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Kelly: 'We make American Soldiers'

CG sees post's role in shaping Army future

By TOM BYRD

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Trying to predict what Fort Jackson will look like in the future is anyone's guess. However, it is possible to set the conditions to shape and influence what we want Fort Jackson to look like.

Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson's commanding general, has some ideas and released a white paper on how he envisions Fort Jackson's role in shaping our Army of 2030 and beyond.

"We make American Soldiers at Fort Jackson," Kelly said. "The leaders and Soldiers that we provide are our legacy."

Kelly sees the white paper as an intellectual framework to drive decisions, inform and educate internal and external audiences, and create incremental modifications that accumulate into significant changes over time.

Kelly said Army readiness starts at Fort Jackson. Since 1917 Fort Jackson has trained Soldiers for the nation's defense and has served as the portal to the Army for more than five million Soldiers.

Fort Jackson continues to be the gateway to the Army for over half of all Soldiers and their Families every year.

Fort Jackson also produces every Army drill sergeant. In addition, all human resource professionals, finance professionals and Army chaplains begin their Army journeys at Fort Jackson.



Kelly

As we work to build the future of Fort Jackson to continue providing a direct strategic contribution to our Army, we have the opportunity now to ensure Fort Jackson remains the largest platform for trans-

forming civilian volunteers into Soldiers.

Kelly identified the actions and priorities, outlined in our four lines of effort, we must focus on in order to maintain and improve the trust and confidence Army senior leaders and the American public place on Fort Jackson.

Some key focus areas from each of the four LOEs will keep us trained today and relevant tomorrow.

As we keep people first, we must build positive command climates at every echelon. With a positive command climate, we will continue to find ways to prevent harmful behaviors.

Holistic Health and Fitness will help us to maximize the human potential of our Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians.

By emphasizing talent management, we can recruit the talent we need to keep building our Army of 2030. Leaders must mentor and coach our teammates with the



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goal of what is best for the individual and for our Army.

Basic Combat Training will remain the core component of what we do at Fort Jackson. Leaders must innovate to meet the demands of the Army of 2030.

Providing training and broadening opportunities to our cadre and staff are essential to ensuring our Soldiers leave Fort Jackson more competitive in their career fields than when they arrived here.

We want Fort Jackson to be an assignment Soldiers and their Families are excited about. Focusing on quality of life will prove Fort Jackson is truly a destination of choice and is essential to our success as an

organization.

Our relationship with the community is outstanding and we are a proud member of our South Carolina family. We will continue to highlight the positive impacts we have on South Carolina and our Army.

Although we have no idea what the future will hold for Fort Jackson, we know we can confidently say Fort Jackson will continue to make a direct strategic contribution to Army readiness for many years.

"We will never lose sight of what we do here," Kelly said. "We make American Soldiers."

To read the full white paper visit home.army.mil/jackson.

ON THE COVER

Chris Helie, outdoor recreation manager for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, coaches a youth how to use a bow and arrow at the Child, Youth Services Family Fun Fair, April 28.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

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Fort Jackson gears up for safety

Motorcycle riders across Fort Jackson meet for annual safety training ahead of riding season.

Story, photos by EMILY HILEMAN
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

More than 90 motorcycle riders from across Fort Jackson, as well as community partners from the South Carolina Highway patrol gathered to discuss motorcycle safety and prepare for the upcoming motorcycle riding season this year.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Community Relations Officer Trooper Bill Rhynes spoke to riders to emphasize awareness and individuality during the many “group rides” that will happen during the summer. “There’s no such thing as a group ride,” Rhynes said. “There’s a lot of individual riders that are riding together, but you’re not riding as a group, but as one rider.”

Rhynes said that riders who ride as a group with a group mentality are more likely to encounter tunnel vision, where someone is only seeing what is directly in front of them and is completely unaware of what is occurring in their peripheral vision. Tunnel vision can be the cause of serious accidents for motorcycle riders as they’re unintentionally unaware of the actions of drivers and other motorcycle riders around them.

The Motorcycle Mentorship Program holds training at the beginning of each riding season, which is between May and September. The mentorship’s program is designed to allow new and inexperienced motorcycle riders to gain knowledge and insight from the experienced and more seasoned motorcycle riders.

“We’re here to mentor each other, to take care of each other,” said Sgt. 1st Class Rob Gulbrandsen, the Fort Jackson primary motorcycle mentor said during the annual motorcycle training and mentorship program meeting, April 28. “We have a wealth of knowledge and years of experience. If you don’t leverage that experience, you’re putting yourself at risk.”

Fort Jackson has a proactive Motorcycle Program, said Will Guthrie, U.S. Army Training Command safety



Attendees listen to Trooper Bill Rhynes during the annual motorcycle rider training, April 28. Rhynes is a former Marine and current South Carolina State Trooper with 35 years of riding experience.

director. Although the Army does not currently require participation in the Motorcycle Mentorship Program, Fort Jackson does and each unit has a motorcycle mentor.

Unit mentors work with all motorcycle riders within their footprint. They assist with everything from recommending which motorcycles to purchase to tracking the paperwork, such as insurance and license, of riders and conducting safety checks, also known as T-CLOCS. T-CLOCS stands for each of the areas that are inspected on the motorcycles – tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stand.

Mentors also track the required training of all riders in their unit. All Soldiers who own motorcycles are required to attend the Basic Riders Course. Within one year of completing the course, they must complete the Advanced Riders Course, which must be retaken every five years. The safety courses are held throughout the year. The next basic course is May 9-10 and the next advanced is May 16. To check for other rider course dates, visit imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx or call Dale Austin, Garrison safety specialist, at 751-4325 or contact Sgt. 1st Class Rob Gulbrandsen at robert.s.gulbrandsen.mil@army.mil.



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Cesar Duran emphasized the importance of safety and mentorship with motorcycle riders across the installation during the annual motorcycle training, April 28.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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>.

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

MAY 5

USAG Organization Day

11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Lakes. Fort Jackson garrison will host an organizational day. Some directorates will be closed. Check with each directorate to learn more.

HHBN Change of Responsibility

10 a.m., Victory Field, Command Sgt. Maj. Katrina Clark will 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 will host a 12-week bowling league featuring great prizes starting May 22. This league is open to everyone, 4-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.

MAY 12

Military Spouse Appreciation Day "Own Your Wellness"

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.

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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.

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

■ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

■ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2 p.m.

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

preference. Registration is required. Call 751-5256 to reserve a seat.

MAY 14

Mother's Day Brunch

11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m., NCO Club. Celebrate Mom the way she deserves ... Enjoy a special Mothers' Day brunch featuring specialty food and beverage. Cash bar will be open. Choose from seatings at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Seating is

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2-39 welcomes USAREC senior enlisted leader

By **LT. COL. LARRY STEWARD**
2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry
Regiment commander

The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment command team welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Shade S. Munday, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's senior enlisted advisor, for a tour of the Future Soldier Preparatory Course program, April 26.

Munday became the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky, March 10. Munday said he wanted to ensure he gets an extensive understanding of the day-to-day operations of the FSPC while he was still early in his assignment at USAREC.

The battalion is organized with four academic track companies and one fitness company. The academic track companies consist of trainees who require additional academic instructions to improve their Armed Forces Qualification Test score. The fitness company consists of trainees that require additional physical training and nutrition education to improve their body fat composition to meet Army accession standards. It is important to note that trainees within both courses within the prep course receive structured and disciplined training throughout the entirety of both courses. This effort is to ensure conditions are set up front for the trainees to be successful in their journey to becoming a Soldier.

Munday's tour of the prep course started with his participation in a morning physical readiness training session with one of the academic track companies. During the physical training session, the company conducted a series of warm-up drills followed by multiple iterations of 50-meter sprints to improve the trainees' cardiovascular endurance. Munday was able to interact with the trainees throughout the physical training session.

After returning from physical training, Munday conducted an engagement with several trainees that had just completed and passed their Armed



Courtesy photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Shade S. Munday, U.S. Army Recruiting Command senior enlisted advisor, visited the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and the Future Soldier Preparatory Course, April 29. He did physical training with the unit, met with trainees and held a question-and-answer session with recruiters.

Forces Classification Test. This group of trainees had also completed signing their contracts for their military occupational specialty. The trainees provided Munday their perspectives about the prep course and their stories of why they want to serve. Positive feedback about the prep course was shared regarding the structure of the program as well as the commitment and professionalism displayed by the unit's cadre. Additionally, several trainees shared their testimonies of why they want to serve.

"I have always wanted to serve in the Army, but could never pass the (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery), after taking the test two different times," said Pvt. Atwoine Brown. "My Family and I are grateful the Army started the preparatory course; it is very beneficial for other like myself."

Munday also met with the career counselors and observed the contract renegotiation process between the career counselors and the trainees. He

was pleased to witness the process and gain a better understanding of the way the trainees received their Army job. He was also impressed with the initiative career counselors displayed where they gave each trainee an opportunity to watch occupational videos related to the MOS they were offered.

The battalion command team also shared prep course data points with Munday at the conclusion of the tour.

More than 6,000 trainees have participated and successfully completed the prep course across two battalions at Fort Jackson. The academic track of the prep course averages over a 90% success rate and the physical track currently averages a 85% completion rate.

Our cadre are committed to producing a great product to pass on to the basic training battalions and ultimately to the trainees' first duty assignment as an American Soldier.

Munday's visit enabled him to gain a better understanding of Fort Jackson's prep course mission.

The command pointers about the Future Soldier Preparatory Course the battalion shared are:

- Implementation of an extensive interview process for new cadre (civilian/military). The interview process is important to ensure the right people, with the right mindset are selected to serve as drill sergeants and instructors for the course. Additionally, an on-boarding process should be implemented for all the Basic Skills Education Program instructors when they are assign the unit. This is to ensure they all understand that they are valued members of the team and are instrumental in the overall success of the unit's mission.

- Conduct structured and disciplined pick-ups at the beginning of every cycle for both tracks. The pick-ups are executed to reinforce the Army standards of discipline and teamwork up front during the trainees first day within their respective unit's footprint.

- Establish and maintain a learning environment while consistently being firm on standards of discipline. Academic track trainees receive all of their academic instruction within the classrooms. It is imperative to mitigate classroom distractions to maximize the trainees' learning abilities. BSEP instructors conduct majority of the teaching while drill sergeants remain present to ensure good order and discipline is maintained throughout the course.

- Trainees for both tracks are introduced to "This is My Squad" and Soldiers Against Sexual Harassment programs to assist trainees with building character, preventing harmful behaviors, and solidifying the battle buddy and team building concept throughout prep course and ultimately Basic Combat Training.

- Take every opportunity to conduct various Army ceremonies (i.e., award ceremonies, promotion ceremonies, and re-enlistment ceremonies) in the presence of the prep course formations. This enhances the trainees' buy-in to the Army story and professional traditions.

Fun Fair rounds out military child month

Story by EMILY HILEMAN,
Photos by NATHAN CLINEBELLE
 Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Military children are a valuable part of the military life and culture. They spend their childhood following their parents to different installations, supporting them while they serve. Fort Jackson and the Families of these children celebrate them daily, but the month of April is set aside to celebrate them and let them know they are loved and appreciated.

Fort Jackson worked hard to celebrate military children and show their appreciation for them throughout the Month of the Military Child with a variety of military child-centric activities, such as movies and ice cream, painting and popsicles with parents, parades and more at child, youth service centers, a bubble walk and later a picnic on the lawn with parents at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School just to name a few.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation ended Month of the Military child with a big celebration at Patriots Park, April 28.

Child, Youth Services hosts an annual Family Fun Fair to celebrate military children. Military children face unique challenges other children do not.

Military children are uprooted from friends and schools every time their parents have permanent change of station moves. These moves can take place as often as every 18 months.

“Today, we’re celebrating Month of the Military Child,” Chris Helie, outdoor recreation manager for DFMWR said. “The kids get to come out just to have fun and we get to celebrate the kids that don’t always get celebrated with the life they live.”

Children at the fun fair were able to make crafts, get their faces painted, interact with firefighters and police officers; and even watch Fort Jackson leaders.

He continued to say it’s just one of the many nice gestures they can do to give back and celebrate the children that selflessly sacrifice to support their parents’ careers.

Helie added that due to his Army career, his two daughters moved around the world and never really had one place they could consider “home.”

“Just to be able to celebrate the military children that travel the world and follow in the parents footsteps and support them in whatever way they can,” he said. “So, it’s a nice gesture that we can give back and celebrate them. It’s all about the families.”

The importance was not lost on military spouse and mother, Patricia Koenig who recognized the importance of the event, and said, “It’s about bringing military families together.”

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erik Ochs took a break from entertaining families on the piano floor mat to say, “I think this is a great opportunity to highlight what our (DFMWR) partners are doing for our Families, specifically our children here. It’s an important part of our cadre resilience, knowing their Families are taken care of and it’s really exposing them to the opportunities.”



WHY I SERVE

Institute for Religious Leadership

PFC. ANDRE JACKSON, 19

Pompano Beach, Florida

"The reason I joined the Army was because I wanted to build a legacy for my Family. I'm a young father who is happily married and my main goal is to be the best man I can be for them."

"I knew Basic Combat Training was going to be a hard time, but I embraced it and led my BCT platoon with everything in me."

"The advice I would give someone planning to start BCT is to be themselves and understand that you're going to be out of your comfort zone and keep a positive attitude."

My MOS is "56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS because it was a calling from 'The Man' upstairs. I love to see my efforts having an impact on other people, which makes me happy. I want to be an Army changer and make an impact."



PVT. ANNETTE RIVERA, 26

Staten Island, New York

"I chose the Army because I believe it's a great way to start a career. I believe in discipline and structure to survive in life - civilian or military. People around me encouraged me to join as well as believing I would be a great fit in the Army."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be challenging, but manageable, if you are motivated and committed. I was nervous, but highly excited before joining because I couldn't wait to experience BCT."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS to motivate and hear out Soldiers that need to be listened to/heard. I want to let Soldiers know people care and that there's encouragement out there."



PVT. JOSHUA MARTIN, 19

San Antonio

"What influenced me to join the Army was to become a better man. I want to explore things as well as go to college and get my Masters Degree in Physical Education and Music Production."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was not how drill sergeants were or how the training was, but accepting changes through how I execute things and taking leadership positions."

Advice I would give to someone planning to start BCT is, "Come to training with a good mindset. When you get punished and you're doing push-ups, don't take it personal. Find beauty in it because you're getting stronger. Turn all the negatives about it and find the positive about it."

"I am a 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose my MOS because I love to help people from all walks of life, through trials and triumphs. I was also called by God to have this MOS."



PFC. NARKIA KING, 19

St. Augustine, Florida

"My mom influenced me to join the Army. My mom raised my sister and me by herself with little support and we were still the most spoiled kids you'd ever meet. She has done and will do anything for us. She molded me into the hard working, determined young adult I am today. I owe her everything. So, now I give her a reason to brag, just like she's given me reasons to brag about her."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be this bricked up facility in the middle of nowhere with absolutely no communication to the outside world."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I picked this MOS because I was told I can help those in need. Back at home, my Family is known for helping or volunteering. Once I saw that I can help those in need as a job, it was a closed deal."



PVT. LESLIE FRANCO, 19

Banning, California

I was influenced to join the Army because "My senior year of high school I was in a Junior ROTC program. Being in that program showed me that I had so many opportunities. After I graduated high school, I was working part time at two jobs. That's when I realized that's not what I wanted for myself."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. Joining in this MOS, I had no idea what it was or what it was about, but I just prayed that since it had the word 'religious' it would bring me closer to God. I chose this MOS because the description said I would work with a chaplain and Soldiers, one thing about me, I love to be engaged and always doing something to help others out."



PFC. ISMAIL JALIL, 20

Fredricksburg, Virginia

"No one in particular influenced me to join the Army, but the main reason why I joined the Army was because I felt obligated to serve this country in some shape or form to show my appreciation for the freedom it has provided to not only the United States, but my home country - Afghanistan, and providing a safe environment for me and my Family to live in."

"The first week of Basic Combat Training in general was the most challenging for me. Mainly because I was not used to the whole environment."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I find this MOS to be a perfect fit for me, since I already dealt with people with mental health problems. The main goal of this MOS is to help those in need."





Dr. Deandra Poe, speaks to Fort Jackson leaders during a Sexual Assault and Assault Month event, April 28 at the NCO Club on post.

Soldiers learn about sexual harassment, assault in training

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

Fort Jackson senior leaders gathered at the NCO Club to participate in Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention Leader Engagement Training, April 28.

Dr. Deandra Poe led the training and started off by detailing her journey through the Army as a wife, mother, Soldier, and survivor-domestic violence and sexual assault.

Her extensive background consists of counseling, psychoeducation, and psychotherapy as well as being the co-founder of the non-profit, Glass Soldier.

“Our non-profit is focused primarily on reporting,” Poe said. “Underreporting, male victimization ... Who is being assaulted? Where are they being assaulted? And how do we educate Soldiers, leaders, at the lowest level” are also focuses.

Following her presentation, she opened the floor for a Q&A session, allowing leaders to engage and ask questions regarding how to better serve their Soldiers who may be victims of sexual harassment and assault.

Public notice: Proposed RDX plan

Fort Jackson Environmental Division

U. S. Army Garrison, Fort Jackson invites public comment on the proposed plan for the Southern Operational Range Assessment Area Royal Demolition Explosive Site located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The proposed plan identifies the preferred response action to clean-up RDX in groundwater south of Fort Jackson, east of Weston Lake. The preferred response action is Alternative 4: Dynamic Groundwater Recirculation with Operation of Point of Use Treatment Systems and Monitoring.

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed plan during a 30-day comment period that will run from May 8, 2023 through June 7, 2023.

The proposed plan may be obtained from the Fort Jackson website at <https://home.army.mil/jackson/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/ORAP> or in-person from the Administrative Record at:

Richland County Public Library
1431 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Written comments for the proposed plan may be submitted at any time during the comment period, but they must be postmarked no later than midnight on June 7, 2023. Comments should be submitted to the address shown in the proposed plan.

Fort Jackson will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed plan on May 11, 2023 from 5:30-7 p.m. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the meeting. The meeting will be held at:

Weston Lake Community House
4420 Leesburg Road
Hopkins, SC 29061

Fort Jackson is committed to environmental excellence in all aspects of the mission. If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the Fort Jackson Environmental Division Chief at 751-6858.

April 27 retirees



Photo by **NATHAN CLINBELLE**

The Army Training Center and Fort Jackson honored the service of 1st Sgt. Robert Hordern and 1st Sgt. Wade Tripp, during the graduation of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, April 27.

Events

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very limited. Make your prepaid reservations early. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4-10.

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 18
Strongman/Strongwoman Competition
5 p.m., Hilton Field. Competitors vie for the honor of being the strongest man and strongest woman on post. Come out and compete in feats of strength such as the tire flip and stone carry.

Sportsman Club Meeting
6 p.m. Alpine Lodge. The Fort Jackson Sportsman Club hosts its monthly meeting where there will be a panel to discuss hunting and trapping coyotes on Fort Jackson. If you are interested in predator control or the challenges of hunting the wiley coyote, this is the meeting for you. The club will also discuss its May 20 work day.

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 the same day.

JUNE 7
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, call 751-5755/ 7061.

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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 751-5869/3096.

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 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. Divisions available for competition are Men's Natural Builder, Men's Natural Physique, Women's Natural Builder, Women's Natural Physique, Women's Bikini, Masters' Natural 41-49, and Grand Master Natural 50+. Cost to compete is \$75. Register by June 15. For more information call 751-3700.

AUG. 11, SEPT. 8
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. Registration is required.

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

Commentary: River Raiders visit Vietnam sniper

By **CAPT. SHAMEEN BONNICK**
3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

Three members of the current Company B, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment had the honor of meeting an American legend in the sniper community and former River Raider, Sgt. Ed Eaton.

First Sgt. Enick Bostick, senior drill sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Phillips and I, flew down to Fort Benning, Georgia to see Eaton, a Vietnam veteran, as he was being honored during the opening ceremony of the International Sniper Competition.

Ed was being hailed and honored for his contribution and legacy to the sniper community. As the crowd began to swell, Bostick said he could overhear chatter from the crowd and how excited everyone was to meet him. At the event, I sparked up a conversation with a Belgian sniper team about their flight over. One of their team members downloaded and watched Ed's History Channel special that features his story which premiered in 2010; Sniper: Deadliest Missions. As Ed arrived with his wife Donita, they were ushered to their seats in the front row, but Ed made it his business to stop, shake hands, and greet everyone in his path.

Decades ago, Ed served as an active-duty Soldier in the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment "River Raiders." He enlisted in the National Guard in 1965 only to volunteer for active duty in 1967. Upon completion of Advance Individual Training, Ed deployed to Dong Tam to be a part



Courtesy photo
Capt. Shameen Bonnick and 1st Sgt. Enick Bostick pose with Ed Eaton, a Vietnam War sniper and former 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment member, during a ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga.

of Company B, 3-60th (then under the 9th Infantry Division) as a radio transmission operator. After three months in country, Ed volunteered for the U.S. Army Sniper School where he graduated at the top of his class. Ed's heroism and gallantry in the Mekong Delta earned him three Purple Hearts, three Bronze Stars with Valor, four Air Medals, and numerous Army Commendation Medals.

On April 8, 2023, the Army honored Ed for his heroic actions when he single-handedly held off an enemy pla-

toon to save his wounded and stranded company commander following a devastating helicopter crash.

In addition to the classroom dedication, they awarded Ed with this fourth Bronze Star for the actions during the above-mentioned incident. Deafening cheer and applause erupted following the citation's reading. Ed began his humble speech by thanking his wife and then going down the line for every member of his platoon. The crowd then walked over to the Sniper School house to witness Ed cut the red ribbon to the newly minted "SGT Ed Eaton Sniper Classroom."

After a few pictures, the international sniper teams made their way through to shake the hand of a legend. Ed wished them all good luck as they hurried to grab their gear and long guns before loading the buses to begin the grueling sniper competition.

Ed embodies all five and then some of the leadership virtues the battalion is studying during its current leadership professional development series: perseverance, courage, discipline, confidence, and humility.

The virtue of humility stood out the most as Ed remained humble throughout the ceremony for all those present who clearly admired and respected this legend among snipers. He clearly remained grateful to those that took time to honor him and his legacy, including the current command team of Company B, 3-60th, and to those that fought by his side many years ago that never got a chance to see home again.

(Editor's note: Ed Eaton asked to be called Ed.)

81st Readiness Division holds workshop

By **TOMMY CROSBY**
81st Readiness Division

More than 60 center commanders and facility coordinators from across the southeast met at the 81st Readiness Division on Fort Jackson recently for a workshop that focused on all aspects of managing and maintaining an Army Reserve Center or Army facility.

"The challenges of managing a building or facility are more difficult than many people would think," said Col. Rusty Rhoads, 81st Readiness Division's regional engineer and director of installation management. "The responsibilities these center commanders and facility coordinators undertake are enormous and expectations are always high. We want to make sure each of these leaders have the tools and knowledge they need to be successful."

During the three-day workshop, partic-

ipants covered a myriad of topics ranging from base operations and service contracts to acquiring new furniture and GSA vehicle usage. The 81st RD regional facility operations specialist and area facility operations specialists also participated in the workshop.

In most cases, being a center commander or facility coordinator is a collateral duty. These individuals are responsible for all matters related to the daily use and management of the center or facility in addition to their assigned job. Therefore, it is essential center commanders and facility coordinators have a basic understanding of the rules, regulations, and processes. It is also pivotal they have a strong relationship with their local RFOS and AFOS who can help with facility repairs and assist during a natural disaster or emergencies.

"There is no formal training in managing a facility," said Sean McDonald, 81st Read-

iness Division's Director of Public Works. "Having workshops like this helps all our Center commanders and facility coordinators, particularly those who are doing this for the first time, understand that there are resources out there for them and they are not alone."

"Ready facilities and ready equipment play a critical role in our Soldier's ability to be mission ready," said Rhoads.

"The information gathered, and relationships established during this workshop will greatly help these center commanders and



Photo by TOMMY CROSBY
Attendees listen during a workshop held by the 81st Readiness Division.

facility coordinators who have the important task of ensuring our Soldiers and (Department of the) Army Civilians have the environment and conditions needed for proper training," Rhoads added.

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