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# Autism Awareness Month: Building a community of acceptance, support

By **SHELLY HUHTANEN**

"What you do has far greater impact than what you say." Stephen Covey has shared this sentiment and it continues to ring true in just about every facet of life. I've said many times, "Your actions are so loud, I can't hear a word you're saying."

This is true, but when it comes to autism awareness, it starts with conversation. If we don't talk about autism, then there will never be any actions taken to support people with autism. The prevalence rate is rising which means our autism community is growing.

My son, Broden, was diagnosed with severe autism in 2008, when the prevalence rate was 1 in 110. Now, the prevalence rate is 1 in 36. What this statistic means is that for every 36 children, one child is diagnosed with autism.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism is a developmental disability and there is still so much to learn on what causes autism. Autism affects the way the individual communicates, behaves and interacts with others.

Some people with autism may be able to verbally communicate and are able to carry conversations with others, and there are others on the spectrum who are nonverbal. The spectrum is vast and when you've met one person with autism, you've only met one because each person is unique in their own way.

As everyone in the military community knows, April is Month of the Military Child, but April is also Autism Awareness Month.

April 2 was World Autism Day that encourages people from all over the world to share their stories in order to connect and build a more inclusive world where difference is celebrated.

Being a military spouse, raising a child with autism, this is a special month because it shines a light on what makes our family unique.

As one can only imagine, not only is it a feat to raise resilient children in the military while moving every few years, there are more challenges faced when your military child is also diagnosed with autism. Not only are families concerned about strong schools, we are also looking for excellent medical care to support our children who are on the spectrum who accept Tricare. As our network dwindles, there can be a lot of stress and anxiety when decisions are made to continue to serve. How do we continue to provide our children with medically appropriate services for autism, like ABA, Applied Behavior Analysis, and ensure our child's IEP, Individual Education Plan, or 504 Plan will be executed effectively? Many families like mine, make the transition and hope for the best.

Due to the prevalence of autism, there might be a chance that you know of a family who is raising a child on the spec-

trum. I have had good friends ask me, "How can I help you?" Just them asking that question, means so much to me. I've been grateful to have some friends here at Fort Jackson who will say, "Let me watch Broden. Let me help you."

For so long, I've tried to do everything myself because I didn't want to be perceived as a burden. I realized that it was ok to accept support and it was not a sign of me leaning too heavily on others, but a sign of connection. If I let them in my world, then they would let me in theirs. I learned Broden's uniqueness and special qualities brought them just as much happiness as it brought to me. Also, it encouraged them to ask questions about Broden and autism which built more awareness in my neighborhood.

How can you help our community? There are many ways that you can. If you see a parent in the commissary or at the Exchange that seems to be working through their child's behavior, remember that it is

not the parent's fault or even the child's fault for that matter. They may have autism and feel overwhelmed. Instead of scowling or judging them, smile at them. Maybe go a step further and say, "You're a good mom and I see you."

If you have a friend or a neighbor who is raising a child on the spectrum, show them grace. They will appreciate it and it may give them just what they need to make it through the day. Sometimes, just being there to listen can make a difference and that counts, more than you'll ever know.



## ON THE COVER

Soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, salute as the remains of American Soldiers killed during the Revolutionary War Battle of Camden, are moved through post on their way to Camden, S.C.



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

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Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, listens to ROTC Cadets and junior officers during a speed mentorship session, April 21, during the Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Twitty Leadership Forum.

Cadets and junior officers gathered together on Fort Jackson April 21, to listen to senior Army leaders during the Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Twitty Leadership Development Symposium. Attendees heard from 10 general officers, who imparted them with advice and stories aimed at helping them become better and more efficient leaders during their Army careers. This is the fifth year the symposium has been held on Fort Jackson.



Photos by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais, TRADOC deputy commander, listens as Lt. Gen. Patrick Frank, U.S. Army Central commander, answers a question during the leader development symposium.

## Fifth annual ROTC forum molds Army's future leaders

By EMILY HILEMAN  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

As Hall of Fame football coach Vince Lombardi said, "Leaders aren't born, they are made" and several general officers took time April 21 to help make, mold and shape the Army's leaders of tomorrow.

More than 150 ROTC cadets from across the Carolinas as well as officers and cadre from Fort Jackson filled the post theater to listen to advice and stories from 10 Army general officers during the Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Twitty Leadership Professional Development Symposium.

Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, spoke highly of the various experiences and opportunities available at Fort Jackson, but specifically the leadership opportunity they were experiencing.

"(If) you want to change our Army. You want to be influential in our Army ... This is a heck of a

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ARMY

- Capt. Chertaevia M. Clark  
company commander

place to start," he said.

"This whole event is about you," said Lt. Gen. Maria R. Gervais, Training and Doctrine Command's deputy commanding general, to the assembled officers and cadets, "and us spending time with you to share our knowledge and expertise ... You're going to be able to ask any type of question you have, anything that's on your mind."

Gervais challenged everyone in attendance to listen deeply and apply themselves to learning and development, even if the advice may sound like the echoes of voices that advised them in the

past.

After each general officer introduced themselves, cadets were able to ask questions pertaining to leadership, challenges, and experiences they all faced throughout their careers.

Capt. Chertaevia M. Clark was grateful for this unique opportunity because she was not given the same opportunities during her ROTC program.

"These generals take time out of their day to come inspire and motivate junior leaders who are coming into the Army," she said. "For me, this is something I wish I would have had when I was coming up in the Army."

The opportunity was not lost on any of those in attendance, including Cadet Virginia Howard, a third year ROTC student at the University of South Carolina.

"I'm just very, very lucky to be able to sit in front of all of them and hear what they had to say from their years of service," Howard said.



# Community Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Correction:

In the April 20 article about the Recycle Regata it was incorrectly stated the Marion Street Station rents life vests. For more information about what Marion Street Station rents, call 751-3484.

### Personal Property Announcement

U.S. Transportation Command personal property pre-peak season began in February and will last 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>.

### Employment Readiness Seminar

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Army Community Service invites military spouses to an employment readiness seminar. The seminar includes classes on interviewing skills and resume writing. Come meet AAFES and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center representatives, who are looking to hire military spouses. The seminar takes place the last Thursday of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 9810 Lee Road. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 751-5256.

### Equal Employment Opportunity

Looking for Equal Employment Opportunity information? Can't find the latest EEO newsletter? You can find the information you need at: [home.army.mil/jackson/index.php/eeo](http://home.army.mil/jackson/index.php/eeo).

### 248th Army Birthday Ball Tickets

Tickets for the Association of the U.S. Army's 248th Army and 106th Fort Jackson Birthday Ball, scheduled for June 10, are available through <https://ausafjpcarmybd-ball2023.eventbrite.com>.

### Retirement Services Office relocation

The Fort Jackson Retirement Services Office has moved to Room 117 in the STrom Thurmond Building. Walk-in hours

are: 8-9:30 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Retiree Appreciation Days

Fort Jackson will host the annual Retiree Appreciation Days, May 18-20. The three-day event will begin May 18 with the garrison commander's message to retirees shown on Facebook and the Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony and salute to retirees. The 19th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Golf Tournament starts at 9 a.m. May 19. The Retiree Health and Benefits Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Solomon Center. Mark Overberg, director, Army Retirement Services is the keynote speaker. For more information or to download the registration form, visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/military-personnel-division/sfl-rso>.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TOMORROW

#### 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. 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. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place inside the Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-4824 or 4865.

### MAY 1 TO JUNE 4

#### Strong B.A.N.D.S.

Strong B.A.N.D.S. is a month of special events, free classes, and clinics to encourage everyone to Commit – Stay Fit. During the month of May register for fitness classes for \$10 (regular price \$15) and take all the classes you want. For information on fitness and nutrition classes call 751-3700.

### MAY 1

#### Law Day

Fort Jackson's Office of the Staff Judge

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SUBMISSIONS TO**  
[usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.atzj-pao@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.atzj-pao@army.mil)

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.

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. The theme for Law Day this year is: "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration."

### MAY 3

#### National Prayer Breakfast

7:30-8:30 a.m., NCO Club. The Fort Jackson Religious Support Office will hold an observance of the National Prayer Breakfast/National Day of Prayer. The breakfast helps build and strengthen partnerships, while giving the post an opportunity to join



## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

### TODAY

■ Missing (PG-13) 2 p.m.

### FRIDAY

■ Knock at the Cabin (R) 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

■ Big George Foreman (PG-13) 2 p.m.

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

in collective prayers for the nation.

### MAY 5

#### HHBN Change of Responsibility

10 a.m., Victory Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Katrina Clark with relinquish responsibility for Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion to Command Sgt. Maj. William P. Clancy II in a ceremony at Victory Field.

### MAY 8

#### Mixed Bowling League Meeting

6:30 p.m., Century Lanes. Century Lanes





Mason Wells, Reginald Avery and Micah Ray plant various flowers outside of the Army Community Service Building during the ACS Earth Day Celebration, April 21.

# Improving our planet, one flower at a time

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

Fifty-three years after the first ever Earth Day, Fort Jackson's Army Community Service hosted an Earth Day Celebration, April 21.

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program invited children who attend Child, Youth Service centers to participate in the Earth Day Celebration.

"We have different art activities set up for them just to highlight the importance of taking care of our planet, environment, and so forth," said Irene Mehaffie, Exception Family Member Program specialist with ACS. "We are going to plant some flowers up front of our building and then we also have something nice to give away to the children."

Gift bags for the children included Earth-shaped erasers, pens, and bookmarks – all detailing the importance of taking care of our planet.

Earth Day was created in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson, junior senator from Wisconsin; Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican congressman from California; and Denis Hayes, an environmental activist. These men worked together to organize campus teach-ins after they saw the effects of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill. Hayes inspired 20 million Americans to demonstrate and protest 150 years of negative impacts created by the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

The first Earth Day inspired millions to work together and help preserve our planet. This national event sparked the beginning of the United States's conservation efforts.

By the end of the year, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency was created and the federal government passed the first few environmental laws, such as the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Education Act. Other environmental protection laws would soon follow.

Children from Fort Jackson Child, Youth Services colored their own mini seed planters and Earth Day bags which were made from recycled materials. They were also given the opportunity to plant flowers outside of the ACS building.

"This is our second time we're doing this and we're hoping to make it an annual event," said Brandi Palmer, Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator.

You can see the fruits of their labor outside of the ACS building at 9810 Lee Road, Fort Jackson.



(Top) Madison Wilson rolls two marbles through blue and green paint over a coloring a sheet, one of the many art activities children could do during the Army Community Service Earth Day Celebration, April 21. (Bottom) Daniel Mehaffie waters the petunias he planted during the Army Community Service Earth Day Celebration, April 21.





Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

The Fort Jackson Salute Battery fires off a volley as a humvee carrying the remains of an American Soldier killed during the Battle of Camden during the Revolutionary War passes Centennial Park. The remains of American and British soldiers were taken in a procession from the South Carolina State House through Fort Jackson to Camden, S.C., April 20.

(Far Right) Soldiers from Fort Jackson's Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, salute as the remains of American Soldiers killed during the Revolutionary War Battle of Camden, are moved through post on their way to Camden, S.C.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN

(Right) Soldiers from the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership salute as remains of Revolutionary War soldiers pass in procession to Camden, South Carolina. The 13 were part of 5,930 engaged in the Battle of Camden, Aug. 16, 1780.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

# Fort Jackson salutes revolutionary soldiers

By ROBERT TIMMONS and EMILY HILEMAN  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

More than 200 years ago cannons roared during a battle in Camden, South Carolina as the Continental Army suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the British Army. The remains of 12 American and 1 British soldiers of the 5,930 engaged in the battle, would be found in 2022.

The 13 would hear cannon fire again, April 20, while their remains were moved in a procession through Fort Jackson. Soldiers and civilians from across post lined Jackson Boulevard to salute the procession as it passed. The procession would lead across the Midlands to ultimately return to the battlefield where they fell.

Soldiers and civilians from across post, including those at the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership, stood shoulder-to-shoulder to salute those who fought in the Army years before them.

For some of the future religious affairs specialists, watching the procession was a memorable event they will never forget.

Pfc. Kacie Stewart, who is a history buff, said she was "pretty excited when they first were discussing it in class, they kind of had little highlights of (the battle) ... So, I was pretty excited to experience it. I know me, and my fellow peers were talking about a little bit who were like history buffs, too."

"So, seeing the mix of people all around you and knowing that you are part of something that happened hundreds of years ago and still is being celebrated now," Stewart said. "It's just like heroic events and very, just patriotic to me. So that's, that's what makes me happy."

Pvt. Brandon Screen, an Advanced Individual Training student at the IRL, said the significance of

IF THEY WOULDN'T  
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WE PROBABLY  
WOULDN'T BE FREE  
NOW

- Pvt. Bryan Screen  
Institute for Religious  
Leadership



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Fort Jackson Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, and Col. Mark Huh-tanen, deputy commanding officer, salute as the remains of Americans killed during the Revolutionary War Battle of Camden pass during a process through Fort Jackson, April 20.

the procession made him reflect on his service.

If not for those who fell fighting in the American Revolution the country wouldn't have the freedom we have today, he said.

"If they wouldn't die for us, we probably wouldn't be free now," Screen said. "So that's why I think it is very important to honor those who fell defending us."

The Battle of Camden took place Aug. 16, 1780, when American Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates, hero of the Battle of Saratoga, marched into South Carolina to wrest it from English control. Gates was met by British Gen. Charles Cornwallis and soundly defeated as

British bayonets caused inexperienced militia men to break and run.

Cornwallis would later surrender British forces to Gen. George Washington at the Battle of Yorktown to effectively end the war.

Since the war, the two countries have become close allies and fought side-by-side in two world wars.

The British soldier's remains were also included in the procession.

Sgt. Tyric Miller, who is in school at the IRL to change his military occupational specialty, said it was "a really big deal" to salute the procession.

"It's just really an honor to honor them," he said.



# WHY I SERVE

**3rd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment**

## SPC. MATTHEW HOFFMAN, 23

*Fonda, New York*

"Countless veterans I've made contact with have made me want to be a part of the Army."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be challenging both physically and mentally. I knew that I'd be exhausted and need to grow my patience and determination."

The most challenging part of BCT was, "going from an individual mindset to a team mindset. Teamwork requires more thought, but accomplishes so much more."

My advice to someone planning to start BCT is, "Train, train, train."

My MOS is "15E - Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repairer. I love aviation and have a long-term goal to become an Army helicopter pilot in the future."



## PFC. JUSTIN PINCKNEY, 19

*Charleston, South Carolina*

"My experience in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program influenced me (to join). I loved it and wanted to make a career of it."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be constant yelling, no sleep, not eating, etc. I ended up enjoying my time."

The most challenging part of BCT was "the transition from civilian to Soldier."

My advice to someone starting BCT is "don't hesitate. BCT is exactly what you make of it."

My MOS is "89B - Ammunition Specialist. I chose this because of the environment it will put me in."



## PFC. MARK GOMEZ, 19

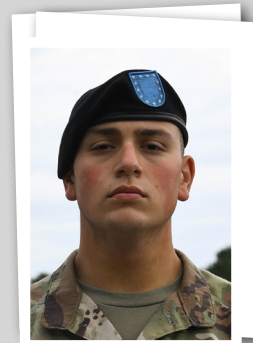
*San Antonio*

I joined the Army because "I knew I wanted to do something great and I knew the Army would help me get there."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be extremely tough and to an extent it was. The real challenge was mental."

"The most challenging part about BCT was developing my own self confidence and learning to trust myself. I learned to have confidence in my abilities."

My MOS is "35F - Intelligence Analyst. I wanted to choose an MOS where I would be constantly challenged and where the work would always be different."



## PFC. COREY CATAMURA, 18

*Fairfield, California*

"My big cousin, who is a technical sergeant in the Air Force and my good friend, Percy, influenced me to join the Army."

I imagined Basic Combat Training would be "a lot of intense screaming from the drill sergeants, a lot of running and hard training, and shooting weapons before joining."

"The most challenging part (about BCT) was injuring my knee. Waking up, barely able to walk, especially in red phase when everything is still fresh and you're getting constantly smoked really sucked."

My MOS is "42A - Human Resources Specialist. I chose this MOS because I don't mind paperwork and I want to work in an office so when I'm like 60, I can still walk and stuff like that."



## PFC. JOSHUA WANGERIN, 26

*Bozeman, Montana*

"My primary influence in joining the Army is my maternal grandfather, 'Granddaddy Benson.' He is my role model for living a life of public service while also providing for a family of one's own. My mother raised me on stories of his constant devotion to the public good, including military service in the Army."

"My prior conception of Basic Combat Training was based entirely on its portrayal in American popular media, especially older movies depicting the Vietnam era."

"The most challenging part of BCT was the close quarters and lack of freedom. The close confines can be a pressure cooker with no safety release valve some days."

My MOS is "89B - Ammunition Specialist. I chose my MOS because it sets me up for long-term success in pursuing my career goals."



## PVT. JERREN TEMPLETON, 17

*Phoenix*

"I've had the dream of joining the military as long as I can remember. I would wear anything camouflage any chance I had. My dad influenced me to pick the Army specifically, because of how he demonstrated the Army values."

"I honestly imagined Basic Combat Training to be way harder than it was. It was still extremely difficult, but I found ways to be positive."

"The most challenging part of BCT for me was leaving my Family. This is my first time leaving home for this extended amount of time."

"My advice to anyone starting BCT is to 'stay positive. Even though it will get challenging, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.'"

"My MOS is 15T, which is a Black Hawk Helicopter Mechanic. I fell in love with the idea of being a helicopter pilot, and this is my first step to accomplishing that dream."



To read more why Soldiers serve visit: [home.army.mil/jackson](http://home.army.mil/jackson)



## May raises mental health awareness

**Monthlong program aims to raise mental health awareness**

**By BRANDI PALMER**  
Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator

In the United States, roughly one in five adults have a mental health condition and over 50% of individuals will be diagnosed with a mental health condition during some point in their lifetime.

Mental health conditions are among the most common health conditions in the United States.

When thinking about mental health, it is not uncommon for an individual to think about someone only having a mental disorder such as Major Depression, Bipolar, Schizophrenia, Anxiety etc.

Anxiety disorders are some of the most commonly diagnosed mental health conditions in the U.S., affecting 42.5 million adults. There are roughly 21 million adults in the U.S. living with depression, while 3.7 million people ages 12 to 17 experience major depression. In children, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, anxiety problems, behavior problems, and depression are the most commonly diagnosed mental disorders.

However, mental health includes more than a diagnosis. Mental health encompasses a holistic view of one's health and wellness which includes our emotional, psychological, and social wellness. Mental health can impact various aspects of an individual's life to include your thinking patterns, how you feel and behave, ways you cope with stress, and social communication with others.

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program aims at highlighting the importance of mental health awareness in the community and promoting mental health treatment and behavioral health.

ACS EFMP is hosting informational and interactive classes and activities every Wednesday throughout May for the en-

tire Fort Jackson community to attend. The schedule consists of the following classes and activities:

May 3: 10-11 a.m. Moncrief Behavioral Health- All About Child Therapy Services Army Community Service, 9810 Lee Road

May 10: 10-11 a.m. Fort Jackson Wellness Program Overview Army Community Service, 9810 Lee Road.

May 17: 2-2:30 p.m. Raising Your Self-Esteem (Led by Kamala Henley, Family Advocacy Program) Army Community Service, 9810 Lee Road.

May 24: 3:30-4 p.m. Disability Awareness Activities and Stress Management- CYS Middle School/Teen Program (Led by EFMP and MFLC) CYS Middle School/Teen Program, 5975 Chesnut Road.

May 31: 4-5:30 p.m. Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program Fun Day (art activities, games, snacks, prizes and more). RSVP your spot. Call 751-5256. Army Community Service, 9810 Lee Road

We encourage the Fort Jackson community to take time out of their schedule to focus on their individual wellness and do a mental health check-in. The benefit of having more mental awareness includes:

- Better understanding the symptoms you are experiencing that is impacting your overall daily functioning.
- Learning that you do not have to manage what you are experiencing alone. There are various mental health specialist (e.g., social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health counselors) you can seek out and start a conversation with to receive treatment.
- Become more mentally fit. You can start living a more meaningful and purposeful life.
- Educate yourself. Learning about your mental health condition can equip you with knowledge to better understand and manage your symptoms. Having a mental health condition does not define who you are as a person.

For more information or to RSVP to attend a class, call 751-5256.

## SALUTING THIS BCT CYCLE'S HONOREES 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

**ALPHA COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Devan Hamrick

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Austin Blackwell

**BRAVO COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Spc. Matthew Hoffman

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. David Gallego

**CHARLIE COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Mark Gomez

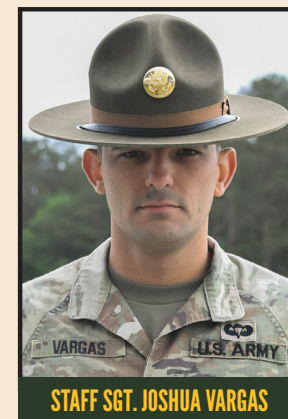
**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Corey Catamura

**DELTA COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Justin Pinckney

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Joshua Wangerin

**ECHO COMPANY**  
SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE  
Pvt. Jerren Templeton

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Ryan Sharpless



**STAFF SGT. JOSHUA VARGAS**

**DRILL SERGEANT  
OF THE CYCLE**

## April 20 retirees



Photo by NATHAN CLINBELLE

The Army Training Center and Fort Jackson honored the service of Sgt. 1st Class Marquita Cooper, 165th Infantry Brigade and Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Irwin, U.S. Army Central, during the graduation of 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, April 20.



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will host a 12-week bowling league featuring great prizes starting May 22. This league is open to everyone, four-person teams, any combination and will meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

MAY 9  
Military Spouse Appreciation Expo & Bunco Night

5-8:30 p.m., NCO Club. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Army Community Service invites military spouses to come out and meet Fort Jackson Health and Holistic Fitness agencies and stay for an exciting night of Bunco. The H2F Expo takes place 5-6 p.m.; portfolio-professional headshots will be taken from 5-5:45 p.m.; and the Bunco dice roll starts at 6:30 p.m. Child care is available through Child, Youth Services and costs \$8 per hour, per child. RSVP by April 28 by calling 751-4867.

MAY 12  
“Own Your Wellness” Seminar

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., NCO Club. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Army Community Service invites military spouses for an “Own Your Wellness” seminar. The seminar includes classes on Yoga, resiliency training, and getting a better night’s sleep. All classes are free. For more information, call 751-5256.

Spouse Federal Resume Workshop

9:30-11:30 a.m., Army Community Service Building, 9810 Lee Road. Are you seeking federal employment? Come learn everything you need to know about: transitioning from private industry to the federal government; writing a correct federal resume; creating effective Knowledge Skills and Abilities; answering “Self-Assessment Questionnaires;” formatting your resume to be noticed by reviewers; interviewing; and tracking the progress of your application. Topics covered are: USAJobs account, position classification standards and functional guides; breaking down the vacancy announcementl adjusting your experience to the vacancy; self assessment questionnaire; and military spouse preference. Registration is required.

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. More than 50 educational institutions, 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 beverage sales available. Canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and pedal boats will be available for rent. Outdoor Recreation is partnering with the Department of Public Works to conduct a Recycle Regatta event on same day.

JUNE 7, 14  
Pre-driver’s Life Skills Class

5-7 p.m., Auto Crafts Center. 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, 751-5755 or 7061.

JUNE 9  
Spouse Federal Resume Workshop

9:30-11:30 a.m., Army Community Service Building, 9810 Lee Road. Are you seeking federal employment? Come learn everything you need to know about: transitioning from private industry to the federal government; writing a correct federal resume; creating effective Knowledge Skills and Abilities; answering “Self-Assessment Questionnaires;” formatting your resume to be noticed

by reviewers; interviewing; and tracking the progress of your application. Topics covered are: USAJobs account, position classification standards and functional guides; breaking down the vacancy announcementl adjusting your experience to the vacancy; self assessment questionnaire; and military spouse preference. Registration is required. Call 751-5256 to reserve a seat.

JUNE 17  
Army Birthday Relay Race

7 a.m., U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy. Celebrate the Army’s Birthday with a tradition relay race with teams of four. This is a Commander’s Cup event. For more information call 751-5869 or 3096.

JUNE 24  
1,000 lbs. Club competition

8 a.m., Vanguard Gym. Test your strength levels. If you love to lift, why not compete in the sport of weightlifting in the 1,000 lb. Club competition?

JULY 1  
Independence Day Celebration

Hilton Field. Gates open at 4 p.m. Enjoy an exciting variety of food trucks and children’s carnival rides, live music, beer tents and of course, fireworks. This event is free to enter and open to the public.

JULY 29  
Natural Body Building Competition

6 p.m., Solomon Center. You’ve worked hard through proper diet and exercise to sculpt your body. Reap the rewards of your hard work.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	MON-FRI	NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	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



# Lab improves DOD capabilities

**By CHRISTOPHER HURD**  
Army News Service

Whether by standard mail truck or full-blown big rig, evidence from around the world continuously flows into the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory in Forest Park, Georgia.

USACIL, the Department of Defense's only full-service forensic laboratory, provides criminal investigators from every military branch with 24 forensic services ranging from DNA testing to latent print and trace evidence analysis.

"We, in forensic science, play a critical role in the criminal investigation," said Debra Glidewell, USACIL assistant director. "The scientific analysis could be the piece of the puzzle that helps unravel the mystery of what happened."

The lab, which falls under the Department of the Army, Criminal Investigation Division, constantly strives to continuously improve their efficiency and effectiveness. Before packages arrive, a pre-submission screening takes place where criminal investigators contact the lab to determine what evidence they can test. This screening process prioritizes the evidence that is tested, which allows technicians in various disciplines to focus their efforts.

When the packages finally arrive, technicians use a parallel process to intake evidence. That allows the techs to take DNA samples, trace evidence, drug samples and latent prints before sending that evidence to each branch to work on simultaneously.

This process contrasts with the previous sequential system that passed evidence from one branch to the next. The improvement has cut turnaround times for evidence analysis from 180 days to less than 60 days in most cases.

"Depending on how long that turnaround time is, it can negatively impact

a case," Glidewell explained. "Our goal is to always be timely enough in our quality forensic results to be impactful in an open investigation."

The lab also faces a challenge with informing criminal investigators of the robust capabilities they provide. They include firearms examination, digital evidence collection and analysis, drug chemistry, Combined DNA Index System databasing and indexing search. They're tackling this issue head on by hosting a laboratory training course several times a year.

During the course, agents learn about each forensic discipline, their capabilities, what to look for at crime scenes, and how to collect and submit evidence to the lab. USACIL also conducts monthly forensic lab talks to get updated information to agents out in the field.

When the scientists aren't in the lab, they're usually traveling around the world providing expert testimony in court cases. The traveling and testifying under extreme pressure can take a toll on the scientists. That is why USACIL constantly looks at ways to care for its employees' mental, physical and emotional well-being.

"Taking care of people is not a sound bite, it's about making sure that these folks can be on the bench with their head in the game getting those quality forensic results out the door that impact our criminal investigations," Glidewell explained.

As part of the Army Criminal Investigation Division's ongoing transformation from a military command into an independent civilian-led federal law enforcement organization, the lab added 14 scientists that helped make a direct impact on turnaround times in cases.

As the demand for the lab's services increase, USACIL continually strives to provide world-class analysis that hopefully leads to justice through science.



*Photo by VERAN HILL*

**Educators with Richland School District Two listen to a drill sergeant speak during a tour of Fort Jackson, April 19.**

## A day in the life

**By VERAN HILL**  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Members of Richland School District Two visited Fort Jackson during an outreach tour, April 19.

The group included a principal, teachers and various other staff members who toured Fort Jackson to get an understanding of the day in the life of a drill sergeant.

Arriving before sunrise, allowed the group to get a glimpse of a Basic Combat Training battalion area.

While in the battalion area, they watched first formation procedures and

drill sergeants leading physical training. The tour also consisted of a briefing by Col. Mark E. Huhtanen, Fort Jackson deputy commanding officer, and from a panel of drill sergeant leaders of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, who explained their duties.

The group observed Family Day and confidence training at Victory Tower, before enjoying lunch in one of the installation's dining facilities. The tour concluded with a barracks tour and an opportunity to speak with trainees, and drill sergeants whose children attended schools within the Richland Two school district.

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