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# RESULTS ARE IN:

## 57 SOLDIERS RECEIVE EXPERT BADGES



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## Drill sergeant video wins Army bracket challenge

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

What do drill sergeants do before 9 a.m.? They win the Army's video bracket challenge. That's what.

Fort Jackson submitted three videos, one titled, "Drill Sergeants Before 0900" into an Army-wide bracket-style Instagram video contest supporting the service's new branding initiative.

Videos were submitted by the Army Training Center, 165th Infantry Brigade and the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

The bracket-style competition was for videos with the theme of how much a unit or individual accomplishes before 9 a.m. The contest harkens back to the 1980s Be All You Can Be commercials with the tagline, "In the Army we do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day." The Army recently began reusing Be All You Can Be as its recruiting slogan.

The videos could be no longer than 30 seconds. Throughout the course of the competition, the GoArmy Instagram account posted videos in pairs to be voted on by viewers for a 24-hour period. At the end of that time, the winner would move on to the next round.

Fort Jackson videos were only beaten by other Fort Jackson videos.

"The only time a video from one of the Fort

Jackson units lost was to another video from Fort Jackson," said Nathan Clinebelle, the post's social media manager. "Basic Combat Training is something a majority of people in the Army have experienced and can relate to. Our videos were not staged or scripted, so they had a more authentic feel than some of the other submissions."

All three videos were filmed and edited in a two-week time frame. Production, a collaborative between units, took roughly 30 hours to make, with 15 hours of filming and another 15 hours of post-production.

Leadership from 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry and 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry regiments assisted with logistics and providing the time and events to film.

Second Lt. Jillian Warnock, Company B, 3-60th, assisted with concept, planning and filming. The rest of the production and post-production was completed by Clinebelle from the Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office.

"Drill Sergeants Before 0900" was the 165th's entry filmed with Sgt. 1st Class Jack Young from Company B, 3-34. This narrowly beat the 193rd's video "The Forge" in an earlier round 51% to 49%.

This video went on to defeat the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade video in the final four and then beat the 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment video in the final round with a score of 55% to 45%.

**BASIC COMBAT TRAINING IS SOMETHING A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE ARMY HAVE EXPERIENCED AND CAN RELATE TO.**

- Nathan Clinebelle  
Social Media Manager

## ON THE COVER

A Soldier has his Expert Infantryman Badge pinned on his uniform during a ceremony held March 31 to honor those who succeeded in earning coveted expert badges during the post's E3B competition.



Photo by Nathan Clinebelle

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# Fun walk kicks off military child month

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

“This month, we honor the over 2 million children of our service members and veterans, whose support and sacrifice help keep our military strong and our nation secure,” wrote President Joe Biden in a proclamation declaring April the Month of the Military Child. “These young Americans already understand what it means to serve, shouldering the unique demands of military life with courage and tenacity.”

Students, their parents, and school faculty wore purple and walked around the Pierce Terrace Elementary School campus during a fun walk and bubble celebration, April 3. The walk was the first MOMC celebration on post.

Students blew bubbles, cheered and laughed among friends after completing the short walk.

Col. Ryan Hanson, Fort Jackson garrison commander, said the event was part of “a monthlong celebration to really recognize our young children” and their sacrifices.

The month honors the unique challenges military chil-



dren face each day. The more than 1.6 million military children face many challenges and unique experiences because of their parents' service. Military children move often, making it difficult to make lasting friends. They may also have one or both of their parents deploy or work long hours.

MOMC is represented by a dandelion.

“That flower represents a military child,” said Robert Bat-

tey, Pierce Terrace principal. “That’s because it comes from anywhere, plants its roots and thrives. That’s true of our children.”

“They really do have a special life and sometimes we don’t see it because it’s transparent,” Hanson said.

Pierce Terrace and the rest of Department of Defense Education Activity schools, including C.C. Pinckney Elementary School on post, hold multiple events to honor military children throughout April.

Battey said it is special to work with military children.

“We are here for the military children,” he said. “That’s why we exist. So, it’s our job to support families through their trials and tribulations and successes that they experienced.”



Parents, faculty and students of Pierce Terrace Elementary School walk around the campus as part of the Month of the Military Child, April 3.



Photos by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Pierce Terrace Elementary School students blow bubbles during the school’s fun walk and bubble celebration to honor the Month of the Military Child, April 3. Department of Defense Education Activity schools hold events throughout the month to bring awareness to the challenges military children face.



# Community Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Personal Property Announcement

U.S. Transportation Command personal property pre-peak season will begin late February through September. Once service members receive orders for Permanent Change of Station they are required to access Military Once-Source for customer support resources to arrange household goods shipment. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves/>. For more information, contact the Fort Jackson Personal Property Office 751-5137/5138. Soldiers and Families can find personal property programs overview information and TSP ratings on the customer facing dashboard, <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/index.cfm#overview>.

### Fireproof Your Marriage

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Chaplain Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Street. Would you like to strengthen your marriage? Seize the opportunity by coming to the eight week "Fireproof Your Marriage" bible study offered by the Family Life Chaplain at the Fort Jackson Chaplain Family Life Center. An introductory session will be provided on from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 28. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch and will receive a participant guidebook. Seats are limited to the first 15 couples to sign up. Sign up by calling 751-4966. There is no cost. Class dates are April 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 23, 30. Participants are encouraged to commit to each class.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TODAY

#### Thrift Savings Plan

2:30-4 p.m., 1565 Hall Street. DFMWR/Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will conduct a Thrift Savings Plan Seminar. Do you want to gain a better understanding about the different funds and how they can impact your plan for retirement? Learn the differences between Roth and Traditional accounts, avoiding penalties, withdrawals, latest changes and more. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

### FRIDAY

#### Pre-drivers' Life Skills Class

5-7 p.m., Auto Craft Shop. Prepare first-time driver's to properly care for a vehicle.

Basic automotive skills will be covered in this two-part course. Limited space available, ages 14 and older, \$30 per class, class includes oil change on students' family vehicle. For more information or to register call, 751-5755 or 751-7061.

### SUNDAY

#### Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m., Hilton Field. Fort Jackson Religious Support Office holds the annual Easter Sunrise Service. All are invited to attend the service which is free. Event will be live-streamed on the Fort Jackson RSO Facebook page. For more information, call 751-4778.

#### Easter Sunday Brunch

11 a.m., NCO Club. The NCO club is holding an Easter Sunday full brunch buffet featuring an assortment of delicious foods, ranging from breakfast to lunch. Enjoy salads, fruits, and desserts as well. Reservations and payment in advance are required. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4-10. Call 751-3933 for purchase tickets and for more information.

### MONDAY

#### Social Security Seminar

10 - 11:30 a.m., 1565 Hall Street. DFMWR/Army Community Service will host a Social Security Benefits seminar. Seminar will provide detailed information about social security benefits including how you become eligible, early retirement vs full retirement vs delayed retirement, family benefits, etc. This is a great opportunity to get a jump-start on your retirement preparation. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

#### Community Blood Drive

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Health Clinic multipurpose room. Fort Jackson will host a community blood drive April 10. To schedule an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and sign up with sponsor code: *FortJackson*.

### APRIL 14

#### Pre-drivers' Life Skills Class

5-7 p.m., Auto Craft Shop. Prepare first-time driver's to properly care for a vehicle. Basic automotive skills will be covered in this two-part course. Limited space available, ages 14 and older, \$30 per class, class includes oil change on students' family vehicle. For more information or to register call, 751-5755 or 751-7061.

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Deadline for events to be included in the Community Updates 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 751-6739.

### APRIL 17-21

#### Bi-Annual Plant Swap

Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library. To celebrate Earth Day the library will host its bi-annual plant swap event. Get rid of your surplus plants and seedlings and swap them for new! Bring your plants, seedlings, and seeds to the library throughout the week of April 17-21. On the April 21, you can stop by the library to pick out a plant.

### APRIL 18

#### Family of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Recognition Ceremony

4 p.m. NCO Club. Recognition will include: all family nominees, four volunteers of the year, youth, retiree, active-duty military,



## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

### TODAY

■ Plane (R) 2 p.m.

### FRIDAY

■ Cocaine Bear (R) 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY

■ No Showing

### WEDNESDAY

■ Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13) 2 p.m.

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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and family member/civilian. One family will be named FJ Family of the Year.

### Meals in Minutes & Your Budget

9-10 a.m. DFMWR/Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program, in partnership with the Fort Jackson Army

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# 193rd Infantry Brigade welcomes local community members

Story, photo by **EMILY HILEMAN**  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

The 193rd Infantry Brigade welcomed local community members to experience a small glimmer of the life trainees and cadre experience at Fort Jackson, March 31.

“Everyone sees our Army, but I want people to touch our Army,” said Col. Scott White, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander. “This is an opportunity for us to pull back the curtain and let the community see what these Soldiers do on a daily basis.”

The crowd gathered outside of the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, an indoor small arms training simulator, where the group experienced a quick crash course in basic rifle marksmanship including the proper names of various rifle parts and proper usage and etiquette.

At the conclusion of the lesson, attendees moved inside to the EST 2000 to begin their basic rifle marksmanship training in action. Patrons filled the bleachers to learn more about the equipment and the various shooting positions. Everyone found their lanes, moved into position and began firing the simulated weapons. The

computer then informed attendees how they performed.

“I think the EST was a great first step to give us an idea of what we would be doing with real weapons,” said Maggie Barton, barn manager for the University of South Carolina Equestrian Team. “The instructors were also able to answer all of our questions in a quiet setting before moving on to the live range.”

Attendees were then taken to Range 20, where they were met with more instructors, protective equipment, weapons, and ammunition. Then, everyone received another taste of Army life – a safety brief, a quick speech detailing what to do at the range for everyone’s safety.

As the Community Day ended, Bobbie Piddock, assistant coach of the University of South Carolina Equestrian Team said, “This experience is a really neat opportunity to learn about what happens at Fort Jackson.”

White is already looking forward to hosting the next community day. “I want to do this twice a year and highlight a different aspect of Basic Combat Training,” he said. “This time, we’re highlighting basic rifle marksmanship. Maybe next time we’ll do rappelling, but who knows?”



Staff Sgt. Markelvus Buchanan observes as Bobbie Piddock, assistant coach for the University of South Carolina Equestrian Team, takes aim during the 193rd Community Day, March 31.



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

## Loading...

Sgt. J.T. Johns, a Rough Terrain Container Handler with the 2-231st Inland Cargo Company, moves a container at the Fort Jackson Consolidated Motor Pool April 4. Johns was at Fort Jackson supporting the Army Training Center G4 office and the Soldier Support Institute.

## What’s in your cup?

### April is National Alcohol Awareness Month

By **RENA FREEMAN**

Army Substance Abuse Program

Raising our glass to celebrate a promotion, new job, birthday or during a wedding reception are events where alcohol is often present. Although it is legal, alcohol is still considered a drug. Alcohol is the most common drug used in the United States.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health reported in their 2021 study there are more than 133 million alcohol users in the United States. It also reported 60 million are binge alcohol users, with more than 16 million being identified as heavy alcohol users. These numbers may vary from race or ethnicity.

The Army Substance Abuse Program office is educating the public during the month of April by raising awareness on alcohol use in the Fort Jackson commu-

nity.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines low risk (moderate) drinking as follows:

Men:

- No more than 14 drinks per week (two per day)
- No more than four drinks on any one occasion

Women and those over 65:

- No more than seven drinks per week (one per day)
- No more than three on any one occasion

For more information or training opportunities, contact the Fort Jackson Army Substance Abuse Program via phone at 751-5007 or visiting them at 4310 Magruder Ave., Fort Jackson.



# Results are in: 57 Soldiers receive expert badges

By **EMILY HILEMAN**  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

The results are in and out of 188 candidates, 57 were designated as experts and received their corresponding badges. Soldiers were tested to earn one of three badges: Expert Infantryman, Expert Field Medic and Expert Soldier, depending on their military occupation specialty. Hence the competition title: E3B.

“These badges are more than an accolade, they are a symbol of the best,” Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, said at the E3B Awards Ceremony, March 31.

Soldiers from more than 15 installations arrived at Fort Jackson three weeks ago to prove themselves worthy of their respective titles.

Soldiers spend two weeks prior to testing forgetting almost everything they previously knew about their roles and learning the proper methods and procedures necessary in a high-stress environment. This prepared them for the five days of rigorous testing.

“Getting your badge is not a participation trophy. Just because you did the training does not mean you’ll get the badge at the end. Those badges are used specifically for demonstrating mastery in those tasks,” said 1st Sgt. Enick Bostick, from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment.

Bostick received his Expert Infantryman Badge in 2002 and said it was instrumental in preparing him for his first deployment to Iraq in 2003.

“The first time I touched the 50 cal. (machine gun) and the MK 19 (grenade launcher) was during EIB and those things became second nature during my deployment,” he said.

These badges are historically difficult to achieve with a high percentage not making the cut.

Lt. Col. Jason Dailey, chief medical officer for Moncrief Army Health Clinic, highlighted the rarity and importance of the Expert Field Medical Badge saying roughly 27% of individuals in the 68-series military occupational specialties receive the badge each year. “The EFMB is really the preeminent symbol within Army Medicine,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeannine Valencia was among one of the 57 awardees, receiving the Expert Field Medical Badge on her second attempt. Valencia, a drill sergeant with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment is also a 68G, Patient Administration Specialist. Unlike many 68-series MOSs, this role does not require the Soldier to provide care to patients, severely limiting the amount of field medical knowledge for those performing this role. “We’re not medics. This is not something we do on a day-to-day basis,” Valencia said.

During the two-week train up, Valencia was delivered devastating news: Her grandmother, whom she is the primary caretaker, had unexpectedly passed away. “She was so proud of me and my Army career,” Valencia said. “She was at every awards ceremony I’ve ever been to, she pinned me for every single promotion. I know that she loves me to be successful in the Army. It always made her so happy.”

Kelly concluded the awards ceremony by saying, “Victory on the battlefield is won by the Soldier, by the men and women doing skill level one tasks and battle drills. Armies win when they beat the enemy at the fundamentals ... the fundamentals you mastered here.”



Photos by *NATHAN CLINEBELLE*



**Fifty-seven Soldiers from 15 different installations received expert badges March 31 after rigorous testing during Fort Jackson’s E3B competition. Expert Infantryman, Expert Field Medical and Expert Soldier badge competitions were merged into one event, the E3B. The Soldiers performed a special physical fitness test, demonstrated their proficiency in military occupational speciality and Soldier tasks; and had to complete a road march in order to earn the bad-**

**ges. The event started with 188 candidates. (Top) Soldiers line up to begin the road march portion of the event. (Above left) Spc. Antonio Adu-Darko checks his map during land navigation testing. (Above middle) A Soldier lays down simulated fire while going through one of the testing lanes. (Above right) An Emergency Field Medical Badge candidate drags a mannequin out of ‘hostile fire’ before treating the casualty.**



Photo by 1st. Lt. *TONIQUE GRAY*

**Those who earned the Expert Infantryman Badge are:**

Staff Sgt. Yulian Acevedo  
Staff Sgt. Aaron Carter  
Staff Sgt. Josephy Ciraldo  
1st Lt. Robert Elkins  
Staff Sgt. Vladislav Kostik  
Staff Sgt. Michael Musgrove  
Sgt. Kyle Radke  
Staff Sgt. Maurice Reasnover  
Staff Sgt. Zachary Szabla  
Staff Sgt. Dellon Tobin  
Staff Sgt. Aaron Vincent  
Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Wheeler  
Staff Sgt. Daniel Wygal

Staff Sgt. Jannine Valencia  
Capt. Jeffrey Maurer  
Capt. Wesley Mayeux  
Staff Sgt. Aaron Schopf

**Those who earned the Expert Soldier Badge are:**

Staff Sgt. Anthony Agcopra  
1st Lt. Mike Andre  
Capt. Benjamin Ball  
1st Lt. Thomas Barolak  
Staff Sgt. Dwayne Barron  
Staff Sgt. Zachary Boyd  
Spc. Andres Cantu  
Sgt. Marcus Charfauros  
Pfc. Sean Cuba

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Escobar  
Staff Sgt. Harley Kirkland  
Capt. Kenneth Krupa  
1st Lt. Michael Lavin  
Staff Sgt. Joniel Lopez  
Staff Sgt. Zachary Loveday  
Staff Sgt. D’Quan Hornbeak  
Staff Sgt. Dakota McLaughlin  
Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Perez  
Cadet Samuel Raymo  
Sgt. 1st Class Oscar Salazar  
Staff Sgt. Clayton Schreiner  
Staff Sgt. Joey Silva  
Sgt. 1st Class Kenko Tamura  
Sgt. Christopher Tessnear  
Staff Sgt. Austin Travous

**Those who earned the Expert Field Medical Badge are:**

Staff Sgt. Donovan Aki  
Sgt. Hector Alejandre  
Cadet Alexis Best  
Lt. Col. Benjamin Bower  
1st Lt. Joseph Cassaro  
Capt. Nathan Coddington  
Cpl. Michael Faison  
Staff Sgt. Alex Flutsch  
Sgt. Andrew Grasse  
Spc. Daylan Griffin  
Maj. Gary Helton  
1st Lt. Samantha Impavido  
Sgt. Theodore Keller  
Pfc. Michael Magee



## WHY I SERVE

## 3RD BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

### PFC JONAS DOS SANTOS, 23

Lehi, Utah

"The freedoms and liberties this country protects" influenced me to join the Army.

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be difficult and adventurous."

"The most challenging task about BCT was learning to get along and work with so many different people who don't always want to work with you."

My advice to someone planning to start BCT would be "to get in shape and focus on physical fitness."

"My MOS is 25U - Signal Support Systems Specialist, which is basically working on communication systems and radios. I chose it because it fits my career path."



### PFC GABRIEL WARGOWSKY, 23

Janesville, Wisconsin

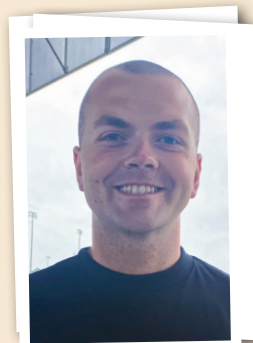
"Many members of my Family have served this country and that motivated me to do the same. I also have dreams that the Army will help me achieve, such as being a pilot."

"I thought BCT would be a lot more intense before joining. The drill sergeants were more passionate about training us than just making us do a lot of push-ups."

"The hardest part of BCT was being away from home. I relied heavily on my battle buddies to get through the tough times."

"The advice I would give is to remember to enjoy BCT. The friends you make and the things you'll get to do may be the best times of your life."

"My MOS is 15T - Black Hawk Helicopter Mechanic. I chose this MOS because I want to be a helicopter pilot and this MOS seemed like a good stepping stone to reach that goal."



### PVT KEVIN MOORE, 19

Long Valley, New Jersey

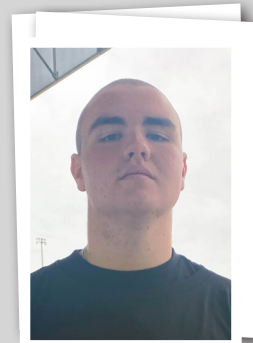
"My family has a very long lineage of veterans. So, I'm here to continue the family tradition."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be something along the lines of 'Full Metal Jacket.' I was pleasantly surprised when it was not."

"The most challenging part about BCT was just to keep working through that daily grind when I thought it would never end."

"If something seems simple, it is. If something seems like the right thing to do... then always do that" That's the advice I would give someone planning to start BCT.

"My MOS is 35S - Signals Collection Analyst. I chose this MOS because I plan on joining the intelligence community in Washington, D.C. after my Army contract."



### PFC. KAYIN SHABAZZ, 22

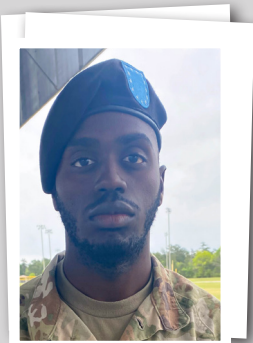
Jacksonville, Florida

"My father, who is currently in the Army, was a heavy influence and my biggest exposure to Army life. However, the desire to take care of my wife was my main reason for joining."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be a grueling experience that would test my mental limits and force me to grow as an individual."

"The most challenging thing about BCT was dealing with a diverse group of people - their temperaments, attitudes and tendencies."

"My MOS is 25U - Signal Support Systems Specialist. I have always had an interest in technology but lacked the resources to learn about it in-depth, until the Army."



### PVT DEJA ADAMS, 25

Columbus, Ohio

"The discipline and leadership of my mother, father, and stepmother motivated me to join the Army."

"I imagined it to be the worst thing I would ever do, but if you listen and do what you are told, it's not as bad as you think it would be."

"The most challenging thing is facing your fears and doing things outside of your comfort zone."

"The best advice I have is always listen and follow what you are told. Never have personal feelings involved and never leave a fallen comrade!"

My MOS is 92Y - Unit Supply Specialist. I chose this MOS because my stepmother was a 92Y. Her position and role she played in her company inspired me to do the same."



### PFC ANDRE JACKSON, 19

Pompano Beach, Florida

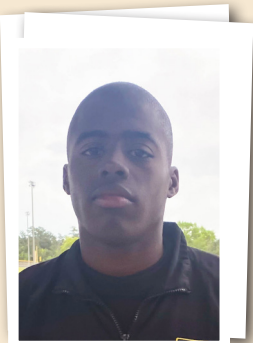
"My mom is my everything. She's the person who has always seen greatness in me. Her, my lovely wife and my baby girl are the reasons I joined the Army. I want to be a better man for them."

"I didn't think Basic Combat Training would be as fun as it was."

"The most challenging part about BCT was being the platoon guide. It was challenging bringing everyone together as a team."

My advice to anyone starting BCT is to "give it your all and never limit yourself."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. The job called me as a sign. It was a blessing from God."





# Occupational therapists help Soldiers recover, succeed

By **CAPT. JESSE GUERIN**  
Moncrief Army Health Clinic

April is Occupational Therapy Month, which is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the important work of occupational therapists in the Army. At Fort Jackson, occupational therapists are an integral part of the healthcare team, providing services that improve the quality of life of Soldiers, family members, and veterans.

Occupational therapists are most known for their work in upper extremity rehabilitation. Injuries to the upper extremities, such as the arms, hands, and shoulders, can severely impact a Soldier's ability to perform their primary duties. OTs work with Soldiers to regain strength and range of motion, as well as to teach compensatory strategies to help them continue to perform their duties despite their injury.

Another area where OTs excel is in cognitive performance. This includes evaluating and treating cognitive deficits such as attention, memory, problem-solving, and decision-making. These skills are critical for Soldiers in the field, where they must be able to quickly analyze situations and make split-second decisions. OTs work with Soldiers to enhance these cognitive abilities which ultimately leads to improved lethality and readiness.

At Fort Jackson, OTs also work to improve the performance of trainees and cadre. Through the use of evidence-based practice and innovative treatment techniques, OTs help Soldiers improve their physical and cognitive abilities, which can ultimately lead to improved mission readiness. By working with trainees early on in their military career, OTs can set trainees up for success throughout their military service.

Active-duty service members are not the only population that benefit from the services of OTs at Fort Jackson. Veterans and Family members also receive support and care from these skilled professionals. Whether it's helping veterans regain their independence after an injury, or providing education and support to family members



*Courtesy photo*

**An occupational therapist with Moncrief Army Health Clinic demonstrates the use of a brace. Occupational therapists are most known for their work in upper extremity rehabilitation. Injuries to the upper extremities, such as the arms, hands, and shoulders can severely impact a soldier's ability to perform their primary duties.**

caring for a loved one with a disability, OTs play a crucial role in the well-being of our entire military community.

Occupational Therapy Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the important work of occupational therapists across the Department of Defense. From improving cognitive performance and providing upper extremity rehabilitation, to enhancing the performance of trainees, and supporting veterans and family members, OTs are an integral part of the Army's healthcare team. Occupational therapist's dedication and expertise help to ensure the physical and mental health of our military community.

*(Editor's note: Capt. Jesse Guerin is an occupational therapist at Moncrief Army Health Clinic.)*

## SALUTING THIS BCT CYCLE'S HONOREES 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

**ALPHA COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pvt. Deja Adams

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Summer Gagnon

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Shashwaynee Agdeppa

**DELTA COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Gabriel Wargowsky

**BRAVO COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Andre Jackson

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Kevin Moore

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Konley Hudson

**ECHO COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Jonas Dos Santos

**CHARLIE COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Kayin Shabazz

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Ethan Olson



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## March 30 retirees



The Army Training Center and Fort Jackson honored the service of Sgt. 1st Class Brandy Burns, Leader Training Brigade; and Sgt. 1st Class John Duncan, Company B, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, during the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment graduation. Command Sgt. Maj. Renee John Smith, with the 81st Readiness Division, was the guest speaker at the graduation.



Events

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Wellness Center will host Meals in Minutes webinar on Microsoft Teams. Learn how to save calories while also optimizing your budget. AWC and ACS provides programs and services to improve and/or maintain readiness of the military community. Registration is required. For more information, call 751-5256/6749.

APRIL 20  
Sportsman Club Meeting

6 p.m., Alpine Lodge. The Fort Jackson Sportsman Club hosts its monthly meeting. This meeting will feature a panel of experienced Fort Jackson deer hunters to answer your questions about the unique aspects of hunting deer on the installation. If you are new to hunting - or new to hunting on Fort Jackson - this is for you.

APRIL 21  
Estate Planning – Protect Your Assets  
10-11 a.m., 1565 Hall Street. DFMWR/Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will host an Estate Planning seminar. This seminar will provide information about the components of an estate plan (wills, trusts, power of attorney, beneficiary designations and health care directives). Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

APRIL 22  
Youth Fishing Derby

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Heise’s Pond. Come Join Fort Jackson’s Outdoor recreation for our Annual Outdoor Recreations Youth Fishing Derby. Youth ages 5 to 16 are welcome to come try and catch a whooper in Heise’s Pond. There will be prizes for Heaviest fish and five fish limit weigh in. The pond will be stocked so come join us for some fishing, food and fun whether it is their first-time fishing or 100th time. Register onsite the day of the event.

Cars and Coffee  
8-11 a.m., Solomon Center parking lot, adjacent to the 512 Trolley Cafe. Enjoy hot coffee and cool cars. Show off your vehicle or just appreciate the wicked whips of others.

APRIL 28  
Motorcycle Rider Training  
2-3 p.m., Post Theater. All Fort Jackson military motorcycle riders will attend the spring classroom training session led by your Motorcycle Mentors. Attendance by military motorcycle riders is mandatory; civilian motorcycle riders are encouraged to attend. Only the first colonel in rider’s chain of command can excuse the military motorcycle rider from this mandatory training session. For more information, call 751-7553.

Family Fun Fair  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Patriots Park. Child and Youth Services will hold its annual Family Fun Fair. Join CYS for a fun, family-friendly event with games, activities and a DJ. Food trucks will be available to purchase food and other items. For more information, call 751-4824/4865.

MAY 1  
Law Day  
Fort Jackson’s Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be hosting Law Day at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School May 1. The day will include a presentation to all grades (two through six) from Alan Wilson, attorney general of South Carolina. Additionally, each grade will participate in a poster contest to be judged by the OSJA office.

MAY 16  
Education and Career Fair  
9 a.m. to noon, NCO Club. Fort Jackson Directorate of Human Resources, Army Continuing Education System, Transition Assistance Program and Army Community Service will host an Education and Career Fair at the NCO Club. This fair will provide a platform to assist our community in reaching their educational and career goals. Educational institutions will present their academic/training programs and services. Employers will have the opportunity to market their employment openings and conduct interviews. Over 50 EIs, organizations and companies are expected to participate in this community event. The Fort Jackson Education and Career Fair is open to Fort Jackson Soldiers, spouses, veterans, adult Family members and civilians.

MAY 20  
Summer Kick-off  
1-6 p.m., Weston Lake. This free event celebrates the opening of the beach at Weston Lake. Patrons can enjoy swimming along with other water activities. Weston Lake also will have food and bev-

erage sales available. Canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and pedal boats will be available for rent.

MAY 27-29  
Palmetto Falls Water Park opens  
Palmetto Falls Water Park will be open May 27, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; May 28 and May 29, 12-5 p.m. Daily fees for Department of Defense ID cardholders (older than 2 years) are \$13, guests of authorized patrons are \$15, and unaffiliated civilians are \$17. Season passes for DOD ID cardholders (older than 2 years) are \$65 per person and included Legion Outdoor Swimming Pool. Unaffiliated civilians can purchase season passes (does not include Legion Pool) for \$75 per person.

Legion Pool, opening  
Legion Pool will be open May 27, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; May 28 and May 29, 1-6 p.m. Daily fees for Department of Defense ID cardholders (older than 2 years) are \$6, and guests of authorized patrons are \$8.

JUNE 3-JULY 30  
Palmetto Falls Water Park open  
Enjoy a splashing fun time Wednesdays and Thursdays 12-5 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sundays 12-7. Daily fees for Department of Defense ID cardholders (older than 2 years) are \$13, guests of authorized patrons are \$15, and unaffiliated civilians are \$17. Season passes for DOD ID cardholders (older than 2 years) are \$65 per person and included Legion Outdoor Swimming Pool. Unaffiliated civilians can purchase season passes (does not include Legion Pool) for \$75 per person.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
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	GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
	GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	9-10 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	THE BRIDGE (PROTESTANT)	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	ANDERSON CHAPEL
	CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
	HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
	ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
	JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M. - NOON	ANDERSON CHAPEL



# New program teaches trainees foundational Army history

3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

A new development in the Basic Combat Training program of instruction is coming to fruition, the implementation of Army history as a fundamental subject of training.

Over the past eight months, a small and dedicated team of cadre put together a well-crafted course to teach foundational knowledge of Army history.

Course framework consists of seven classes taught during the first seven weeks of BCT. Each class has its own war period, battle of focus, and highlights Army Values:

The American Revolution focuses on Loyalty and the Battle of Yorktown.

The American Civil War focuses on Duty and the Battle of Antietam.

The First World War focuses on Respect and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

The Second World War focuses on Selfless Service and the invasion of Normandy.

The Cold War focuses on Honor and the Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

The Iraq War focuses on Integrity and the Battle of Fallujah.

The final module focuses on Personal Courage through progress of Integration, specifically in regard to African Americans and women.

Course material meshes with BCT to provide relatable knowledge in concert with the progression of training. This serves the dual purpose of deepening knowledge of military history while cultivating a sense of heritage as American Soldiers. By end of cycle testing, trainee knowledge of Army history is verified in-line with everything else they learned during training.

Finally, trainees recall their study of the Army's history at the end of the Forge as they walk the Heritage Trail into the Soldier Ceremony. This culminates in the holistic appreciation of the warrior tradition they now carry forward. Fort Jackson was chosen to pilot this program for future use across the Army.

Version 2.0 of the course is being used across half of Fort Jackson's BCT units. Within the next few months, all remaining units will be certified to teach this material.

Version 3.0 is being produced as the



**Trainees with 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment plot points on a map during recent land navigation training. The trainees will also go through a program to teach them Army history from the American Revolution to Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

*Courtesy photo*

program's final product. While addressing the few remaining concerns derived from after action reviews, this final version also adds condensed modules, additional trainee study material, and instructor training videos.

Capt. James Mehr, the project lead, said the final push "is geared toward one final overarching concern; enabling all Army training centers to implement this course."

The POI allocates only 2.5 hours of instruction to Army history.

"Sure, on the ground, there are opportunities to contribute more time to this subject, which we whole-heartily encourage," Mehr said. "However, the parameters of basic training need to make sense on paper to ensure training requirements can be met across all subjects."

This concern is being addressed through two final efforts. The first is producing condensed modules to enable minimum-effective instruction within time constraints. Currently, each module is designed to cover a 60-minute instruction period. While these will still be available to units that can

dedicate the time, there will also be 20-minute modules available to fit POI time constraints.

The second effort is to produce a reliable self-training method to prepare new instructors without having to obtain a dedicated instructor trainer. The solution is a series of instructor training videos. New instructors watch these first to gain a wide base of knowledge. Then they teach their trainees in-person using the materials provided.

"These videos are not meant to be shown to the trainees themselves; it is up to their instructors to meet them at their apparent academic level in-person," Mehr said. "Likewise, it is up to us as the program creators to enable their instructors by meeting them where they are through a comprehensive Training Support Package."

With history lessons being integrated into the current BCT POI, the next step is an even larger effort across the Army.

The current plan is to implement Army history lessons from Advanced Individual Training to the Sergeant Major's Academy, tailored to each level of professional devel-

opment.

"For example," Mehr said, "BCT looks at examples of junior-enlisted Soldiers to demonstrate the Army Values. Later in their career, Soldiers going through (Senior Leaders Course) will look at senior (noncommissioned officers) as examples in their own era. So too, ROTC cadets will study lieutenants and captains while majors in the Command and General Staff College will study other field grade officers."

Another example can be found in the final module. In BCT, we look at the integration of African Americans and women into the Army. In AIT, we expect to look at Hispanic, Asian, and Native Americans. By the time a Soldier become a senior NCO, they will have moved through studies in demographic integration and now focus on topics such as integration of other job specialties, service branches, and even allied militaries on campaign.

"Early appreciation for diversity at the ground level is important for new Soldiers being molded by the Army Values," Mehr said. "As those Soldiers become leaders, their schooling in this regard matures to more advanced forms of integration that transcend the individual and focus on diversity in an organization's capabilities."

With this program's success comes opportunities for the cadre teaching it. Every instructor slated to teach Army history gains another performance dimension that sets them apart from their peers during annual evaluations. It also lends well to applying for the Common Faculty Development Instructor Course to earn the instructor skill identifier on their Soldier Record Brief, the first step to earning the Basic Instructor Badge.

Additionally, lieutenants assigned to training companies as platoon leaders and executive officers have another opportunity to expose themselves to their trainees, which is important to developing both. Trainees need real contact with officers on the ground to show their importance in the unit and to dispel false perspectives acquired through movies, games, and bad stories. Lieutenants need regular contact with their trainees to practice leadership skills and to add substance to their own entry-level development as commissioned officers.



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