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FIREFIGHTER OF THE  
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# Vaccine is one shot worth taking to help ourselves and others

The famous hockey player Wayne Gretzky's most famous quote is, "You miss 100% of the shots that you don't take." Fort Jackson and the rest of the world have a legitimate chance to literally "take a shot" against COVID-19 following 10-months of the ongoing global pandemic. The problem? Many are unwilling or reluctant to take the shot. Appropriately stated by our Moncrief Army Health Care Clinic Commander, Col. Tara Hall, "we have been on the defensive against COVID-19 ... the vaccine affords us our first offensive capability."

In short, to reach the goal of 70-80% herd immunity in our country, we must proactively, consistently inform and educate over 328 million Americans about the safety and efficacy of the Federal Drug Administration-approved vaccines now in use by the global community. The current declination rate to receive immunizations in the U.S. hovers around 50% or higher. Convincing a sizeable national population to become immunized is not an easy task to accomplish. However, for everyone to collectively return to any semblance of normalcy, this is an epic undertaking that must happen quickly and successfully. Anything short of this path to ending the pandemic, at least in our country, is analogous to kicking the light at the end of the tunnel further away.

The problem? There are several, and this article provides only a few. Most folks are misinformed or don't take the time to do their research on the vaccine. Moreover, others have put the immunization discussion into a political box and view it as political allegiance or lack thereof. Many others are merely skeptical or bought into disinformation campaigns pushing conspiracy theories about all of us being tracked by satellites due to an activated microbe embedded in all COVID-19 vaccines. Unbelievable right? Don't be shocked because conspiracy theories abound. This narra-



**BRIG. GEN. MILFORD "BEAGS" BEAGLE JR.**  
Fort Jackson commander

tive is false, contrary to science, and dangerous.

Facts regarding the vaccine may not be 100% convincing to all people, but consider the facts to date about COVID-19. For starters, there are more than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. due to COVID-19, which is more American deaths than during the entirety of World War II. Furthermore, positive test and subsequent case rates have remained in the double digits since the onset of this pandemic (depending on where you live.) In South Carolina, state agencies report

a 30% positivity rate daily, and a modest 20+% seems to be the daily norm. I want to strongly emphasize the importance of understanding the facts and benefits of the vaccine.

No one (to my knowledge) has ever stated that the vaccine is 100% guaranteed. Nonetheless, I'll take the 95% assurance any day compared to hoping my daily mask wear, washing my hands, and being mindful of my distance from others will protect me. There is a saying inside the Pentagon when it comes to buying material solutions to problems. You can have it "good, fast or cheap, but you can't have all three." With the FDA approval and release of several vaccine variants, our nation achieved 2 out of 3, which isn't bad. To develop a material solution to the problem of COVID-19, the state and federal government mobilized every resource possible to research, fund, develop and deliver a vaccine that would be our best offense against COVID-19. In this case, we have fast and "good enough," which is still not enough for some.

The counter-argument is "the development was too fast." One could argue that if the development had taken the traditional 7-10 years, that would have been way too slow. I don't know about you, but I don't want to live out the rest of my days wearing a mask, not hugging or shaking hands and many other social behaviors that we all I enjoy. Ninety-five percent "good enough" immunity to the virus versus anything less is the path to better days I prefer to travel.

Now let's review the other readily available and research-proven facts that folks are having difficulty accepting. Fact – the vaccine won't give you COVID-19. It is not a live virus but something described as mRNA or messenger ribonucleic acid. In other words, it instructs your body on how to build a protein.

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## ON THE COVER

**Recruits of Columbia-Richland Fire Department Firefighter Recruit Class 20-02 prepare to enter the container used for flashover training, Jan. 25.**

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Photo by JOSIE CARLSON

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Matt Cagle, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services gives a safety brief to Columbia-Richland Fire Department Firefighter Recruit Class 20-02 prior to flashover training, Jan. 25.

## Fort Jackson shares fire training with Midlands recruits



Matt Cagle, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services opens the container used for flashover training once all the groups have gone through, Jan. 25.

By **JOSIE CARLSON**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Monday is typically a busy day for most people, but for the Columbia-Richland Fire Department Firefighter Recruit Class 20-02 it was literally a hot one, as well.

The Fort Jackson Fire Department, as part of the Army Community Relationship program, brought in new recruits from CRFD to participate in flashover training Jan. 25.

According to the International Fire Service Training Association, flashover is the stage of a fire at which all surfaces and objects within a space have been heated to their ignition temperature, and flames break out almost at once over the surface of all objects in the space.

“If a firefighter is caught in a room that flashes the survivability is extremely low even with the (personal protective equipment) that we wear. Temperatures can exceed 1,600 degrees at the floor level,” said Matt Cagle, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services.

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# Army major, baseball player advocated for equal rights

By **DAVID VERGUN**  
DOD News Service

Octavius Valentine Catto was born Feb. 22, 1839, in Charleston, South Carolina. His parents were African-Americans and were free.

The family later moved to Philadelphia, where Catto played cricket in school and then later took up baseball.

He graduated from Philadelphia's Institute for Colored Youth, or ICY, in 1858 and then did a year of post-graduate study. Beginning in 1859, he taught English and Math at ICY.

In 1861, when the Civil War started, Catto joined with abolitionist and statesman Frederick Douglass to recruit black men to fight for the Union. Together, they helped to raise 11 regiments of U.S. Colored Troops in the Philadelphia area. At the time, Catto was commissioned an Army major.

After the Civil War, Catto helped establish Negro league baseball in Philadelphia. He was the captain and the star player of the Pythian team there. In 1867, the team applied to join the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Amateur Association of Base Ball Players. The application was denied, which established a segregation precedent in U.S. baseball that continued for many decades, according to Ryan Swanson, author of the book "When Baseball Went White."

Nevertheless, the Pythian team, which was not an NAA member, played the all-White Olympics team on Sept. 3, 1869, losing to the Olympics 44-23. The event was significant because it was the first baseball game ever played between a "white and colored club," according to a New York Times newspaper article.

Catto also became the principal of ICY and worked to desegregate Philadelphia's streetcars.

Joining with Douglass, the two gave speeches calling for ratification of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed that no citizen could be kept from voting "on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."



**CATTO**



*Photo courtesy of MARK JASON DOMINUS*

**A statue of Octavius Catto stands in Philadelphia. In 1861, when the Civil War started, Catto joined with abolitionist and statesman Frederick Douglass to recruit black men to fight for the Union. After the Civil War, Catto helped establish Negro league baseball in Philadelphia.**

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Photo by DAVID OVERSON

Soldiers, who were previously ill or injured causing a lapse in physical fitness tests for record, take part in their first experience with the new Army Combat Fitness Test, or ACFT, conducted by cadre assigned to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Center for Initial Military Training, located at Fort Eustis, Virginia, Jan. 25.

# Embracing holistic health and fitness for ACFT success

By **NINA BORGESON**  
TRADOC Communications Directorate

With the New Year comes a fresh start and a chance to start new positive habits, and that's exactly what the U.S. Army is doing with the new Holistic Health and Fitness initiative.

The Holistic Health and Fitness system, led by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Center for Initial Military Training, represents a new approach to building lethality and readiness by focusing on Soldier physical, mental, and spiritual health.

From this new initiative came the new Army Combat Fitness Test, which will eventually replace the Army Physical Fitness Test as the official physical fitness test of record. Though the ACFT is still in the data collection stage, Soldiers across the enterprise have been encouraged to continue to train so they are ready to pass once the test is fully implemented.

## A New Way to Train

In an effort to apply the new H2F initiative towards a variety of fitness demographics, as well as Soldiers' ACFT performance, the team of experts at USACIMT have begun a ten week training program for Soldiers of Fort Eustis that puts the new

initiative to work.

The program volunteers come from a wide range of fitness demographics, including Soldiers who are in the Army Body Composition Program, post-partum, post-surgery, or simply just struggling to pass specific events in the ACFT.

When asked about their goals for the program, Staff Sgt. Jacob Walker said, "My goal is to recover from surgery with the new knowledge the Army is implementing with the H2F program, as well as to take this information back to my unit and train others with it."

Sgt. Kenya King said, "One of my strongest goals in this program is to take the knowledge I gain to encourage soldiers on a better health approach while training for the ACFT."

The training group, coordinated by the 2020 Drill Sergeant of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Erik Rostamo, meets three times a week and applies the five domains of Holistic Health and Fitness expressed in the FM 7-22 regulation – physical, nutritional, mental, spiritual, and sleep – to create individualized training plans for each of the participants.

## Putting the Doctrine to Use

Along with the individualized fitness plans, Rostamo and his team will assist the participants in building a plan for their nutri-

tional, mental, and spiritual health.

The participants will also work with command dietician, Maj. Brenda Bustillos, as a resource for guidance on creating nutritional meal plans that will work with each individual's health needs. She will host regular discussions with the Army Body Composition Program participants after each physical training session to discuss and encourage healthy eating habits.

For mental resiliency, the program develops personal readiness through weekly Master Resiliency Training courses, creating Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-based goals, also referred to as SMART goals, and providing various cognitive challenges during physical training. An example of a cognitive challenge that Rostamo provided was placing playing cards throughout the PT circuit without letting the participants know prior to, and then asking them which cards were placed after they finish the PT circuit. This type of training will strengthen the participants' ability to stay aware of their surroundings while focused on a specific task at hand.

Lastly, for the spiritual component, the USACIMT chaplain, Lt. Col. Paul Fritts, provides the participants with lectures throughout the program to inspire them and help them find their "why" factor.

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Photo by JOSIE CARLSON

Blake Fulmer, an engineer with the Fort Jackson Fire Department, is Fort Jackson's Firefighter of the Year.

## Meet Blake Fulmer, Fort Jackson's Firefighter of the Year

By JOSIE CARLSON  
Fort Jackson Leader

Blake Fulmer, an engineer with the Fort Jackson Fire Department, has been named the installation's 2020 Firefighter of the Year.

Fulmer has been in the fire service for 23 years, first as a fireman in the Navy and then as a captain at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport for 15 years. He has been with the Fort Jackson Fire Department for a little more than six years.

"I'm appreciative (of the honor), I work hard and do the right thing for my crew members. We try to provide the best service that we can," Fulmer said.

Fulmer was selected for many reasons including his daily contributions to the success of the organization.

"He is steadfast in all of his decision making, especially as ride-up company officer," said Fort Jackson's Deputy Chief Scott Dollman. "Blake is tactical and technically proficient. He has a strong tendency to focus on the solution, not the problem. These traits are admirable and recognized by his peers. In the end, they are recognized by leadership and thus the selection of firefighter of the year."



Screenshot

Members of Fort Jackson's leadership respond to questions from the public during the Jan. 28 virtual town hall event on Facebook. From left are: Col. Tara L. Hall, Moncrief Army Health Clinic commander; Col. Mark E. Huhtanen, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander, Garrison Commander Col. John "Wes" Hankins; and Leslie Ann Sully from the Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office.

## As the COVID-19 vaccine rolls out, people urged to maintain safety protocols

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

COVID-19 dominated the conversation during last week's bi-weekly virtual town hall meeting. The virus has affected all levels of the installation's training mission since last March, and Garrison Commander Col. John "Wes" Hankins and Col. Tara Hall, Moncrief Army Health Clinic commander, were armed with answers Jan. 28 to the many questions people had about the installation's evolving strategy.

"We've been fighting a defensive fight against COVID since March," Hall said. "We finally have our first offensive tool, which is the vaccine. But that does not mean we can put down our defensive posture. The vaccine does not replace or in anyway prevent us from having to use those other measures to protect ourselves."

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### COVID 19 Requires a Good Defense plus Offense to win this fight!!!

- Please do not come to work sick!!!
- Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Wear your mask appropriately (covering mouth and nose) at all times when around other people
- Wash your hands on a regular basis (20 seconds at least) and anytime you touch a public device
- Social Distance (6ft at a minimum)
- Limit gatherings that break the 6 foot bubble
- Clean before and after using common spaces
- Limit meeting times to less than 15 minutes whenever possible or use MS Teams/Virtual
- Calculate your risk when choosing to spend time with others in a social environment
- Live a healthy life style (nutrition, activity, Mental and spiritual well-being)
- Vaccinate to protect you and others



Col. Tara L. Hall, Moncrief Army Health Clinic commander, shared this advice about COVID-19 safety measures during the Jan. 28 virtual town hall event on Facebook.

# Community Updates

## Notification

This notice serves as a death notice advisory for all those in possession of the property of 2nd Lt. Tyler S. Graham, as well as those whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact Capt. Carlos A. Cuervo, Summary Courts Martial Officer with questions or concerns at (305) 395-1533 or by email at [carlos.a.cuervo2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:carlos.a.cuervo2.mil@mail.mil).

## Strengths & Themes Assessment

Fort Jackson is looking to hear from Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family members and retirees on how Fort Jackson can be a healthier installation in the Community Strengths and Themes Assessment. The assessment is open until March 31. Visit <https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se/2511374505D32214> to take the survey.

## Volunteer/Family of the Year

Fort Jackson is currently accepting nominations for Volunteer/Family of the Year. Fort Jackson will host the 2021 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 10 a.m. April 23 at the NCO Club in order to honor and recognize exemplary contributions made by Fort Jackson Families and volunteers. The ceremony will include the nominees for the 2020 Family of the Year award and the four winners of the Volunteer of the Year award in four categories; youth, retiree, active duty military and Family member/civilian. Nomination forms must be completed and delivered via email. The Family of the Year nomination deadline is Feb. 12, while the Volunteer of the Year nomination deadline is March 12. For more information call, the Volunteer Coordinator, at 751-5256.

## Citizenship, Immigration Assistance

Army Community Service is offering citizenship and immigration assistance for military and Family members. To learn more, call U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Contact Center at (800) 375-5283 or online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

## ESL Classes

Want to learn how to speak, understand, read, and write English? Classes are being offered to anyone needing basic English language instruction. The classes take place in Southeast Columbia at Richland One Adult Education, 2612 Covenant Rd., Columbia, SC 29204; and in Northeast Columbia at W. R. Rogers Adult, Continuing and Technology Education Center 750 Old Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229. For more information, call Army Community Service at 751-5256.

## Post Newcomers Orientation

9 a.m., Post Theater, 1st Thursday of every

month (except federal holidays). The orientation is mandatory for all Soldiers and required for all Department of the Army Civilians arriving to Fort Jackson. It is a great opportunity for spouses to receive first-hand information about the valuable resources on and around Fort Jackson. Please note, everyone in attendance will be required to wear a face mask and will adhere to safe social distancing practices. For more information, call Army Community Service at 751-5256.

## Fort Jackson Education Needs Assessment

The Education Needs Assessment survey is now available to assist the Army to improve post-secondary education programs here on Fort Jackson. These improvements will help you with your academic and career goals. Soldiers, adult family members, retirees, and Department of the Army Civilians are requested to participate. The survey opened Feb. 1 and runs until Feb. 28. Access the Education Needs Assessment by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DXH8JPB> For additional information, contact the Fort Jackson Education Center at 751-5341.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Today

#### National Prayer Breakfast

7:30 a.m. NCO Club. Fort Jackson's Religious Support Office hosts the 2021 National Prayer Breakfast. For more information, call 751-4307/3979.

### Tuesday

#### Money & Mindsets Webinar

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. DFMWR/Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program in partnership with the Ready & Resilient Performance Center will host a "Money & Mindsets" webinar. This webinar will dive into an individual's mindset regarding managing money, effective self-talk, and goal setting. This is a great opportunity to learn about self-motivation, setting and achieving goals that will help you improve the management of your personal finances and achieving financial goals. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

### FEB. 11

#### Love and Money Matters Workshop

5 -7 p.m. Chaplain's Family Life Center (5460 Marion Ave.). The Installation Chaplain's Office in partnership with DFMWR/Army Community Service will host a workshop to teach effective communication strategies and address common money issues in relationships. Learn to set SMART goals as a couple that can lead to wealth building and a stronger relationship. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

## CLOSURES AND HOURS

Please continue to monitor the Fort Jackson website and social media pages for updates to Fort Jackson COVID-19 policies.

## PHARMACY HOLIDAY HOURS:

Feb. 12: Outpatient and MMH - 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; PX Refill - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Feb. 13: Outpatient - 7:30 a.m. to noon; PX Refill - 9 a.m. to noon  
Feb. 15: All pharmacies closed

## 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.

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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.

- 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

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# 'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**PFC. BEAU BRIGGS, 19**  
*Newport, Maine*



"I joined the Army to honor those who served before me and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our American freedoms."

"The biggest challenge during Basic Combat Training was keeping my peers motivated. At times, my battle buddies needed extra motivation."

"My MOS is 68W – Combat Medic Specialist. I chose this MOS because I've always had an interest in science and the medical field. I plan to first become a Flight Medic and later a Flight Surgeon for a medevac unit."

"I'd advise someone planning to join the Army to keep a positive attitude even when things seem to be going wrong. Keep your eye on the prize (graduation)."

**PFC. IAN MCKEEFER, 20**  
*Dallas*



"I was missing something in my life and needed to make a big change, so I joined the Army. I thought about it before and said it was a good time."

"I had a good idea about joining the Army because my father and grandfather were prior service. It has been an amazing journey so far, more than what I expected."

"Performing tasks while having a stress fracture was a challenging part of Basic Combat Training."

"My MOS is 15U – CH-47 (Chinook) Helicopter Repairer. I chose this MOS because I have a chance to join the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Night Stalkers)."

"If someone is planning to start Basic Combat Training, I'd advise them to come ready to change in more ways than you ever thought possible."

**PFC. DANTE SMITH, 19**  
*Columbus, Georgia*



"My dad inspired me to join the Army. I learned that the Army was cool because of my dad's leadership skills, work ethics and him allowing me to go to work with him."

"The hardest part of Basic Combat Training was the Hammer. The events were super easy; however, nightfall came and it got extremely cold."

"My MOS is 15M - UH-1 Helicopter Repairer. I chose this MOS because of my love for aviation. It took me almost four years to get a qualifying score in the 15 series (aviation related jobs)."

"I would advise people joining the Army to learn how to be courteous and understand other people's situations. You are going to live with others from all over the world for 10 weeks or more."

**PFC. NIC'KEEMA HOLMAN, 19**  
*Orangeburg, South Carolina*



"My mom influenced me into joining the Army, she told me that it would help me in the long run with my mortuary career."

"I thought I would do more in Basic Combat Training, COVID-19 had a huge effect on my training."

"The most challenging thing about BCT was finding that inner drive and using it to keep going when I thought my body could not."

"When joining the Army, you have to be the best version of yourself."

**PFC. ELIJAHWA CARTER, 29**  
*Baltimore*



"To achieve more validation in life and to follow in my father's footsteps, I joined the Army."

"I expected joining to be the hardest experience both physically and mentally."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was leading a group of individuals into completing multiple tasks in like-minded fashion."

My MOS is 25U - Signal Support Systems Specialist. I chose this MOS because it fits me best to become a future leader."

"If someone is planning to join the Army, know that you get out of life what you put in."

**PFC. ANDREW GIBSON, 27**  
*Pittsburgh*



"I chose to join the Army to find fulfillment, challenge myself, and provide a stable and secure future for my Family."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was both working with people of drastically different backgrounds and having to adapt my own personality to best achieve goals as a team."

"My MOS is 25Q - Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator/Maintainer. I chose this MOS because it seemed like it would be engaging and provide a worthwhile career for the future."

"My advice to someone planning to join the Army is to get your mind in the right place before coming. As long as you have the determination, you will succeed."



Illustration by WALLACE McBRIDE

**The story of the only regiment commanded entirely by black officers during World War I**

**By KEVIN BRAAFLADT**  
Army News Service

History is full of fascinating accounts and lessons if you take the time to study it and do a little digging. One of these lessons and pillars of standing against adversity is the story of the 370th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Infantry Division during World War I. Its history and contributions are often lost in the confusion of the war; however some physical traces of its legacy remain. The 370th is one of few African-American regiments that served in combat in World War I and notably was the only regiment commanded entirely by

black officers. Yet few people know about this unit of young black men, which served alongside First Army during World War I. The unit's lineage is tied primarily to the 8th Illinois Regiment, originally formed in 1898 by Governor John R. Tanner of Illinois. Gov. Tanner authorized the formation a regiment of black Soldiers recruited from communities in Chicago and Springfield. The regiment was making history as it was the only unit to be led by black officers to fight in the Spanish American War.

The 8th Illinois regiment was mobilized in October of 1917 and re-designated as the 370th Infantry Regiment and shipped south by train to Camp Logan on the outskirts of

Houston, as this was the usual training camp for Illinois Guard units. The regiment was nearly 3,000 strong at the time of mobilization. After completion of training in March of 1918, the regiment shipped out to Newport News, Virginia, where the 370th first met the other 93rd Division regiments (369, 371st and 372nd Infantry Regiments). The rest of the Soldiers were comprised of National Guard units from New York, Illinois, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, the District of Columbia and from black men drafted in South Carolina.

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**Above: Officers of the 370th Infantry Regiment, from left, are: 2nd Lt. Lawson Price; 2nd Lt. L. W. Stearls; 2nd Lt. Ed. White; 2nd Lt. Eli F. E. Williams; 1st Lt. Oasola Browning; Capt. Louis B. Johnson; 1st Lt. Frank Bates; 1st Lt. Binga Desmond. The regiment's motto was 'Power to Strike.'**



**Matt Cagle, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services opens the container used for flashover training once all the recruits have gone through, Jan. 25. The installation helps train local firefighters with its flashover simulator.**



*Photos by JOSIE CARLSON*

**Recruits of Columbia-Richland Fire Department Firefighter Recruit Class 20-02 listen as Matt Cagle, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services, explains flashover training and what will happen inside the container, Jan. 25.**

## Fire

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“We show them the stages of fire production and various things to look for so they are not caught in a flashover,” Cagle said. “Flashover is more common now in newer construction and with the materials that are in modern day furnishings (petroleum based materials).”

“This is the only flashover (simulator) in the state. It’s the only one that’s active and certified,” Cagle said.

Within the container used for flashover training a crib fire is ignited and the combustion of fuel is controlled. Instructors demonstrate a temperature check, and the recruits are also able to observe the development of the flashover. The instructors control the flashover by coordinated venting and water application.

During the course, instructors teach recruits to recognize flashover signs and about possible escape techniques. Because flashovers develop rapidly with little warning, they can catch firefighters off guard. While the flashover training is not required, it is a very valuable experience for the recruits, according to Capt. Yuhanna Muhammad, a Fire Training Officer for CRFD.

“The flashover simulator is a vital training prop because it enables recruits to see and feel signs of impending flashover as well as smoke behavior,” Muhammad said. “It can be difficult and dangerous to simulate a flashover fire without proper flashover props. This profession has a substantial

academic learning portion which doesn’t always translate to the psychomotor skills without proper instruction and training aides.”

The recruits agree that experiencing fire first hand is a great way to learn.

“The training will help because we don’t have to recall what we read in a book but instead can remember the heat, watching the fire rolling on the ceiling and seeing the effects of ventilation during a fire. We now have experience in an actual fire, through a controlled situation, instead of reciting what we have been told happens in a flashover,” said Carl Edwards, a recruit in class in 20-02.

Matthew Smith, another recruit said training had to be done first hand.

“Being inside the simulator and having fire roll over your head, provides firsthand experience that videos can never replicate,” he said. “Recognizing the clues and patterns of fire and smoke can help better prepare me to avoid and or mitigate the incident. This training gave me the necessary knowledge that can potentially in the future save my life and my crew’s (lives).”

The training not only was beneficial to the recruits but also between fire departments.

“Columbia-Richland Fire Department has benefitted tremendously from our partnership with Fort Jackson Fire (Department) not only on a suppression and operations stand point but on a training level as well,” Muhammad said. “Training events such as these prove that even during a national pandemic dedication to our training and customer service is shared throughout the midlands from all respective departments, fire, police and EMS.”

# Shot

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When the virus (COVID-19) shows up, your body says, "I've seen this before," and goes on the offensive by creating antibodies that will defeat the virus that invaded your body and immune system. Fact — "You can test positive after getting the vaccine." Not true. Fact — "The vaccine isn't safe." Again not true.

All vaccine variants developed in several countries underwent extensive peer-review by qualified experts of Phase 3 clinical trial results involving more than 43,000 volunteer participants. The peer-review included academia, government, industry, and industry regulators. All concluded there were no serious safety issues or concerns with the vaccines they investigated. A small percentage of the volunteer participants experienced moderate side effects such as fatigue, muscle aches, joint pain, and headache. Vaccines in use for decades, such as Influenza, Tetanus, and Diphtheria, have similar side effects. Have you ever taken the time to listen to the laundry list of side effects for medicines advertised on TV commercials? Following the onset of COVID-19, teams of doctors, scores of scientists, and researchers worldwide immediately began developing a vaccine for coronavirus-19. Vaccine development is a complicated, lengthy and arduous process under normal circumstances. However, a global pandemic tends to expedite the process with a great sense of urgency.

COVID-19 researchers had many advantages over their predecessors working on vaccine development before the pandemic. Unprecedented transparency, virtually unlimited financial support, and leveraging years of prior coronavirus research data helped expedite the development process. What typically takes years to accomplish was achieved within months. This extraordinary success is a testament to what can be achieved by working as a team—"the power of plenty."

"Protect the Force, Protect the Mission" is the mantra and mandate at Fort Jackson. We can't protect the force with plexiglass, telework, masks, and social distancing forever. These are all defensive measures when we must go on the offense in a big way. Suppose you are still reluctant or downright adamant about not taking a COVID-19 vaccine after you finish reading this article. I recommend that you conduct research and weigh the vast amount of independent research results available to the public on numerous credible global agency web sites, literature, and periodicals. Following this, If you are still not convinced that COVID-19 vaccines are the best way for humanity to stem the spread and eventually eliminate this global pandemic, I feel compelled to ask a few serious questions. What cure are you waiting for? If you have already had the misfortune of having COVID-19 and believe a vaccine is no longer necessary, why are you confident the newer strains won't affect you? If you are a uniformed service member that is reluctant to take the vaccine, what will you do if and when the Department of Defense decides to make the vaccine mandatory for all service members? Just a few things to think about.

We have done exceptionally well at Fort Jackson during the pandemic and at a high cost, inconvenience, and hard work. We have not let our nation nor our community down in our endeavors to date. We can help ourselves reduce some of the stress, anxiety, and headache that living in a pandemic world has caused due to COVID-19. I'd ask each of you that are reluctant, not fully informed, or just against getting the vaccine to reconsider your position. Educate yourself and use the resources at MAHC to speak to a professional who can answer your questions and concerns.

I want to see "normal" again and soon, but we won't get there unless we all get on board and take the shot. As Wayne Gretzky alluded to, we can't make a shot if we don't take it. This is one shot worth taking to help ourselves and help others.

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## Vaccination information

The following COVID Vaccine options are available to anyone who has not been able to be vaccinated on Fort Jackson.

1. Dorn VA / Veterans: Call (803)776-4000, press 1, then dial CURE (2873) and ask for the COVID Scheduler. The veteran will receive appointments for the 1st and 2nd Moderna vaccine. They are following CDC guidelines and are working to get their older population vaccinated first. All vaccinations are currently by appointment only.

2. Prisma Health (833) 277-4762(1-833-2PRISMA) toll free. If the individual does not wish to hold on the line, they can leave their name, a call back number and they will receive a return phone call from Prisma Health call center.

Prisma Health Vaccination Sites: Prisma Health's website regarding COVID-19 Vaccine is updating throughout

the day: <https://prismahealth.org/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine>

3. For Individuals 70+ without computer and/or without smart phone access: Limited walk-in appointments are available and requires waiting in line. Below is a list of walk-in appointment sites:

Prisma Health vaccination site in Greenville: 1 Kmart Plaza, Greenville, SC 29605: Monday- Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Prisma Health drive-thru vaccination site in Columbia: 22 National Guard Road, Columbia, SC 29201 Gamecock Park near Williams Brice Stadium: Monday- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baptist Hospital: 1501 Sumter Street; Columbia, Ground floor auditorium: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Laurens, the Ridge: 301 Exchange Road, Laurens, SC: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Tuition assistance changing platforms

Tuition Assistance Changing Platforms

ArmyIgnitED is the new, mobile-friendly site where Soldiers can apply for tuition assistance. Tuition assistance pays up to \$4,000 per fiscal year towards courses, materials, books, exams, and fees. To create your account, visit [www.armyignited.com](http://www.armyignited.com). Once the account is created, you can access the training presentations in the help center.

The GoArmyEd system will deactivate on Feb. 12, 2021. All tuition assistance

request for upcoming classes must be submitted and approved in GoArmyEd no later than 11:59 p.m. Feb. 11.

Soldiers who do not have an ArmyIgnitED account must create one no later than Feb. 11 in order to use tuition assistance or to access their tuition assistance education history. You must have an ArmyIgnitED account to facilitate the migration of tuition assistance program data from GoArmyEd to ArmyIgnitED. The Fort Jackson Point of Contact can be reached at 751-7209.

# COVID

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"Right now, we are following the (Department of Defense) priority scheme for vaccinating all of our beneficiaries," she said. Trainees, who are typically younger and fitter than the general population, are scheduled to receive vaccinations during the next phase of the rollout, which will likely take place this summer, she said.

"But we are taking measures to ensure that we continue to create a bubble and protect the trainees by vaccinating those that have been determined to be key and essential, front line staff members – drill sergeants and cadre – so that will help

to further protect the trainees and the training mission," Hall said.

The installation has issued more than 81% of the vaccines it has been supplied. Beginning Jan. 21, MAHC expanded eligibility for beneficiaries, lowering the age from 75 to people age 65 and older.

"As the vaccine becomes more available we'll continue to expand eligibility to the next target population, which will be to people under the age of 65 who have comorbid conditions," she said.

Meanwhile, people are urged to continue wearing masks and observing other safety protocols. It's uncertain when Family Day -- the day prior to Basic Combat Training Graduation when Families are allowed to visit trainees on post -- will be added back to the schedule.

"The virus can be transmitted before you are symptomatic," she said. "It is those of us who are young and healthy who will likely have slight, if any, symptoms who have the most potential to transmit the virus and potentially infect someone who is at risk of having a significant outcome."

Hankins congratulated Hall and her team on how they have managed distribution of the vaccine.

"The MAHC team has led from the front by informing, planning and supporting our community medically under these complex conditions," Hankins said. "The efforts alone to prepare for receiving the vaccine, prioritizing who receives the vaccine in accordance with (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines and DOD guidelines, and efficiently administering the vaccine to exhaust those doses nearly as fast as they arrive has simply been incredible."



U.S. Army photo

Army Health Clinic Stuttgart conducts its first inoculations of health care workers and first responders with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 31, 2020. Lt. Col. Adam Cronkhite, seated left, director of emergency services, and Lt. Col. Maria Bruton, seated right, commander of the clinic, were the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the Stuttgart military community.

# Combatting pandemic is DOD's number one priority

By **JIM GARAMONE**  
DOD News Service

While the personnel of the Defense Department have already done incredible work to combat the coronavirus, they must do more, said Max Rose, a special advisor on COVID-19 to the secretary of defense.

Rose and Air Force Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs, the Joint Staff surgeon, spoke during a briefing at the Pentagon recently. He took up his job last week when Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III assumed office.

"The secretary has made this absolutely clear: We have to move further. We have to move faster. We have to be as bold as possible, all the while remembering that it is our utmost (mission) to protect and defend the United States at home, as well as abroad," Rose said during the briefing.

Rose, who served as an Army infantryman in Afghanistan and was wounded in ac-

tion there, said Austin sent a clear message to all in DOD when his first act in office was to convene a meeting on COVID-19. This firmly established that combatting the pandemic is his number one priority.

DOD leaders are firmly committed to protecting the DOD workforce and their families and safeguarding the department's mission capabilities, he said. Department personnel are also working on the front lines to combat the effects of a pandemic that has killed more than 400,000 Americans.

DOD works in support of civilian agencies in this effort. DOD personnel are working in many civilian hospitals to help in the crisis. They're also helping with logistics, and leaders are looking for ways the department can do more.

"Today there are over 20,000 National Guardsmen deployed providing COVID support, including at over 216 vaccine sites in 36 states and territories," Rose said. "DOD

has over 1,000 military medical personnel on prepare-to-deploy orders available to support state and local requests for assistance that have come through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)."

The current support includes 224 medical personnel to support eight hospitals and an intensive care unit facility in California. There are another 80 medical personnel to support three hospitals in Texas, and 87 medical personnel are supporting three hospitals in Arizona and New Mexico.

A nurse wearing personal protective equipment prepares intravenous medication for a patient.

The Army Corps of Engineers has deployed more than 40 personnel to help California hospitals handle the flood of COVID-19 cases. "Those resources are certainly available to any hospital or any other health care entity that is looking to expand their existing infrastructure," Rose said.

Friedrichs spoke about the department's vaccine plan, which is aligned with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's rollout plan.

Vaccinations for groups in the first category began in December. This is almost finished, he said, and includes medical personnel, police, emergency frontline workers, and those caring for patients or military personnel with COVID-19. The residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Centers in Washington, D.C., and Gulfport, Mississippi, have also been vaccinated. The department will now move on to those beneficiaries over 75 and personnel who are preparing to deploy outside the United States. Also in this tranche are personnel in strategic or national security roles, as well as key frontline workers like teachers, support staff and those working in child and youth services.

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# Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees



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### 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.

# Civilian payroll office answers OASDI tax deferralment questions

Indianapolis Civilian Payroll Office

The Civilian Payroll Office has been receiving an increased amount of help desk calls concerning deferred old age, survivors, and disability insurance tax, or OASDI. To assist, we are providing the answers below to the most frequently asked questions.

### Why is there a debt reported on my LES?

Deferred OASDI will be collected as a debt in 24 pay periods in 2021. The debt module will manage the payments and year to date adjustments.

### As an active employee, do I have to pay through payroll deductions?

We are not able to accept checks, pay.gov or other forms of payments for these debts; they must be collected through payroll deductions

### Can it be paid in less than 24 pay periods? Can I adjust the amount deducted biweekly?

Yes, just submit a Voluntary Repayment Agreement through Remedy or Fax and the debt team will process. We are not able to reduce the amount to less than the 24 pay periods. If an employee is in an unpaid status and not able to have deductions taken they will continue beyond the 24 pay periods.

### An employee changed jobs during the deferred OASDI

### timeframe and has an inactive debt and an active debt, can they have the inactive debt moved to the active account?

Yes, please submit a Voluntary Repayment Agreement ticket and the team will move the debt to the new account and set the payments to be collected by Dec. 4.

### An employee is separating before Dec. 4 what will happen?

The debt will attempt to collect in full from final pay and any remaining balance will be collected by out of service procedures.

### Will an employees receive a corrected W-2 to report the additional OASDI collections?

For the debts set to collect by payroll deductions, yes, W-2 corrections will be generated in December 2021. Information on the submission of the W-2 Correction is not available at this time. The debts that had letters sent to the employees have already had the adjustments reflected in the 2020 W-2 and no correction is necessary.

### If an employee received a debt letter, can they repay by check or pay.gov?

Yes, any employee that received a physical copy of a debt letter or one through MyPay can repay using the terms included in the letter.

### An employee did not ask for the deferral, why did you defer the OASDI and do they have to pay it back?

IRS Notice 2020-65 and the Memorandum on Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations in Light of the Ongoing COVID-19 Disaster, ordered government agencies to implement the deferral of OASDI taxes.

### How can active employees verify the amount owed?

Employees can review their LES and note the year to date amount deducted for OASDI in the deductions block, then refer to the Benefits Paid by Government for You block and note the year to date OASDI amount paid on behalf of the employee. If there is no deferral, the amounts would match. If the amount in the deductions block is less, then the difference between the two numbers is the debt amount. CSR's can also review the debt module and match the amount to the amount of UJ Employer Contribution to OASDI in the DCPS Pay history.

### How can inactive employees verify the amount of deferred OASDI owed?

Inactive employees can review their LES's and note the amount paid in each pay period in the Benefits Paid by Government for You block and any pay dates without a corresponding OASDI collection is owed back to the government.

For more information, contact the Indianapolis Civilian Payroll Office help desk at (800) 729-3277 or DSN 580-7500, Monday – Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.

# Installation moving to Digital Garrison mobile app in March

## Leader Staff Reports

The Fort Jackson mobile application we know and love is retiring March 4, and the installation is moving to the Digital Garrison mobile application.

The Army partnered with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service to create the Digital Garrison mobile app that integrates information from AAFES and two IMCOM-operated website networks: <https://home.army.mil> and <https://www.armymwr.com/>. This makes the app a one-stop shop of information about Fort Jackson.

“The Exchange worked side-by-side with IMCOM to put real-time information in the hands of Soldiers, Families and civilians,” said Karen Cardin, AAFES senior vice president for customer experience in an Army News Service article released last year. “Digital Garrison is another chapter in our long relationship with Army Families, allowing us to fulfill our mission to make life better for those who serve.”

Digital Garrison provides the Fort Jackson community with information about Quality-of-Life services, push notifications for high-priority information, location



mapping, single sign-on, mobile shopping, AAFES promotions and coupons, and in-app feedback.

“Feedback is very important to us,” said Scott Malcom, Army Installation Management Command public affairs director, in an Army News Service story last year. “The app includes a feedback portion where users can communicate and help us shape it going forward. This is not a ‘one and done.’ Users

can count on the fact that we will continually optimize the app after launch.”

It is customizable to provide information specific to one of 63 Army garrisons selected by a user and puts real-time information into Soldiers’, Families’, and civilians’ hands and keeps Fort Jackson connected, which is a key part of readiness and resiliency.

Digital Garrison is available to the pub-

lic in the app stores, but is designed for Soldiers, Family members, Department of the Army Civilians, veterans and retirees. Authorized Exchange shoppers, including active-duty Soldiers, reservists, Army retirees and dependents, as well as all vendors, contractors, government workers and others with access to military installations will find value in using Digital Garrison. However, only authorized customers can shop the Exchange via the app.

Digital Garrison has an in-app shopping function through ShopMyExchange.com, along with local AAFES shopping and restaurant details. It also features a mobile wallet function where shoppers can use their MILITARY STAR card.

Continual improvements to the app are made through daily updates, based on in-app feedback from users.

Digital Garrison also provides information such as gate hours.

To download Android version visit: <https://play.google.com/store/apps> and search for Digital Garrison.

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A poster recruits 'men of color' to enlist in the Union Army after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. The flyer was written by Frederick Douglass and signed by him and 54 leaders in the Philadelphia African American community, including Octavius Catto.

Courtesy of the family of Frederick Douglass



# Catto

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The amendment, which was the third and last of the Reconstruction Amendments, was ratified Feb. 3, 1870.

In 1871, Catto urged Blacks to vote, and it was the first time in Philadelphia's history that they voted, despite violence against them at voting sites.

During the voting site violence, Catto was shot and killed by a man who didn't want Black Americans to vote.

Frank Kelly was identified as the killer by multiple witnesses. He was captured and put on trial; an all-white jury exonerated him.

In September 2017, a 12-foot bronze statue of Catto was unveiled at Philadelphia's City Hall.

# Priority

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"That group will then be followed by those who are over the age of 65, as well as younger personnel who have significant risk factors, and we'll continue to work through the DOD extended family until everyone who desires to have a vaccine has been able to receive it," the general said.

He stressed that this will take some time to accom-

plish. To date, the department has received 769,000 doses of the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines. These have been distributed to 306 sites around the world. "If we look at the last two weeks, DOD has administered all of the vaccine doses received," the general said. "That's, I think, an example of the great work done by many people across our bases and in our communities to make sure that we're as efficient as possible with this."

Both Rose and Friedrichs promised regular reports on the progress in the future.

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# Fitness

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“The spiritual component is one of the most important, yet most misunderstood components of the H2F program,” Rostamo said.

Rostamo explained that the spiritual com-

ponent is composed of the Soldier’s values, or internal warrior factor, that drive them to want to improve themselves and be the best version of themselves that they can be.

### Transforming the Force

This ten-week program, along with many other similar demonstrations happening throughout the force, shows just how beneficial the Army’s new H2F initiative can be when implemented correctly by team and

squad leaders.

According to Rostamo, this new initiative is creating a cultural change in the Army that will escape the “one size fits all” approach to readiness.

“It will require a lot more creativity on the team and squad leaders than it has in the past to give Soldiers a plan that works for them,” Rostamo states. “Personal readiness is crucial, especially when it comes to building cohesive teams.”



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### Yard & Estate Sales

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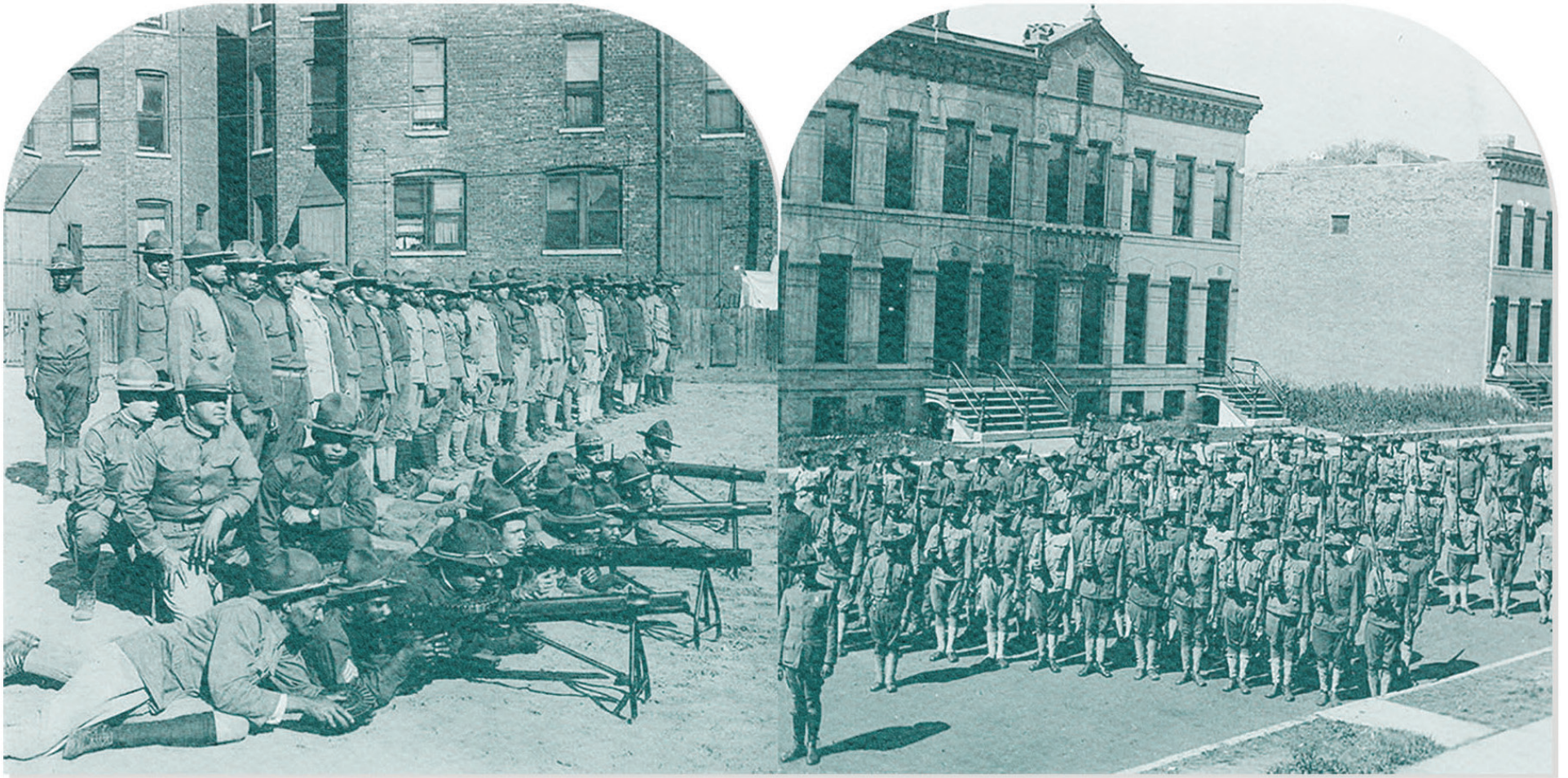
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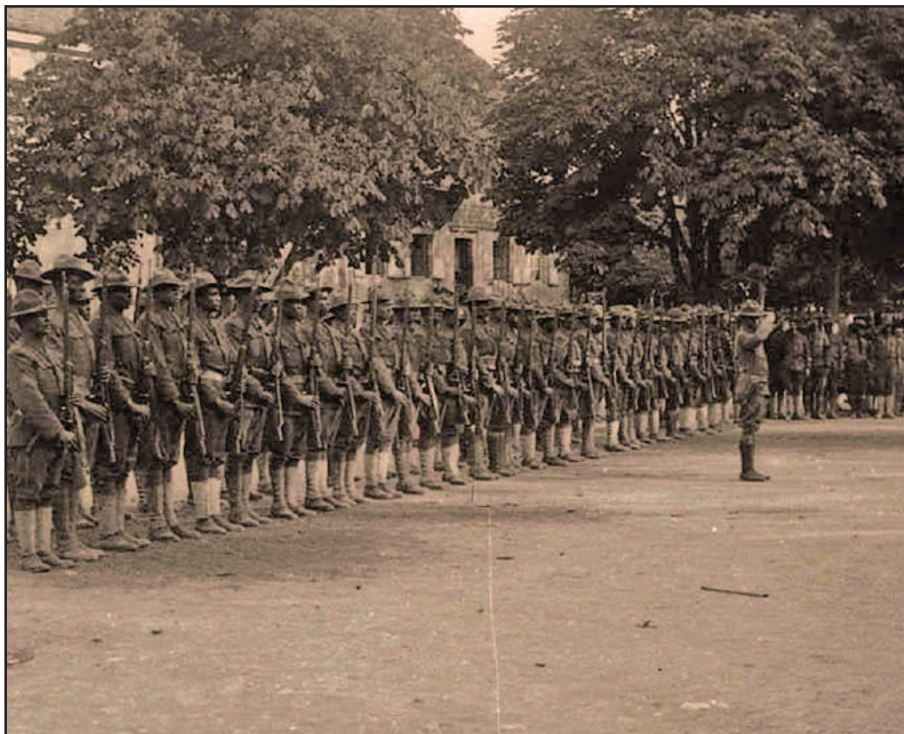
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*Army News Service photos*

The 370th Infantry Regiment on Parade in France during World War I. For its actions during the war, the members of the 370th received 21 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal and 68 Croix de Guerre.



**Soldiers of the 370th Infantry Regiment.**

## Power

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Upon arrival in France, the 93rd Division and its regiments were assigned to the French Army. At the time, it was said to be a temporary arrangement with the plan that they would be re-grouped as an American division. This was never done so, as the regiments remained with French Army until the close of hostilities. The men of the 370th fought with distinction in France and Belgium during the war. The Soldiers fought hard, so hard that the Germans who fought them gave them the nickname of *Schwarze Teufel*, “Black Devils” for their ferocity in combat. The 370th Infantry served with distinction along with the French 34th, 36th, and 59th Infantry Divisions, earning streamers for the battles of Lorraine and Oise-Aisne. Sectors occupied and engagements participated in were Saint Mihiel with the French in 1918, Argonne Forest, St. Gobain Forest, Bosi de Mortier, Mont des Signes, Oise-Aisne Canal, Laon, Grandlup, Soissons, and Oise-Aisne and

Lorraine offensives. One battalion of the Regiment, under the command of Lt. Col. Otis B. Duncan, was engaged in pursuit of the retreating enemy far in advance, when halted by the Armistice.

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The regiment would wear the distinctive blue helmet patch denoting the wearing of French equipment during the war. Immediately upon the 370th’s return from France, the black communities of Chicago began fundraising to erect a monument to the 370th Regiment, “Black Devils.” The monument was completed in 1928 and dedicated on Nov. 11, Armistice Day.

The legacy of the 370th Infantry is borne today by the 178th Infantry Regiment, Illinois National Guard. In 2008, the unit deployed to Paktia Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Soldiers returned home in 2009.

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**Hood Street CDC** 751-1972/1970  
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**Knight Indoor Pool** 751-4796  
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