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# Social Security tax repayment extended

By **JOSIE CARLSON**  
Fort Jackson Leader

The Department of Defense recently announced the period for collecting deferred 2020 Social Security taxes has been extended to Dec. 31 instead of April 30, 2021.

President Donald Trump signed a memorandum in August to delay payment of Social Security taxes for government employees between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020. The tax, called Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance, or OASDI, is was 6.2% of an individual's base pay from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.

According to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the deferral was intended to provide financial relief during the COVID-19 pandemic to civilian employees who make less than \$4,000 per pay period and service members with a monthly basic pay of less than \$8,666.66.

The amount of Social Security taxes deferred in 2020 will be collected in 24 installments between pay periods ending Jan. 16 and Dec. 4, 2021.

"This affects both service members as well as civilian employees and we just want them to be prepared for it," said Lillian Black, a Program & Management Analyst with the G8 on Fort Jackson.

Normal 6.2% Social Security tax withholdings will also be deducted from your pay, beginning January 2021.

Beginning in January 2021, the myPay LES



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Remarks section will show the 2020 deferred OASDI collection amount as well as your remaining balance to be collected.

Personnel separating or retiring before Dec. 4, 2021, and prior to the deferred Social Security tax being collected in full, are still re-

sponsible for repaying the remainder of their Social Security tax repayment. The unpaid balance will be collected from their final pay. If there are insufficient funds to collect the full amount, they may receive a debt letter with instructions for repayment.

Under these circumstances, the collection will happen through a debt management process and a letter will be sent to the individual's address of record and posted through the myPay website in January. The letter will outline instructions for repayment to be made via Pay.gov.

Black said she wants to make sure people look at their LES and understand how this will affect them.

To determine the amount owed, personnel should:

Log into the myPay website and navigate to the final 2020 leave and earnings statement.

Multiply 6.2% times the amount of basic pay received from September through December 2020.

2020 W-2s, when they post this month, will show only the taxes currently collected. Once back taxes are paid W-2c's, or Corrected Wages and Tax Statement will be issued.

Officials warn this will not change the Internal Revenue Service deadlines to filing income tax returns.

For more information visit: <https://www.dfas.mil/taxes/Social-Security-Deferral> for the latest information.

## ON THE COVER

**A trainee stands holding a bag full of her issued items after meeting her unit's drill sergeants for the first time at Fort Jackson last April.**

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Left, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Algrish C. Williams Sr., receives the colors from Col. John “Wes” Hankins, garrison commander, during an assumption of responsibility ceremony Oct. 23 at Victory Field. Center, Danae Belton, daughter of Chaplain Rob and Meredith Belton, was named the 2020 Ambassador for the S.C. Speech Language Hearing Association Feb. 14. Right, Pvt. Margaret Meyer hugs her father during Family Day Jan. 30. Meyer attended Basic Combat Training with her twin sister Annika.

# 2020 IN 20/20: A YEAR IN REVIEW



## Leader staff reports

While the COVID-19 pandemic dominated much of the headlines in 2020 it wasn't the only event on Fort Jackson. Other noteworthy events included the changing of the guard for senior enlisted leadership of both Fort Jackson and Garrison; and Fort Jackson Soldiers were named tops in the Army at the Training and Doctrine Command.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Philson Tavernier took responsibility for the Army Training Center and Fort Jackson June 26, while Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Algrish Williams assumed responsibility Oct. 23.

Sgt. James Akinola, Healthcare Specialist at Moncrief Army Health Clinic was named the Army's Soldier of the Year. He entered the Army-level competition representing the Army's Medical Command.

Fort Jackson's top Soldiers were Drill Sergeant of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Davis Anthony with 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Wayne Hartman with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment and Soldier of the Year, Spc. Matthew Rhodes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. Hartman would go on to be named TRADOC's top NCO.

Staff Sgt. Ethan Spurr and his Family were named Fort Jackson's Family of the Year during a ceremony at the NCO Club Feb. 28.

One inspirational story from 2020 is that of the recipient of the Fiscal Year 2020 Secretary of the Army Award for Diversity and Leadership, Fort Jackson's very own, Master Sgt. Marritsa J. Collins.



Staff Sgt. Joshua Cruz, a drill sergeant assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, takes the temperature of Pvt. Prince Aning, an Ohio National Guardsman, before he boards a bus March 31, 2020. Aning, along with about 400 other Basic Combat Training graduates, were held over after graduation due to the COVID-19 virus.

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# Biggest Loser is back

By **JOSIE CARLSON**  
Fort Jackson Leader

If you've been wondering what resolutions to make this New Year, then maybe the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreations' Fitness Department can help. Its annual Biggest Loser competition is going virtual in 2021, making the opportunity for healthy living at a distance that much more attainable.

While it may seem like a stretch to do this type of program virtually, Fitness Director Pam Long is confident it will be a success.

"Technology and social media platforms have really stepped up their game to make online experiences rewarding and effective," she said. "It is just a matter of continuing to be an advocate for virtual wellness that will hopefully help patrons take the plunge and see fitness and wellness is still quite possible online."

Fitness Department staff have been researching different eating programs over the last several months and have decided this year's Biggest Loser competition will feature the keto lifestyle.

According to Merriam Webster's dictionary a ketogenic diet supplies "large amounts of fats, moderate amounts of proteins, and minimal amounts of carbohydrates."

It goes on to explain that "the body is deprived of carbohydrates, insulin secretion drops and glycogen stores in the body become depleted. The body then enters a state of nutritional ketosis where ketone bodies formed by the metabolism of fatty acids replace glucose as the primary energy source."

If you've been wondering about this diet plan, or have seen it on social media and thought you'd like to know more, now is your chance to learn from the Fitness Department staff.

Webinars, a private membership area, resource apps and articles will be used to support each participant.

Participants in the Biggest Loser challenge can choose between two virtual categories: weight loss or lifestyle. The challenge began Jan 4 and will end April 5.

A requirement for participation is a \$15 monthly membership to Andy's Aerobics and Wellness (virtual).

If you are interested in participating, call Pam Long at 751-3700.

*Leader file photo*

**Harry Williams, an instructor with the FMWR Fort Jackson Fitness Department, leads participants in a workout at the Do it in Pink Aerobathon Sept. 26.**



# Yes WE'RE OPEN

## Army Community Service 751-5256

PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE

Mon-Fri.....7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Auto craft Shop 751-5755

Thu-Fri.....11 a.m-7 p.m.

Sat-Sun.....8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Training Holidays.....8 a.m.-4 p.m.

POV Sales - To sell a vehicle on the POV Lot, register at the Auto craft Shop.

## Century Lanes Bowling Center 751-6138

Tue, Wed & Thu.....Closed

Fri (Open Bowling).....4:30-8 p.m.

Sat (Open Bowling).....4-8 p.m.

Sun (Open Bowling).....2-6 p.m.

Mon (Open Bowling).....4:30-8 p.m.

For information on League Bowling please call.

## Child and Youth Services (Limited Availability)

Parent Central (via Imboden and Scales CDC)

Mon-Fri.....8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

## Hood Street CDC 751-1972/1970

Mon-Fri.....6 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## Hood Street SAC 751-1084

Mon-Fri.....5:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## Imboden CDC 562-5901/5902

Mon-Fri.....4 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## Imboden SAC 562-2022

Mon-Fri.....5:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## Lee Road CDC 751-5853

24 hours

## Middle School & Teen Program 751-6387

Mon-Fri.....5:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## Youth Sports 751-5040/7451

Call for more information

## Fort Jackson Dog Park

(Call Outdoor Rec) 751-3484

Daily.....Sunrise to Sunset

## Fort Jackson Golf Club 787-4437

Golf Pro Shop 751-6357

Daily.....7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Tee Times .....8 a.m.

Please call in advance to make a reservation for tee times.

Administrative Office 787-4437

Mon-Fri.....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Gyms and Fitness Centers

### Coleman Gym 751-5817

Mon-Fri (Active Duty Only) .....5-7 a.m.

Mon-Fri (All).....7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat-Sun.....8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Perez Fitness Center 751-6258

Mon-Fri (Active Duty Only) .....5-7 a.m.

Mon-Fri (All) .....7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat-Sun .....10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Vanguard Gym 751-4526

Mon-Fri (Active Duty Only) .....5-7 a.m.

Mon-Fri (All).....5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat-Sun .....11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Jack's Frame Shop 751-4018

Tues -Fri .....11 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Knight Indoor Pool 751-4796

Mon. Wed, Fri.....6 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tue, Thu .....12-6 p.m.

### Library (Thomas Lee Hall) 751-5589

Mon-Thu.....11a.m. -7 p.m.

Fri-Sat.....12-5 p.m.

Computer Lab Drive up service only

### Marion Street Station 751-3484

Mon-Fri.....10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat.....9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### NCO Club 782-2218

Lunch Only - To Go, Delivery, Inside & Outside Dining

Tue-Fri (Lunch) .....11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tue-Fri (Admin) .....8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Recycle Center 751-4208/4201

Mon-Fri .....7 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Victory Bingo 751-3411

Fri (Doors Open) .....3 p.m.

Games Begin .....4 p.m.

Sat (Doors Open).....12 p.m.

Games Begin .....1 p.m.

Sun (Doors Open) .....10 a.m.

Games Begin.....11 a.m.

Mon (Doors Open) .....3 p.m.

Games Begin.....4 p.m.

### Videorama 751-4162

By Appointment Only

### Weston Lake 751-3484

Mon-Fri.....10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat.....9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Leader file photo

Soldiers walk into the Fort Jackson Main Exchange. Army & Air Force Exchange Service is celebrating the first anniversary of expanding patronage.

## AAFES celebrates first year of patronage expansion

By **JULIE MITCHELL**  
Army News Service

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is celebrating the first anniversary of welcoming home 4.1 million service-connected disabled veterans to their lifelong, in-store shopping benefit.

The new privilege, which launched Jan. 1, 2020, was specified in the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, included in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

“The Exchange is honored to welcome home and take care of service connected disabled veterans,” said Thomas Kuttamperoor, general manager of AAFES on Fort Jackson and Shaw Air Force Base. “These warriors are most deserving of this rightful benefit.”

“Welcoming home service-connected disabled veterans with a lifelong Exchange benefit has been a bright spot during 2020,” said Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull, a Vietnam-era Army veteran. “Our Nation’s heroes fought for us and deserve this benefit—and the Exchange is privileged to take care of disabled veterans through the in-person shop-

ping benefit.”

In-person shopping at military exchanges, commissaries and morale, welfare and recreation retail facilities on U.S. military installations was expanded to:

- All veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war

Primary family caregivers for veterans who are enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

Before the expansion, only veterans with 100% service-connected disabilities could shop in person. (Active-duty service members, their dependents and military retirees also have in-store and online privileges.)

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Exchange—which many know as the PX or BX—provided a safe, sanitized and secure shopping experience. Protecting the force and the military community is Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s top priority. Contactless shopping options, including curbside pickup and ordering at *ShopMyExchange.com*, are available to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Buy online, pickup in store service and restaurant carryout are available as well.

In Exchange stores, acrylic shields have been installed at checkout, floor decals and signing remind shoppers about maintaining physical distance, hand sanitizer stations are readily available. Associates and shoppers adhere to Department of Defense guidance on the wearing of cloth face coverings.

By shopping the Exchange, veterans also help those who wear the uniform today. 100% of Exchange earnings are reinvested in the military community, including through dividends to Quality-of-Life programs such as Child, Youth and School Services; Armed Forces Recreation Centers; and more.

“Shopping with the Exchange gives service-connected disabled veterans a chance to re-engage with their military community, allowing them to remain Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members for life,” Shull said. “The Exchange provides value to the veteran community and offers a tangible way to thank them for their service.”

Veterans who need additional information about the in-store patronage expansion can visit the veterans section on the Exchange’s Community Hub.

# Community Updates

## TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Tenant Satisfaction Survey formally known as the CEL Survey is available for on-post privatized housing residents. The nine question survey was launched Dec. 2 and will be available until Jan. 15. The survey is completely confidential. Residents currently in housing should receive an email with the survey link. If residents have not received the survey link via email they can go to [ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com](mailto:ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com) to request the survey link. Residents must include their installation name and complete street address including unit number, if applicable, to look up your home's survey ID and ensure only one survey is completed per household.

## NOTIFICATION

This notice serves as a death notice advisory for all those in possession of the property of Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Stephens, as well as those whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact 1st Lt. Quice G. Sumo, Summary Courts Martial Officer (SCMO) with questions or concerns at (423) 773-0056 or email [Quice.g.sumo.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Quice.g.sumo.mil@mail.mil)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### JAN. 25

#### Community Blood Drive

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. NCO Club. A community blood drive will be held at the NCO Club. Those wishing to donate should visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up. Use sponsor code: FortJackson.

#### Computer Services

Computer services are now open at the Thomas Lee Hill (Post) Library. The service's are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon to 5 p.m. Fri. and Sat., and closed Sundays and holidays. For more information, call 751-5589.

#### StoryWalk in the Park

The Thomas Lee Hill Post Library in conjunction with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a story walk in the park. Families will be able to read the book while walking along a path at Patriot's Park. For more information, call 751-6990.

## CLOSURES AND HOURS

### Post eases retiree restrictions

Fort Jackson will again allow retirees and Veterans Health Identification cardholders access to post on Wednesdays and Thursdays effective Dec. 9. The access is granted so patrons may use all pharmacy services; Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities including the Exchange, food services, shopettes and Class Six;

golf at the Fort Jackson Golf Club; the ID card facility; and the Commissary. Access restrictions have been in place since the beginning of the pandemic in order to create a safe training bubble. Please continue to monitor the Fort Jackson website and social media pages for updates to Fort Jackson COVID-19 policies.

Retirees and their beneficiaries who are medically immunocompromised, as well as aged 65 and older, will continue to have priority shopping hours from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays to further reduce risk.

### AAFES MLK HOLIDAY HOURS

- Main Exchange: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Food Court: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Gate 1 Express: Closed
- Gate 2 Express: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Class 6: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Popeye's: 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Burger King: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Starbucks: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### AAFES REGULAR HOURS:

- Main Exchange: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- SSI Troop Store: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and Closed Sat. and Sun.
- Jackson Reception Station: Closed Sun.-Mon., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri.
- Jackson Hospital Store: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Jackson Perez Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Jackson Coleman Gym Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Jackson Tank Hill Troop Store: Appointment Only
- Main Barber Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Clothing and Sales: Closed Sun. and Mon., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tue. - Fri.
- Mini-mall Dry Cleaners: Closed Sun. and Mon.; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.
- Class 6: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 1 Express: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and closed Sat. and Sun.
- Gate 2 Express: 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Starbucks: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. - Sun.
- Boston Market: Closed Sun.-Tues., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weds.-Sat.
- Arby's: Close Sun.-Mon., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.
- Qdoba: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Charley's: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Popeye's: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
- Burger King: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Reel Time Theater - Closed

AAFES food establishments have limited indoor and outdoor seating available

### AAFES REGULAR CONCESSION HOURS

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 24 hours Mon.-Sun.
- Gate 1 Barber Shop: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Closed Sat., Sun., Weds.
- Gate 1 Pizza Hut: 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Sun.
- Main Exchange - Barber Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
- Main Exchange - Optical: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Closed Sun.
- Main Exchange -Optometry: Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues.
- Main Exchange - Photo Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- Main Exchange - Recon T-Shirts: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.
- Main Exchange - Simply Perfect Nails: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.
- Main Exchange - Stylique: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs. and Sat.
- Main Exchange - The UPS Store: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.
- Main Exchange - Yigit Wireless: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weds.-Thurs.
- Mini Mall Barber Shop: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Closed Sun.
- Mini Mall Beauty Line: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. - Sat.
- Mini Mall MC Alterations Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weds.-Sat.
- Mini Mall Patriot Outfitters: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun.
- Mini Mall Trophy Shop: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Closed Sun.
- Perez Barber Shop: Closed
- Perez - Leonard Studio: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

### COMMISSARY REGULAR HOURS

- Sun. 11 a.m. - noon 65 and older and immunocompromised
  - Noon - 6 p.m. all authorized patrons
  - Mon. Closed
  - Tue. 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. 65 and older and immunocompromised
  - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
  - Wed.- Thur. 10 - 11 a.m. 65 and older and immunocompromised
  - 11a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
  - Fri. 7:30- 9 a.m. 65 and older and immunocompromised
  - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
  - Sat. 9-10 a.m. 65 and older and immunocompromised
  - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. all authorized patrons
- There is no transaction limit, but restrictions on high-demand essentials will remain in place until further notice.
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  - Mon. Closed

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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 751-7045.

- Tue. 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. 65 and older and immunocompromised
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### DENTAL CLINIC

Caldwell and Hagen Dental clinics are open. Oliver and Oral Surgery Dental Clinics are temporarily closed. Caldwell Dental Clinic is located at Bldg. 4950, Strom Thurmond Blvd. Front Desk/Appointments: 751-5178/6017/5529.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

The Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office will take in-person appointments Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to active-duty service members and their dependents.

### RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycle Center will open with limited operations to support Fort Jackson units on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MONCRIEF ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

#### Acute Care Clinic

- 6 - 11 a.m. for advanced respiratory COVID screening only
- 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for all other acute care issues.



Photos by TORI EVANS

## Holiday holdovers

While some Soldiers went home for the holidays there were some who stayed behind at Fort Jackson. The reasons they chose to remain on post during the holidays are varied, but one thing is certain they were allowed to take part in various activities they wouldn't have during Basic Combat Training. These events included bowling, laser tag, Jenga and archery.



# WWII Soldier fought for Family, homeland

By **KATIE LANGE**  
DOD News Service

Thousands of American Soldiers who volunteered to fight the Nazis had plenty of reasons to partake in one of the most perilous missions ever fought. But perhaps few had more than Army Staff Sgt. Isadore Jachman — one of three Jewish men to receive the Medal of Honor for actions during World War II.

Jachman was born on Dec. 14, 1922, in Berlin. His parents immigrated to Baltimore

when he was 2 and expanded their family further, having another boy and a girl.

Jachman graduated from Baltimore City College High School in 1939. According to a September 1950 article in the Texas Jewish Post, he spent a year studying physical education at the University of Baltimore before the United States' entrance into World War II changed the trajectory of his life.

In November 1942, he paused his studies and volunteered for the Army.

As a German Jew, Jachman still had plenty

of Family in Europe, so there was no question where his loyalties lay — with his adopted home, not with the Nazi party that had taken over his native country. According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, at least six of Jachman's aunts and uncles were killed during the Holocaust.

After basic training, Jachman was posted stateside, but he eventually volunteered to serve as a paratrooper so he could fight the Nazis.



**JACHMAN**

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A line of cars stretches to the Solomon Center July 10 during COVID-19 drive through testing. The testing held in cooperation with the Medical University of South Carolina was held on post July 8 and 10.

## Year

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Collins' efforts at Fort Jackson included planning and executing Fort Jackson's first LGBT Pride Month 5k run to leading Fort Jackson's 1st Tiger Team Command Climate Survey Initiative. Collins is active in putting her passion into action.

Other highlights were found at the Fort Jackson Schools, on-post housing and the Fort Jackson community taking care of its own.

### Fort Jackson Schools

Even though Fort Jackson schools were virtual for most of the year, there were some noted accomplishments as well.

One was a state-of-the-art Pierce Terrace Elementary School opening its doors for students.

Alexandra Shea who covered the January grand opening opening for the Leader reported: "It is my honor and privilege to extend a warm welcome everyone attending today's ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Pierce Terrace Elementary School," said Raymond Burke, school principal. "I hope each of you remembers the significance of this moment in the history of Fort Jackson. Made with modern resources, environmentally friendly materials and open concept which serves as a platform for our faculty and student's creativity, collaboration and communication."

It has been more than 50 years since Pierce Terrace originally opened its doors to students and educators. Throughout the years the school has withstood weather, good and bad, as well as time to provide Fort Jackson military children a safe learning environment. Memories have been made within the halls of the school.

Now students and staff will create new memories in a building designed with children and community in mind. The open concept allows students to mingle and meet students they normally would not see through the day and staff an opportunity to keep a sharper eye on students.

Another accomplishment was a student being named a speech ambassador for South Carolina.

Mel Slater with the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School reported in February that: Danae Belton, a fourth-grader at C.C. Pinckney Elementary and child of a Chaplain School chaplain on Fort Jackson, has given her family something of which to be very proud.

Belton was named the 2020 Ambassador for the South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association at the annual awards luncheon held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on Feb. 14.

She was chosen from a group of students for her dedication and hard work to overcome her speech difficulties. She has demonstrated outstanding perseverance.

### On-post housing

Before COVID caused Fort Jackson Family Homes to reduce their services it had continued improving conditions in the housing areas.

Taylor Marie Smith reported in February about post housing maintenance policies: In response to complaints about slow turn-around time regarding work orders, Fort Jackson Family Homes has taken several steps towards improvement. This includes hiring a quality control specialist and a new regional facility manager, hiring more maintenance workers, and providing more training to employees.

Malk Miller is a technician that specializes in HVAC and plumbing for houses. He was at a resident's house Feb. 18 to fulfill a work order on a dishwasher, which is routine maintenance. "I like serving and I like what I do for a living. I like helping people out," said Miller.

Smith also reported about upgrades to the Freddie Stowers Single Soldiers Barracks Complex.

Anthony McNair, a project manager and engineering technician for the Directorate of Public Works, said many upgrades are happening at the old buildings.

"We installed new furniture, replaced the carpet, repainted the walls, fixed the plumbing and exhaust fans in the bathrooms to prevent mildew, and did some minor work to the cabinets," McNair said. "We're currently on the third set of buildings that are getting remodeled; we still have one more set to begin repairs on."

Routine work order maintenance resumed in late May, Shea reported.

(Balfour Beatty Corporation) released an eight step "Work order safety process" to residents to tackle work orders.

The plan includes screening maintenance staff for signs and symptoms of the virus and temperature checks while residents will be contacted and asked a series of screening questions before scheduling maintenance in their units.

Maintenance teams will wear protective equipment such as face masks, booties and gloves when arriving to a residence. The staff will then ask screening questions to residents before entering their homes.

On-post residents also took the pandemic in stride and banded together to ensure they ate healthy.

Residents of Fort Jackson Family Homes found unique ways of taking it in stride including making art with sidewalk chalk, and banding together as a community to ensure residents have fresh produce.

Melissa Linder, housing mayor and wife of Staff Sgt. Jonathan Linder an operations sergeant with the 17th Military Police Battalion, found a way to help residents get fresh produce.

"We supply veggies and fruits and are keeping people safe and happy," Melissa said.

Melissa along with her friend Sgt. Tawdy Smith, of the 17th MP Det., started providing the produce service with an initial 52 people signing up.

Fort Jackson community members also came together for great causes such as domestic violence and motorcycle safety.

### Riders taking care of riders

Josie Carlson reported on members of the 165th Infantry Brigade banding together to take care of each other.

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Alan Dahany leads Pierce Terrace Elementary Students in singing "Welcome to Our School" during a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building Feb. 12.



Above, ACFT Trainer-in-training Sgt. Marquis Turner, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade fueller, walks one of his five battle buddies through the steps of the Spring-Drag-Carry event while ACFT Trainer Sgt. 1st Class Latisha Ponds watches and listens from the right during ACFT Train-the-Trainer training Feb. 5.. Left, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Houser, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment traverses an obstacle on the Fit to Win 1 course. Houser competed for the top title of 2020 Fort Jackson Drill Sergeant of the Year.

# Coach Lou Holtz recounts lessons learned in Army

By **DAVID VERGUN**  
DOD News Service

Louis “Lou” Leo Holtz has spent much of his life on the gridiron. From 1956 to 1957, he played football as a linebacker at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

While at Kent State, he was also enrolled in Army ROTC and was commissioned in the Field Artillery Branch of the Army Reserve when he graduated.

In a career that spanned 44 years, Holtz held a variety of football coaching jobs at the collegiate and National Football League levels.

He was assistant coach at: the University of Iowa in 1960; the College of William and Mary,

1961 to 1963; the University of Connecticut, 1964 to 1965; the University of South Carolina, 1966 to 1967; and Ohio State University, 1968.

Holtz was head coach at: the College of William and Mary, 1969 to 1970; North Carolina State University, 1972 to 1975; New York Jets, 1976; University of Arkansas, 1977 to 1983; University of Minnesota, 1984 to 1985; Notre Dame University, 1986 to 1996; and, the University of South Carolina, 1999 to 2004.

Despite moving around a lot, his college coaching record was stellar: 249-132-7. His NFL coaching record wasn't as impressive: 3-10.

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Photo by **STAFF SGT. SHANE HAMANN**

Lou Holtz, center, prepares to board a helicopter while traveling with Operation Honor Our Troops at Forward Operating Base Spin Boldak, Kandahar province, Afghanistan, June 6, 2013.

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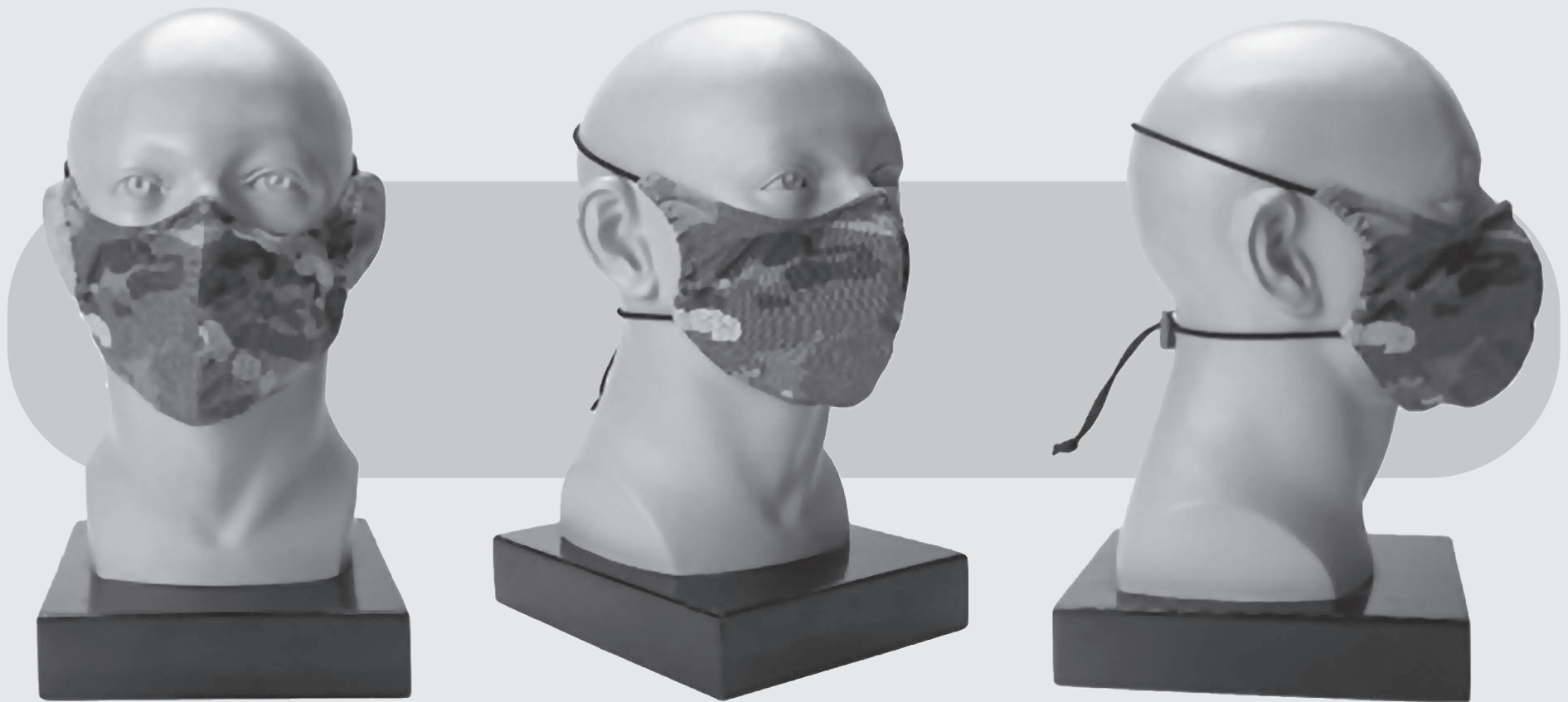
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The Army's Combat Cloth Face Covering (CCFC) will be a 2-ply cloth covering made of 57% cotton and 43% nylon. It will have a pliable nose bridge and drawstring with a barrel lock.

# Army's official face mask to be issued in 2021

By **KINSEY KIRIAKO**  
Army News Service

The official Army-designed, -tested, and -refined face mask – the Combat Cloth Face Covering – will be provided to new Soldiers during the second quarter of FY2021. This was one of the updates provided to the Army Uniform Board during its 152nd meeting in 2020.

In response to the current pandemic, the Army has largely provided disposable or reusable, solid color masks to Soldiers who have also been permitted to use neck gaiters and other cloth items, such as bandanas and scarves, as face coverings. This past summer, the Army Uniform Board recommended, and General James C. McConville, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, approved issuing CCFCs to Soldiers at Initial Entry Training, as part of their clothing bag. At the 152nd AUB, Army officials said that the Defense Logistics Agency

will begin issuing two CCFCs to each new Soldier during the second quarter of FY2021. The CCFCs will likely be available for purchase at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service uniform stores later in FY2021. (Note: Existing guidance on face coverings for current Soldiers remains unchanged.)

The CCFC was designed, developed, and produced along an expedited timeline. It normally takes 18–24 months for DLA to have the item available for order once the technical description, design, and components are approved and submitted. The CCFC, from inception to issuance, is slated to take less than one year.

The AUB also received updates on the implementation status of four other uniform changes from the 151st AUB, which took place in June 2020. A summary of these follow:

**Improved Hot Weather Combat Uniform-Female:** Expected to be added to the clothing bag in the fourth quarter of FY2021 and available for purchase in the second quarter

of FY2022.

**Hot Weather Army Combat Boot-Improved:** Expected to transition to DLA Troop Support for new contracting action in the second quarter of FY2021 and be available for purchase by FY2024.

**Black Athletic Socks:** DLA estimates the sock will be available in the clothing bag in second quarter of FY2022.

**Army Physical Fitness Uniform-Maternity:** Prototypes are in development. The Army is working with the Air Force and Marines on their past maternity uniform efforts in order to expedite pattern development. Form, fit, and function evaluations are expected to occur in the third quarter of FY2021.

The AUB also discussed additional clothing articles, including items for new and expecting mothers. More information will be provided about these discussions in 2021 after Senior Leader decisions are made.

# Perna: Whole-of-America Operation Warp Speed effort a remarkable feat

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**  
DOD News Service

With two vaccines for COVID-19 — one from Pfizer and one from Moderna — now available to Americans following emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration, Operation Warp Speed has been moving quickly to get those doses out to everyone who needs them, OWS's chief operating officer said.

“We are really doing well, in my opinion, in the distribution,” Army Gen. Gustave F. Perna said during a briefing from the Pentagon. “Over 14 million doses of vaccine have been distributed to date. And every day we push more vaccine.”

Operation Warp Speed stood up just seven months ago, in May, to help bring a vaccine for COVID-19 to the American people. Since then, Perna said, OWS has been instrumental in the development of two vaccines, and Americans are now receiving those vaccines.

Perna also said OWS worked to develop manufacturing capacity for the vaccines while they were still in development — including the construction of new manufacturing facilities.

The general also explained other efforts OWS has undertaken since it stood up, to further the goal of getting vaccines and therapeutics to the American people.

“We’ve issued 18 Defense Production Act ratings, which allows us to prioritize materi-



Photo by Lisa Ferdinando

**Spc. Angel Laureano holds a vial of the COVID-19 vaccine at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., Dec. 14, 2020.**

als, supplies and equipment essential to the U.S. government contracts,” he said. “It puts them at the front of the line.”

Also part of the OWS effort, Perna said, was the development of a system that can connect existing vaccine tracking systems across the U.S., to, among other things, ensure anybody who receives the first dose of a vaccine will get the correct second dose when needed.

“We developed and launched a new data system that connects hundreds of existing systems at the state (and) local level, to allow us to have visibility so that we can see ourselves across the entire United States,” he said.

The OWS team has also ensured state and local governments are involved every

step of the way in how vaccines would be distributed, Perna said.

“We’ve executed extensive planning, starting with the CDC putting out their playbook in September, and then extensive coordination with the state health officials every day, every week and every month since, and it continues as we go forward,” he said.

“We dedicated regional planning teams that are ... available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at the CDC, in support of the state and local governments.”

In October, OWS announced a partnership with CVS and Walgreens where those two pharmacy chains would provide free-of-charge vaccination

services to long-term care facilities across the U.S.

“Over 906 clinics (have been) conducted to date, as we ramp up to 4,000 a week,” Perna said.

Now, he said, OWS has also entered into a partnership with 19 additional pharmacy chains to expand the capacity of distribution throughout the U.S.

Already, OWS has distributed more than 14 million doses of vaccine to over 10,800 locations around the U.S., and a total of 2 million doses have been administered in the last two weeks.

“(It’s) really a remarkable feat,” Perna said. “Everybody collectively should be very proud — the federal government, industry, academia, state and local governments, it has been a whole-of-America approach.”

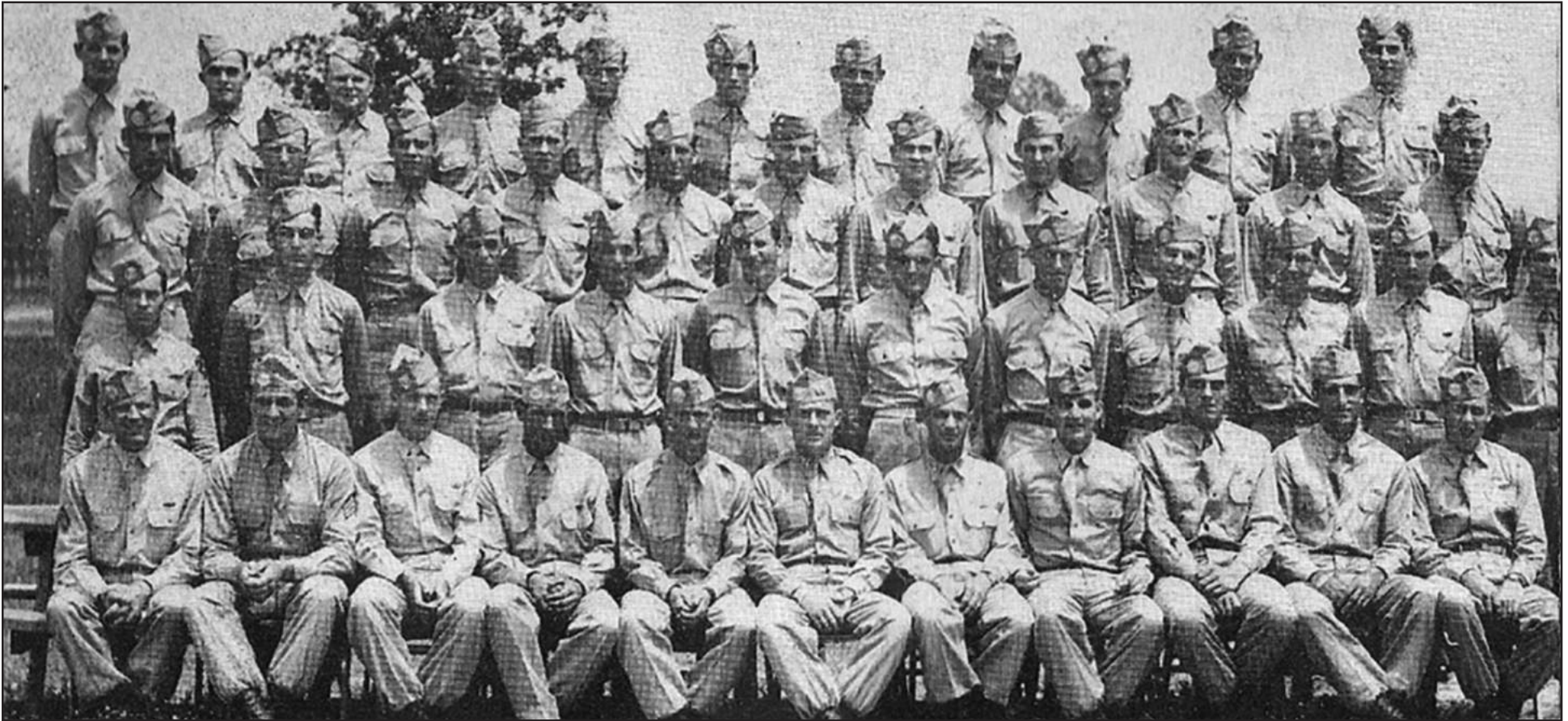


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**Vials of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine are at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Dec. 14, 2020, following the vaccine's emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration.**

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— Gen. Gustave F. Perna

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*Army News Service photos*

**Paratroopers from the Army's Company B, 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, pose for a photo at Camp Forrest, Tenn., in June 1944.**

## Homeland

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After the appropriate training, he was sent to Europe to fight with the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division.

Jachman's unit was part of the massive force fighting back the Nazis during the Battle of the Bulge over the frigid winter of 1944-1945. If it hadn't been for his bravery toward the end of that long and bloody battle, his company might have been completely wiped out.

On Jan. 4, 1945, Jachman was with Company B in Flamierge, Belgium, when they were suddenly pinned down by heavy fire, including artillery, mortar and a barrage of fire from two enemy tanks that quickly inflicted casualties on his unit.

Jachman saw his comrades were in desperate need of something that would help them. Instead of staying where he had taken cover, he jumped up and ran across open ground, despite the gunfire. He grabbed a bazooka from a fallen Soldier and moved toward the tanks, which had begun concentrating their fire on him.

Jachman managed to fire the bazooka, dam-

aging one of the armored vehicles before both tanks turned away from the fight. His bold move disrupted the enemy's attack, which saved Company B from complete decimation.

Unfortunately, Jachman was fatally wounded during the attack. He was 22 years old.

According to the Texas Jewish Post, Jachman was initially awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which was later upgraded to the Medal of Honor. In June 1950, it was presented to his parents by Army Lt. Gen. Leonard Gerow, the commander of the 2nd Army, during a ceremony at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Jachman was buried at Adath Israel Anshe Sfard Cemetery outside of Baltimore.

Currently, the 326th Army Maintenance Battalion's armory in Owings Mills, Maryland, carries on his name. His Medal of Honor is being cared for at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C.

Jachman's heroic story lives on in the small town of Flamierge, too. After the war, villagers put up a statue that depicted an unknown American soldier who bravely stood and fought for their village. Army records later established that the immortalized soldier was Jachman. His name was eventually added to the statue.



**Soldiers with the Army's 17th Airborne Division walk ahead of a military vehicle on a snow-covered road near Houffalize, Belgium, in January 1945.**

## Riders

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Soldiers are used to receiving a safety brief prior to a long weekend – don't drink and drive, look out for your buddies, have a plan, etc. Soldiers of 165th Infantry Brigade kicked off their long weekend by talking motorcycle safety.

Motorcycles lined the parking lot of the Floyd D. Spence Army Reserve Center as Soldiers came together to participate in the Motorcycle Mentorship Program.

According to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, historically, roughly 30 Soldiers die each year as a result of motorcycle mishaps, and more than half of all Army motorcycle fatalities are the result of single-vehicle mishaps involving indiscipline (primarily excessive speed, reckless riding, improper personal protective equipment and alcohol). The MMP was introduced to curb a sharp rise in motorcycle fatalities and develop an informal way for experienced riders to partner with inexperienced riders.

### 'Mission Essential' lives up to name

Tom Byrd reported in July that COVID-19 has changed many things on Fort Jackson. One thing that has gone away during this time of lock down and social distancing is the morale concert the 282nd Army Band normally plays to trainees about to graduate.

The band normally plays popular songs from various genres since not everyone in the crowd has the same musical tastes. The diversity of a basic training battalion means there are Soldiers from all over the U.S. and many from other countries. On July 18, the band did something a little different.

The year ended on a high note with a visit from Santa Claus at the annual tree lighting event and Soldiers departing home on Victory Block Leave.

(Editor's note: To learn more about 2020 on Fort Jackson visit [www.fortjacksonleader.com](http://www.fortjacksonleader.com))



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Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Gatlin performs with other members of the 282nd's 'Mission Essential' during a virtual concert on Fort Jackson July 18.

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## Post photos featured in Army's year in review

By Leader Staff Reports

Two Fort Jackson volunteer photographers were featured in the Army's 2020 Year in Photos.

Their photos, part of 81 selected among the tops across the entire service for the year, highlighted Basic Combat Training at the battalion-level.

Tori Evans, a volunteer with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, and Saskia Gabriel, a former volunteer with 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment, have taken countless photographs across the installation and have been featured in the Leader and on the cover of the post guide book.

"Seeing two of my photos included in the Army's Year In Photos is beyond exciting," Evans said. "I work really hard to capture the Army's story, so to see my name and work published among so many talented photographers literally is the best feeling."

*Photos by TORI EVANS*

**A cadre member with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment (above) and a trainee (left) demonstrate how to navigate through obstacles on Fort Jackson. Both photos were among 81 selected among the tops across the entire service, highlighting Basic Combat Training at the battalion-level.**

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# Heroic Soldier relies on training, aids man struck by car

**By SGT. TRICIA ANDRISKI**  
Massachusetts National Guard

On his evening commute home from work, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Wilkinson, a flight paramedic with Detachment 1, Charlie Company, 3rd of the 126th Aviation, Westfield, was alarmed to see what was happening on the road ahead of him. On that dark, cold night, a young man attempting to cross the busy street was struck by a car and thrown into the center lane.

Wilkinson immediately pulled his car over and jumped into action to assist the young man, running to his aid to protect him from other vehicles and instructing those nearby to call 911 and retrieve blankets.

"I did what I was trained to do," said Wilkinson, who has experienced many high-stress situations. As an infantry Soldier, Wilkinson has completed multiple combat tours overseas.

He now works as a paramedic providing care in emergency situations.

"This is what we do. We put others before self and help those that cannot help themselves. I would expect any of my Soldiers to have done the same exact thing. It is a long legacy of the medevac community, and I am very proud to be a part of it," said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson knew the best way to help the victim was to keep him still, calm and warm. They lay together in the middle of the road. Wilkinson helped to keep the patient from going into shock by talking to him and comforting him.

As they talked, he got to know the victim, learning his name, how good his memory was and if he could move all of his extremities, all of which was helpful information to assist the medical responders.

Within a short time, the state police, fire de-

partment and ambulance arrived to secure the scene and transport the young man to the hospital.

1st Lt. Patrick Foley, Detachment 1, Charlie Company, 3rd of the 126th Aviation, Westfield, has worked with Wilkinson and knows of his commitment to the Army and his values.

"He is a true professional Soldier; he lives it day in and day out," said Foley. "This is just one instance that shows the kind of character he has. He is a great guy, and we're lucky to have him on the team."

After multiple surgeries, the patient has returned home and is doing well.

Wilkinson is glad he was there to help the young man and says that other Soldiers in the National Guard would have done the same.

"As a member of the National Guard community, we are always here. This is what we do," he said.



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Later, he became a football analyst for CBS Sports and ESPN.

Throughout his football fame, Holtz never forgot his Army roots.

He has frequently visited U.S. troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, talking to them about football and leadership. He's also a member of the American Legion in In-

diana.

He once said the Army and ROTC "have been a positive thing in my life because I wasn't very good in discipline or leadership skills. I learned lessons in leadership and self-discipline."

On June 21, 2016, Holtz visited U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he shared his football experiences and lessons learned.

"I am a big believer in accountability and responsibility, and I learned that from my time in the military," Holtz said. "There is never a wrong time to do the right thing, just like there is no right time to do the wrong thing."

He emphasized the importance of working as a team, set-

ting goals, and caring for others.

"You've got to make a sincere attempt to have the right goals to begin with, and then go after them with appropriate effort," Holtz said. "And remember that you can't really achieve anything great without the help of others."

Holtz then expanded on the importance of teamwork in the military.

"Our country has never faced greater challenges than we have right now," said Holtz. "We need that teamwork, and we need to work together for that common cause. You can't be at your best without working together."

In 2019, Holtz was presented with the American Legion's James V. Day "Good Guy" Award in Indianapolis.

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