA SHEA

U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, right, Command Sgt. Major Philson Tavernier, left, and a wreath bearer place a red, white and blue wreath at the base of the Fort Jackson flagpole in Centennial Part to honor Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11 and the past 20 years of conflict. Seven wreaths were placed at the flagpole during a wreath laying and remembrance ceremony on Sept. 10.

Fort Jackson remembers day 'etched forever' in history, hearts

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

More than 100 Soldiers, civilians, veterans, and Gold Star Families gathered at Centennial Park Sept. 10 to remember those who gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and in the following global war on terrorism during a wreath laying ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"We come together today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Patriot Day," said U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commanding General Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis. "Most of us remember exactly where we were on that clear Tuesday morning. The clarity of those hours, etched forever. For many, it is our generation's Pearl Harbor. The wreaths laying today honors the actions of our fellow Americans on 9/11."

Seven wreaths made of red, white and blue roses, adorned with white ribbons were placed at the base of the installation flag pole by command teams from across the post.

The first wreath was placed in honor of all those who gave

their lives since 9/11 by the Fort Jackson Command Team.

To honor the firefighters and first responders during the falling of the World Trade Center was placed by the 193rd Infantry Brigade command team.

For those who died on United Airline flights 175 and 93 and American Airlines flights 11 and 77, a wreath was carried and placed by the command team of Moncrief Army Health Clinic.

The Soldier Support Institute command team presented a wreath in honor of the victims of New York's twin towers and Pentagon staff.

A wreath honoring Gold Star Family members who lost loved ones during the terror attacks and the following wars in Afghanistan and Iraq was placed by command team members of the Leader Training Brigade and U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

A final wreath honoring the surviving children of those lost during the terror attacks and following 20-year war was placed alongside them by the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School command team.

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FORT JACKSON MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

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REMEMBERING 9/11

Local veteran's mission: Never Forget

By **MATTHEW BELL**
Dorn VA Public Affairs

The tragic events that transpired on Sept. 11, 2001, have shaped our nation for the past 20 years. Almost everyone alive on that day can tell you exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news of the planes being flown into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon.

That day is a day that we as a nation have vowed to never forget, and one Columbia VA Health Care System veteran has made it his personal mission to make sure everyone remembers.

Retired Army Capt. and Brooklyn, New York, native Daniel C. Hennigan founded the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina to memorialize and honor military and first responder heroes from South Carolina.

To date, Hennigan and the foundation have:

- Created the 9/11 Military Service Members and First Responders Memorial and the Midland's Wall of Remembrance, which is dedicated to the fallen first responders and military service members from the Columbia area who died in the line of duty.

- Started South Carolina's first and the nation's second Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk (New York City started the nation's first).

- Planted a 9/11 Memorial Survivor Tree sapling which was presented to the foundation by the Resta Family and the FealGood Foundation.

"I've dedicated the last 20 years of my life to making sure everyone is educated and remembers 9/11," said Hennigan, who is a member of the Fort Jackson Hall of Fame. "We never want to forget because it changed our lives. Goodness arose through that tragedy. People were helping people and the unification of our great nation was strengthened."

Although he is the founder of the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina, Hennigan credits the foundation's team and New York City leaders with being the support he needed to carry out his mission.

"Without New York City leadership, this project never would have become a reality," Hennigan said. "And nothing would have ever been completed if it was not for my team. I may lead the team and come up with the ideas, but it is my team that makes everything happen. They volunteer so much of their time to make sure South Carolinians always remember those we have lost in the



Photos by **MATTHEW BELL**

Retired Army Capt. and 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina founder Daniel C. Hennigan describes the Midland's Wall of Remembrance, which is dedicated to the fallen first responders and military service members from the Columbia area who have died in the line of duty since 2001.

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Because of his dedication to the remembrance of 9/11, Hennigan has been named a New York City Fire Department Honorary Battalion Chief; received the Order of the Palmetto Award from the SC governor; and been named a State Ambassador by the South Carolina National Guard.

In addition to founding the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina, Hennigan also serves as a board member for several veteran-centric organizations. He also founded and co-chairs of the Midlands Veterans Engagement Council, which collaborates with community-led organizations to bring together local resources and capabilities to improve the lives of veterans, transitioning service members, and those who support them.



The 9/11 Military Service Members and First Responders Memorial located outside the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia.

'ALL CIRCUITS ARE BUSY'

'A historian's recount of the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001

By **ALEXANDRA SHEA**
Fort Jackson Leader

"I'm going to the Pentagon for finance," said Fort Jackson's Chief of Staff Col. Timothy R. Frambes.

It would be the last words he spoke to his wife before heading out for the day on Sept. 11, 2001.

Hours would pass as his wife and the world watched the news together and bear witness as two commercial airplanes crash into the World Trade Center and then another into the Pentagon.

"All the circuits were busy," Frambes recalled a recorded message when he tried to call home. "I talked to my brother first."

Frambes never made it to the Pentagon that day. He was rerouted to Fort McNair, in the nation's capitol, to meet his future boss as he was intended to take the mantle of special assistant to the Chief of Military History.

It took less than 30 minutes for all of that to change.

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Photos courtesy of National Archives

A Military District of Washington Engineer Company (Technical Rescue) firefighter makes his way towards the fire on the second day after the attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked by terrorists and flown into the Pentagon killing all 65 passengers and 125 people on the ground.



Early firefighting methods shown in the aftermath of a hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, that impacted the Pentagon at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. The impact destroyed four of the five rings in that section of the building.

Reduce suicides by strengthening relationships

By **TIMOTHY JONES**
ASAP Specialist

As a nation, we take extra steps to ensure we promote suicide prevention and to ensure others know that resources are available. During one's darkest times, they may think they are alone and do not recognize the resources that may be available. The resources could be family, friends or the community at large. We know that suicide is a complex issue. We also know there is not a single response that will work well for everyone; however, we want to move in the right direction.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicides have been increasing in the US since 1999 – 2018 with a slight decrease in 2019 (<https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/>). An article in Journal of the American Medical Association also indicated there was a decrease in 2019 and provisionally in 2020 (<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2778234>). Various factors may contribute to suicidal behavior. Some of the most common risk factors mentioned in our society are mental health issues, substance abuse, relationship problems, work/administrative, financial or legal issues. This article will focus on relationships.

Individual personal relationships are extremely influential in how one sees the world. So, what issues can negatively affect interpersonal relationships? Some issues that may negatively affect a relationship are lack of trust, lack of support, lack of perceived understanding, blaming each other, and possessing different communication styles. What would a relationship look like that did not have trust, empathy, understanding or effective communication?

A relationship that does not have trust may not have a solid foundation. The individuals would be reluctant to be vulnerable or share some of the issues that cause their consternation. One's unwillingness to share their pain could lead the individuals to believe they do not have any support to get through their trying times. One may think their partner is not able to understand because they have not effectively communicated their concern. The individuals may start to develop a small wedge between them and slowly drift apart.

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U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Rayno

Spc. Joe Belles, a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist plays with Afghan evacuee children Sept. 7 at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, in support of Operation Allies Welcome. The Department of Defense is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for at least 50,000 Afghan evacuees.

Army may face hard choices in future budgets, secretary says

By **DEVON SUITS**
Army News Service

As the Army shifts to provide refuge to thousands of Afghans, the service will continue to coordinate with Defense Department leaders to prioritize future funding for modernization and readiness, senior leaders said Sept. 8.

“We have been very careful to make sure that we manage our ability to maintain our readiness, even as we provide all of the support to the safe havens as part of Operation Allies Welcome,” said Army Secretary Christine E. Wormuth during the Defense News Conference.

Army senior leaders don't foresee a negative impact on readiness as Soldiers rotate to provide refugees support at various installations across the country, Wormuth said. The service has been working with the Department of Homeland Security, the lead federal agency behind the operation.

“What happened over the last couple of weeks has been very trying for a lot of our Soldiers,” said Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville.

“Twenty years ago, we went to Afghanistan to hold Osama Bin Laden accountable, (and) to make sure that al-Qaida could never have (another) major attack on the homeland,” he added.

Maj. Gen. Christopher Donahue, 82nd Airborne Division commander, was the last U.S. service member to leave Kabul, Afghanistan, at 11:59 p.m. Aug. 30.

“Those who served, they did their job (and) they did their job extremely well,” McConville said. “(Soldiers) should be proud of their service, because we are too.”

Senior leaders did not envision Operation Allies Welcome when they submitted the program objective memorandum for fiscal year 2023, Wormuth said.

“We've been working closely with the (Office of the Secretary of Defense) and Congress to make sure that our costs are covered,” she said. “We have already secured \$400 million in reprogramming, and OSD is in conversation with congressional staff right now looking at another \$1 billion in reprogramming.”

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Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Popeye's Hours

Due to staffing issues the Fort Jackson Popeye's hours have been changed to:
Mon.-Fri.: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat.-Sun.: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Listening Sessions

In response to current events, Army Senior Leaders have embarked on Listening Sessions to better understand concerns across the Force on topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as dignity and respect. Soldiers and Civilians have the opportunity to participate in the "Your Voice Matters" Listening Session to discuss the potential impacts of diversity, equity and inclusion as well as climate, command leadership trust, gender, ethnicity, race, and racial tension on the Army and its Soldiers and Civilians. The intent of the Listening Sessions is to develop atmospherics and determine any local and/or Army-Wide diversity and inclusion policy requirements; demonstrate care and commitment to the well-being of our Military and Civilian personnel; provide an opportunity for personnel to engage with concerns or questions about issues that impact their personal and professional lives that may hinder or impede successful mission readiness; check the organizational pulse; share information on existing policies and programs, gather input on reactions and ideas for improvements; and reaffirm and/or develop plans to reinforce principles and practices of diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as dignity and respect. Soldiers are encouraged to wear civilian clothes to the sessions.



LISTENING SESSION
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Session times:

- Sept. 21: 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Sept. 22: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Virtual participants can use the mailbox link for comments or questions during the listening sessions. Additionally, feedback forms can be sent to this mailbox as well: usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-mra.mbx.dasa-aei@mail.mil.

Moncrief's Acute Care Clinic hours

- 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 Academy and Basic Officer Leadership Course 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 the Fort Jackson ID Card office procedures changed 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.

Watchcare Service Provider

Fort Jackson Religious Support Office is looking for a contractor/organization that can provide watchcare service for religious activities. The contractor must be able to provide qualified childcare service providers for religious activities during any weekday and weekend meetings. For more information and performance work statement, please contact Celestine Roberts at 751-3121, or via email at celestine.o.roberts.civ@mail.mil.

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

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:

- 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 de-

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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.



**Fort Jackson
Movie Schedule**

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SATURDAY
■ Paw Patrol (G) 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
■ The Protégé (R) 2 p.m.

SEPT. 25
■ Candyman (R) 2 p.m.

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pendents, 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

TODAY
Character and Values Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Ave. The Fort Jackson Religious Support Office is hosting a Character and Values Luncheon to discuss the historical and philosophical underpinnings of morality, values, and the greater good. Everyone is welcome. Maj. Jeff Roberson, Soldier Support Institute Ethicist, is the guest speaker. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Betty Brime, at 751-4778.

Sportsman Club Meeting
6 p.m. Alpine Lodge. The Fort Jackson Sportsman Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today. Come join the team as we head into the heart of deer season and announce the details of this year's Big Buck contest.

SATURDAY
Pawsome Flea Market
8 a.m. to noon. Solomon Center. Join us for

Fort Jackson's Pawsome Flea Market. Bring your pets out for a day in the park and join us at our community flea market. For \$10 you can reserve 2 tables and chairs if you want to sell some household treasures. You can enter our Blue Ribbon bake off and test your culinary skills. Work off those cookie calories by participating in our Fitness program's "Do It in Pink" aerobics class in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more information, call 751-4056.

FEATURE

'WHY I SERVE'

1ST BATTALION, 61ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

SPC. SIMON PETRON, 24
Taylorville, Georgia

"My parents', who were both active duty Air Force ... have always influenced my actions and decisions to enlist. I joined the Army because of the variety of job opportunities."

"For me, the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was the time away from my Family."

The best advice I would give someone about to start BCT is to "take it one day at a time, enjoy the challenges and learn from every moment."

My MOS is "09S – Commissioned Officer Candidate. I chose this MOS because I wanted to expand my leadership abilities as well as test the abilities I already had."



PFC. SAMANTHA WELLS, 19
Indianapolis

"My father influenced me into joining the Army. I grew up with a military Family and I've always looked up to him."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be a lot more mentally challenging."

"The most challenging part about BCT is motivating myself to always give 100% every day."

My advice to anyone about to start BCT is to "never quit on yourself because you're doing this all for yourself. What you give is what you'll get back."

"My MOS is 92A – Automated Logistical Specialist. I chose this MOS because I was interested in logistics."



SPC. LARK SINE, 26
Salt Lake City

"Joining the military is something I have always been drawn to. My grandfathers and father were in the military and I've always admired the comradery, hard work and discipline that comes with being a Soldier."

"The most challenging part about Basic Combat Training was finding ways to work as a team when not every member of the team agreed on a solution. That, or when the dining facility didn't have any peanut butter."

"The advice I would give someone starting BCT is to stay positive, challenge yourself and never get complacent."

"My MOS is 35P – Cryptologic Linguist. I chose this MOS because I find the work to be interesting, challenging and a good match for my skill set."



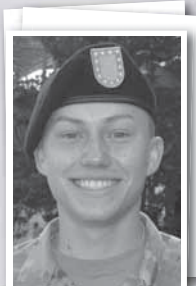
PFC. NICHOLAS PENA, 18
Winterset, Iowa

"My country influenced me into joining the Army because I saw people around me who called themselves Soldiers and the impact they had on the people around them. I wanted to be that Soldier who stood for a better future for their community."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was working with people from different parts of society and finding ways to encourage everyone to work together. No challenge is impossible, as a team, to overcome."

My best advice to anyone starting BCT soon is to "not expect anything at first and take every challenge as it comes to you. It is imperative that you start to think of yourself as a member of a team as opposed to an individual. Only then will you lead you and your team to true success."

My MOS is "35F – Army Intelligence Analyst. I chose this MOS because I felt that the strenuous mental workload was a perfect challenge for my skill set, and my abilities would best be used in the field of intelligence to fight for my country."



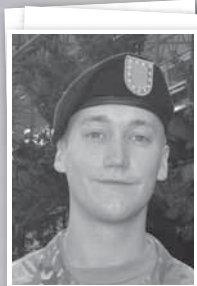
PFC. EAMONN STENZEL, 24
Portland, Oregon

"Several of my relatives have served in some branches of the military, but when I expressed interest in becoming a pilot one of my uncles encouraged me to look into joining the Army."

"Honestly, Basic Combat Training, is not as hard as I thought it would be. But I was well prepared for what was to come after doing some research and hearing the experiences of other Soldiers."

My best advice to anyone starting BCT soon is to "get used to drinking lots of water and running."

My MOS is "91D – Tactical Power Generation Specialist. I chose this MOS because it sounded interesting and had several enticing certifications."



PFC. WYATT FULKERSON, 18
Evansville, Indiana

"My great grandpa, grandpa and dad all have a background in the military and I wanted to follow in their footsteps. I wanted to learn the same work ethic and persistence they all have."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be a very challenging experience, but it would shape me into the person I wanted to become. I knew I may want to quit at some point, but the reward for pushing through would be better than the disappointment of quitting."

"Taking a shower in one minute was the most challenging thing I had to do."

My advice to anyone starting BCT soon is to "keep your head up and focus on what's directly in front of you."

My MOS is "35F – Army Intelligence Analyst. I chose this MOS because I knew it would challenge me mentally and give me a good fallback for the civilian sector."



Army tests new Exceptional Family Member Program system

By DEVON L. SUITS
Army News Service

The Army is currently piloting a new Exceptional Family Member Program online enrollment process to improve the assignment research and selection process for EFMP participants, G-9 officials said Sept. 10.

Close to 300 Soldiers and Family members are participating in the initial test of the integrated Army Enterprise EFMP system, or E-EFMP, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 30, said Paul Grossman, EFMP lead for Soldier and Family Readiness, Army G-9.

The new system should reduce the time Soldiers and Families dedicate toward investigating care and support options during the permanent change of station process, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston said recently during the 2021 Fires conference, hosted by Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Families often have to research a gaining installation and surrounding community to determine if they have the necessary services to meet their EFMP requirements, Grinston said. They then have to repeat the process if denied their initial assignment, resulting in undue stress.

“Why does a Family member have to research (an assignment) all on their own?” Grinston said. “We are better than that in this day and age. I got that task and working on it extremely hard.”

In June, Grossman said that the Army awarded a contract to develop the E-EFMP to support the service’s EFMP Families by fiscal year 2022.

Under E-EFMP, Soldiers can access a range of medical and assignment information, along with an overview of installation and military treatment facility capabilities, he added. The program will also operate as



the Army’s centralized EFMP case management system, allowing Soldiers to initiate a Department of Defense Form 2792, or Family Member Medical Summary, and manage their enrollment online.

Once the pilot is complete, G-9 officials plan to leverage user feedback to improve the program, Grossman said. The goal is to design a system that is both transparent and easy to use.

The E-EFMP will eventually link to the

Active Duty Officer Assignment Interactive Module Version 2, or AIM 2.0, or the enlisted assignment process to streamline future PCS efforts, Grinston said.

The Department of Defense’s Office of Special Needs and Military OneSource have also supported EFMP Families with the launch of the online tool EFMP & Me, Grinston mentioned during an interview in February.

Through EFMP & Me, Soldiers have access to medical and educational resources,

along with step-by-step assistance during the EFMP enrollment process, PCS preparation, deployments, and other military life events, according to the Military OneSource website.

On the EFMP & Me homepage, users answer a few questions to select the types of information they want to receive. The tool, available on computers or mobile devices, will also generate customizable checklists for users to follow. Lists include essential items to complete, along with tips and other resources.

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Fort Jackson Basic Combat Trainees take their first steps during the annual 5k Run/Walk for the Fallen on Sept. 11, 2021. More than 1,000 Soldiers, trainees, veterans, civilians and Gold Star Family members attended the event and many wore bibs bearing the rank and names of Soldiers killed in action since Sept. 11, 2001.

MEMORIES HONORED, HEALING CONTINUES DURING RUN/WALK FOR THE FALLEN

By ALEXANDRA SHEA
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's Hilton Field was alive with the sounds of drill sergeants and trainees singing cadence. What would normally be a sleepy Saturday morning buzzed with activity as more than 1,000 Soldiers, trainees, civilians, Gold Star Families and local community members gathered Sept. 11 at the field in anticipation of the annual 5k Run/Walk for the Fallen.

"I'm here with my friend for the memorial run," said Sgt. Jessica Sanchez, assigned to the 194th Armor Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia, and attending Advanced Leaders Course at Fort Jackson. Sanchez's workout gear included athletic pants, moisture-wicking tee, and a bib to commemorate the fallen. She is the wife of Sp5 Travis Rivers of the 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii.

"He served in the military after 9/11," she said. "Unfortunately, he was killed in action in the Middle East. It feels good running and serving in his memory."

Sanchez wasn't alone in her quest to honor the fallen. Roughly 500 trainees attending Basic Combat Training at the installation wore similar bibs bearing the names of Soldiers who called South Carolina home and died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Today we commemorate the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 and the attacks that occurred in New York City, the Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania," said U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaels.

"Today we honor the memories of the souls lost Sept. 11 and pay tribute to the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in the defense of freedom."

Five Gold Star Families attended the event to remember their Soldier, share their story of loss, celebrate a life gone too soon, and help each other heal from their loss.

"They get to network with each other," said Marilyn Bailey, Army Community Service Specialist



Photos by ALEXANDRA SHEA
U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy cadre finish the Fort Jackson 5k Run/Walk for the Fallen on Hilton Field. The annual event honors and remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice while on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. The event fell on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

and event coordinator. "Sometimes they need that contradictory within that group to continue to heal. They get to talk about things and I'm sure it helps the healing process."

Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaels, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander

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Members of the Military District of Washington Engineer Company (Technical Rescue) walk the causeway between E and D ring of the Pentagon on Sept. 12, 2001.

Pentagon

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“This was in 2001. We didn’t have televisions everywhere,” he said. “Someone came in and said ‘Hey, there’s something going on in New York.’ So we watched the news in the conference room. It was on NBC. I remember it was Jim Miklazewski ... ‘Breaking news from the Pentagon, there’s been an explosion at the Pentagon.’”

Frambes and fellow staff members raced outside their building. Less than a mile away they could see a large plume of black smoke coming from the direction of the Pentagon.

“It was that quick,” he said. “Sept. 10, 2001 was the last day of blissful peace.”

As the day passed, all service members were ordered to shelter in place while civilian and contract personnel were

evacuated off military installations nationwide.

All news networks broadcasted firefighters and first responders race to the towers, Pentagon and a third location ... an unassuming field in Pennsylvania where ordinary people performed extraordinary feats to thwart a fourth hijacked plane from reaching its intended destination.

“At the time we lived at Fort Meade, Maryland. I had to travel I-95 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to get home,” Frambes said. “It was empty.”

Those familiar with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway often call it the B-W Parkway and know it’s infamy for slow moving traffic and aggressive drivers. Prior to 9/11, many would say the only time one would find the beltway empty is during the zombie apocalypse.

After being released for the day, Frambes was ordered to report to Fort Myer, the site where a Casualty Operations Center was stood up. There, accountability of personnel was collected and the category of “Duty Status-Whereabouts Unknown” was established.

“Those who didn’t report in, that became the draft ca-

sualty list,” he said. “When I was given that list I saw the names of a few that I knew.”

He immediately spoke up and offered his services as a casualty assistance officer for those names he knew. Due to regulation, his rank and his close ties to those personnel, Frambes was not assigned to those cases.

The old saying, “it’s a small Army,” just got smaller for Frambes.

He was assigned a case for a female G1 government service, or GS, employee who perished when the plane slammed into her office.

For a year, Frambes would work with her spouse to arrange for her burial at Arlington National Cemetery, final disposition of her personal affects, completing all necessary documents and requests for benefits, and arranging for family members to attend several memorial services attended by the nation’s highest leaders and then President George W. Bush.

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Budget

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Insufficient funding could generate additional challenges and become a disruption to the service, Wormuth said.

The National Guard was at risk of delaying training and readiness opportunities if lawmakers didn't approve the \$521 million National Guard reimbursement plan in August. The plan helped the Guard recoup funds that it used to secure the National Capital Region after the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Army senior leaders are expecting a flatlined budget, which will force them to make some difficult decisions during future fiscal year requests, the secretary said.

The service released its \$173 billion budget proposal for fiscal year 2022 in early June, with a \$3.6 billion reduction from last year's enacted budget and a continued focus on people, readiness, and modernization. Leaders are also prepared to start the next fiscal year under a continuing resolution.

"We are going to continue to have to make hard choices," Wormuth said. "As we look at our modernization program, which is ambitious, we are going to have to look carefully at the 31+4 programs as well as the enablers."

There will be many factors that could impact the future funding of modernization efforts. Wormuth said that prototype progression, program affordability at scale, and future financial demand would need to be factored in before making a final decision.

The Army is also trying to avoid shifting funds from other areas to meet modernization efforts. The Army needs to invest in barracks, housing, and other power-projection resources and infrastructure, Wormuth said.

"We are trying to find savings wherever we responsibly can, and also try to be innovative in terms of how we're managing the many demands on our budget," she said.

Suicide

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As they drift apart due to the lack of support, understanding and effective communication, they become more distant. They may start to feel they are alone because they have allowed themselves to drift apart. It was not their intent but due to not having the skill sets to share, communicate effectively or show empathy and support, they have become two ships passing at night and not seeing each other.

On the other hand, what would a relationship look like that had trust, support, understanding and acceptance on communication styles? Trust is one of the most important aspects of any relationship. A relationship

with trust serves as a fertilized field and many things are able to grow. They are more apt to spend face-to-face time together and strengthen their bond. The relationship allows the individuals to become vulnerable and share issues that are troubling to them, which will strengthen their connection. A relationship that exhibits support will allow the couple to have an attitude or spirit that they are in this together. They will be able to navigate their way through this maze. They will be able to communicate effectively, even if they have different communication styles. Their understanding and appreciation of one another strengthens their resolve as a couple. They will be able to have healthy disagreements to foster a resolution to their issue or to generate a path forward.

Relationships are one of many factors that play a part in suicidal behavior. One of the main goals is to have a healthy relationship

that instills in both parties that they are not alone and their connectedness confirms their belief. Two main resources on Fort Jackson to help with relationship building are the Army

Community Service and Military and Family Life Family Counselors. We want everyone to know that they are not alone and being connected can make a difference.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

As of Sept. 15, 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 when in formation outside.

■ Masking is required for all attendees to Basic Combat Training graduations at Hilton Field regardless of vaccination status.

■ All guests 12+ years old must be fully vaccinated OR be able to provide a NEGATIVE COVID Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test taken within 72 hours of the Family Day. PCR Test must have the name of the guest.

■ Leave, pass and TDY travel beyond 50-mile radius for all unvaccinated personnel at Fort Jackson resides at the Brigade Commander/Commandant level. International travel for all personnel must be approved by the Commanding General.

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“I think one of the important things about healing in any crisis is the opportunity to tell your story and in this weird way of this run, just putting a name on our chest or showing up, it’s an opportunity for those survivors and those in these units to tell their story which is a healing event,” said Maj. Jacob Black of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception). “I had an opportunity today to run for Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jake Sims. It was an honor to run for him and his wife Felicia and their kids. With all the mitigations, this was no easy task. I think it was a success.”

As the runners and walkers closed in at the end of the route, they were treated to cheers and high fives from Michaelis and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier.

Fresh fruit, water and energy drinks were offered as attendees regrouped with their friends and families to fellowship together before leaving the field.

“This is the largest turnout I have seen since I’ve been here,” Bailey said. “The participation from the battalions, trainees and Soldiers has been great. The support has been wonderful.”



Photos by ALEXANDRA SHEA

U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier, right, lead more than 500 Soldiers and trainees to the finish line of the 2021 Post 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen. The annual event held at Hilton Field fell on the 20th anniversary of 9/11.



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■ 9:30 a.m., mass, Main Post Chapel
■ Noon, Mon.-Fri., Main Post Chapel

CONTEMPORARY PROTESTANT Sunday
9 a.m., Anderson Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday
10:30 a.m., Magruder Chapel (postponed due to Covid-19)

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10:30 a.m., MAHC Chapel, 4th Floor (postponed due to Covid-19)

PAGAN Sunday
9:30 a.m., Solomon Center (postponed due to Covid-19)

Historian

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“Inventorying the personal affects was the hardest,” he said. “They, chaplains, told us we would take on the grief of the family as we get to know so much about someone we would never meet.”

During that year, members of the Old Guard, 911th Technical Rescue Engineer Company and other responders scoured the Pentagon scar searching for those listed as ‘whereabouts unknown.’

Frambes also scoured the scar with a team designated for artifact recovery.

“Many people don’t know about all the original art and artifacts that were in there,” Frambes said. “All the clocks that were stopped at the same time that are in museums now. Coin collections that were fused together by the heat. We were pulling papers off of printers and copiers just to see the work that was being done at that time this happened.”

Frambes would also end up working for the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander Maj. Gen. John Van Alstyne who filled the role of senior military officer in the Joint Casualty Operations Center.

Since 2001, Frambes conducted oral interviews with survivors and surviving family members of the 9/11 attacks; deployed multiple times to both Iraq and Afghanistan; became a battalion commander; returned

to a tour of duty at the Pentagon; and is now Chief of Staff at Fort Jackson.

He would meet and work with military and civilian personnel along the way that he was inadvertently connected to through his experience at the Pentagon and his work with artifact recovery and collection of oral history.

Though the Army Frambes knew shrank on Sept. 11, 2001, he has since witnessed its growth following 2001 and personally at Fort Jackson as volunteers continued to raise their hands and swear to bear true faith and allegiance to the United States despite the possibility of serving in a time of war.

“Parents who give their consent and provide support to their children who decide to serve, that should be recognized. It’s significant and a huge step.” Frambes said. “It’s amazing knowing people volunteer to serve knowing they may very likely go into harm’s way.”



A pile of military challenge coins that were fused together by extreme heat from the hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11, 2001.

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“This ceremony, to me, really helps us understand where we have been. As we begin to get further and further away from (2001) we start to forget the feelings we had that day,” said Col. Mark Huhtanen, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander. “It brought our nation together in a way that we haven’t seen for years. Doing ceremonies like this helps bring back that feeling and remembrance.”

The Fort Jackson’s salute battery fired a 21-gun salute at the ceremony.

As the last volley was fired, a lone 282nd Army Band bugler closed the ceremony with the playing of Taps, a traditional component of military funerals and memorial events since 1891.

“The laying of the wreaths represent the strength of our nation. That we honor those who were lost and those who have sacrificed,” Michaelis said. “I am mindful that no words offer and no deeds that we do can truly erase the pains of loss but we honor your sacrifice. May we never forget the meaning of 9/11.”



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Above, a member of Fort Jackson’s salute battery fires a volley during a 21-gun salute during a wreath laying ceremony at the Centennial Park on Sept. 10. Right, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis speaks to roughly 100 attendees during a Sept. 10, 2021, wreath laying and remembrance ceremony held at Centennial Park on Fort Jackson.

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