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Army to publish new blue book in 2024

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

The Army will build a new blue book and blue book app to reinforce standards and discipline across the service, the Army's top enlisted leader said.

The Army Software Factory in Austin, Texas leads the initiative, scheduled to release by October 2024.

The app will contain the noncommissioned officer and Soldier creeds and feature a set of standards that will remain uniform across the Army including leadership responsibilities. A digital library in the app will link to other service publications and units can add their own unique history.

The new blue book mobile app will eventually be able to provide instant updates and alerts when the Army passes a new regulation. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael R. Weimer said that adopting clear, service-wide reference, like the new blue book, will be critical in future conflicts.

"You can't build standards and discipline in a time of crisis," Weimer said during his initiatives



Army News Service photo

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael R. Weimer addresses the audience during the Sergeant Major of the Army initiatives briefing at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington, D.C., on Oct. 11.

briefing at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington. "If we're really going to be truly ready for large-scale combat operations, we have to have those standards and discipline before we get called upon for that."

Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Harris, Army Training and Doc-

trine Command senior enlisted advisor, will form an operational planning team to seek Soldier feedback to help create the app across the three service components, Active Duty, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard.

The Army created the blue book as a guide for all Soldiers for standards, discipline and culture.

Soldiers will receive the document upon entering Basic Combat Training. The book establishes Army ethics early in a Soldier's career to introduce new troops to the Army's culture and form their moral core.

Weimer said the responsibility of enforcing the Army's standards remains with its NCO corps.

"The foundational document will be the same for all of us, period," Weimer said. "You still have to lead and still have to have the personal courage to live the standard and enforce the standard."

Concerns over the erosion of discipline and adherence to service regulations grew during the coronavirus pandemic when many Soldiers teleworked from home for the first time.

"I think COVID really highlighted an issue with standards and discipline," Weimer said.

Weimer said that Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy A. George's transition team held more than 500 conversations with division commanders and division sergeants major, and the most frequent topic was standards and discipline.

Harris said Soldiers have had some questions about the clarity of current Army standards and their interpretation. He said that the new blue book will provide needed specificity.

"We're going to remove some of that ambiguity, so you leaders and Soldiers feel empowered or are empowered to make that change and correction," Harris said. "And you're not afraid to do it."

ON THE COVER

Youths roast marshmallows over a fire pit at Twin Lakes during the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Fall Campout, Oct. 14-15.



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Post provides community updates

Story, photo by EMILY HILEMAN
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson leadership invited all members of the Fort Jackson community, both in the Columbia area and on the installation, to participate in a Community Information Exchange, Oct. 12.

“There are a lot of things that are occurring on Fort Jackson and the challenge is finding out where and when,” said Col. Timothy Hickman, Fort Jackson garrison commander. “We also want to let you know how to find the information for specific areas and opportunities to help you better connect in whatever way works for you.”

Short, two-minute briefs were held by several services on Fort Jackson including the Armed Forces Wellness Center, Defense Commissary Agency, Moncrief Army Health Clinic, Religious Support Office and more.

Attendees had questions for several of the services provided, but many questions revolved around employment, flu shots and the Adopt-a-Soldier Program.

For those interested in the Adopt-a-Soldier program for the 2023 Victory Block Leave season, Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gregory Jackson should contact the Religious Services Office.

“We haven’t started to get the information out yet,” he said. “But call us at 751-3121 and we’ll be able to provide you with more details.”

For those in the community that may be looking for employment opportunities on Fort Jackson, a plethora of information from various employers offered information and advice.

The Directorate of Human Resources emphasized for attendees and those watching the Facebook Live feed in other locations to mark their calendars for the Fort Jackson Fall Education and Career Fair Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NCO Club.

Moncrief Army Health Clinic, the Defense Commissary Agency and the Exchange all confirmed they will attend the Education and Career Fair and also directed the community to additional resources for employment opportunities.

“At Moncrief, we are always hiring and



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gregory Jackson, garrison chaplain, speaks about the Adopt-a-Soldier program during the Community Information Exchange held Oct. 12 at the NCO Club. The Adopt-a-Soldier places trainees who do not go home on Victory Block Leave with local families over Christmas. Jackson, and other representatives of on-post activities and directorates, shared information about upcoming events with the Fort Jackson community. ‘It’s great information,’ said Amy Messenger, advisor for 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

our jobs are posted on USAJobs.gov,” said Col. Warren Stewart, MAHC commander.

Another major employer for Fort Jackson, Child and Youth Services also gave advice on how to find positions.

“If there are spouses or anyone in the community that is passionate about working with children, we’re always looking for people,” said Sabine Alsup, Child Development Center director. “If you’re interested in applying and you love working with children or want to work with them, go onto USAJobs.gov and our positions are posted as Child and Youth Program Assistant.”

Alsup also mentioned that employees

of the Child Development Centers receive 50% off childcare for one child and that employees are also prioritized for receiving childcare.

For more information about the Education and Career Fair, contact Army Community Services at 751-5256, the Army Continuing Education System at 751-5341, or the Transition Assistance Program at 751-1723. It is free and open to the Fort Jackson community.

A few soldier and family readiness group advisors also attended the exchange.

“I’m here to get more information for our unit,” said Crissy Hargrove, advisor for

2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. “We try to be informed so we can then inform anyone who needs our help. We are in a position to help people and we’re just trying to be the funnel to get others that help.”

Other advisors and leaders recommend more community members attend to get information about events and contacts on Fort Jackson.

“It’s great information,” said Amy Messenger, advisor for 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. “It’s great for anyone that wants to be involved, help others or get that information and pass it on to those who can’t come.”

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissary/Exchange access update

The temporary authorization for Department of the Army Civilians to use the Commissary and Exchange during the COVID-19 pandemic was canceled June 8, 2023.

Marion Avenue Closure

The intersection of Marion Avenue and Hampton Parkway is closed as Army Corps of Engineers contractors begin work on the Victory Fresh parking area adjacent to the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy dining facility. Contractors will begin the clearing of trees, excavation and installation of storm drains, and construction of a new parking lot. The closure will affect traffic accessing Marion Avenue from Hampton Parkway. Detour and road closure signs will be present in the area. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 25.

ArmyIgnitED 101

Are you new to tuition assistance or credentialing assistance? Maybe you are looking for some refresher training. The Fort Jackson Army Continuing Education System is holding ArmyIgnitED 101 briefs every second and fourth Mondays and Wednesdays of each month. The briefings are held virtually, starting at 10 a.m. Mondays, and in person at the Education Center (4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd.) beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. To sign up email your attendance request to usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bed.mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil. Walk-ins are welcome.

Guest Day at the Fort Jackson Golf Club

Fort Jackson Golf Club members are now permitted to bring up to three guests on guest days. Green fees are waived for a member's guest(s), but each guest

must pay cart and user fees. Upcoming Guest Days are: Saturday and Oct. 29; Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 26; Dec. 2, 8, 14 and 20.

Alpine Lodge now open

Renovations are complete and this lodge is ready for: birthday, holiday, retirement, promotion parties, even weddings. Parties, get togethers, you decide. Includes: amazing location, pond (no swimming) overlooking loft, outdoor porch, full size kitchen (no stove) tables and chairs. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 751-3484.

POV Sales Lot

The privately-owned vehicle sales lot, operated by the Auto Craft Shop, is located at the corner parking lot of the Strom Thurmond Building off Marion Avenue. It is open so you can sell your vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles. You must have a government ID or be the immediate family member of a government ID Cardholder, proof of registration and insurance to park on the POV Sales Lot. The cost is \$25 per vehicle for 30 days and this includes being advertised on the Fort Jackson Auto Craft webpage.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY

Halloween Paint & Sip

5:30-7:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Start the Halloween season out right at the Solomon Center. Come join us for a ghoulish good time and learn some basic painting skills, by yourself or bring your family and friends. Appropriate for ages 10 years and older. Cost is \$30 per person. Registration required last day to sign up Oct 18. For more information, call 751-4168.

OCT. 27

CYS Fall Festival

6 p.m., Youth Sports Complex. Fun for the entire family. Come out and enjoy a family-friendly event. There will be a costume contest, games, crafts and lots of candy. Please bring a bag to hold your goodies. Food can be purchased at MWR and AAFES food trucks. For more information, call 751-4865/4824.

OCT 28

Zombie 5K Run

8 a.m., Twin Lakes. Join The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, for a spooky good time. To register or for information call 751-3700.

Haunted Halloween on Mini Greens

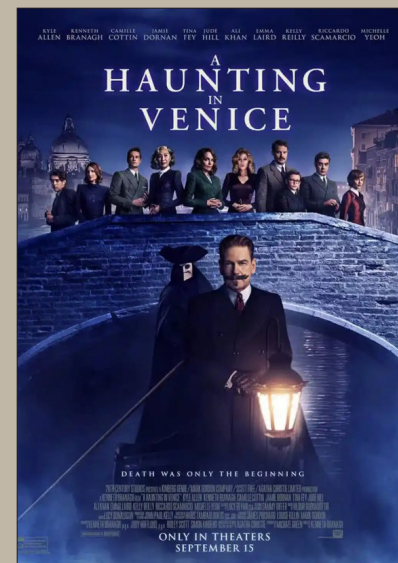
3-5 p.m., Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf Course. Start your Halloween weekend out right by bringing your family out for a monster scavenger hunt at Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf course. Walk through the ghoulishly decorated miniature golf course solving riddles and clues to find the Halloween monsters. Claim your prize after you find all 10 monsters. The Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library is providing spooky story time in the pavilion at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. The event costs \$3 per child. Adults and children 4 and under are free. The event is intended for children ages 5 and up, but all are welcome. For more information, contact the Solomon Center or Marion Street Station at 751-4168.

Garrison CSM Halloween Party.

4:30 p.m., Fort Jackson NCO Club, Anyone in a costume gets a gift. Costume contest with great prizes, scary cocktails, scary movies, and black magic margarita specials.

Cars & Coffee

8-11 a.m., Solomon Center parking lot. Enjoy cool cars and hot coffee the 4th Saturday of the month.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

OCT. 20

■ Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour 6 p.m.

OCT. 21

■ Meg 2 (PG-13) 2 p.m.

OCT. 25

■ A Haunting in Venice (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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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. All submissions will be edited and published using Associated Press Style

Questions? Call 751-6739.

Red-Ribbon Week touts drug free lifestyle

by **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

In just a few short weeks, students of all ages will be wearing red ribbons touting their commitment to living a drug-free life and ensuring others around them do the same.

“We no longer live in a culture where there are off-limit subjects,” said Devita Hampton, Army Substance Abuse Program specialist. “It takes a community to teach prevention and as a society, we can teach age-appropriate (drug and alcohol) prevention.”

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was held in 1988 by the National Family Partnership in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

Camarena, a former Marine, joined the Drug Enforcement Administration as a Special Agent in 1974 in Calexico, California. In 1981 he was assigned to the Guadalupe Resident Office and for more than four years, he followed the country’s biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers.

On Feb. 7, 1985, shortly before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped and never seen again.

In honor of his memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, who were sick of the destructions caused by alcohol and drugs began forming coalitions that embraced his belief that one person can make a difference.

These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena’s memory which have now become synonymous with educating the youth and encouraging participation in drug prevention activities.

Now, 25 years later, an entire week is set aside to teach children the dangers and consequences of living a life filled with alcoholism and frequent drug use.



“Red Ribbon Week is the community’s opportunity to have conversations relating to the dangers of alcohol and drugs,” Hampton said.

According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, drug use went up 61% among 8th graders between 2016 and 2020 and 50% of teenagers have misused a drug at least once.

“Children and teens of parents who talk to their teens regularly about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse are less likely to use and abuse them than those who don’t,” Hampton said. “Yet, only a quarter of teens report having those conversations with

their parents.”

As in the past, ASAP will be working with on-post schools, the Middle School and Teen Program and they are excited to partner with Richland School District Two for the first time this year.

“The Directorate of Emergency Services and the Armed Forces Wellness Center will also be providing wonderful preventative methods this year,” she said.

This year, Red Ribbon Week, themed “Be Kind to Your Mind: Live Drug Free,” will be held Oct. 23 – 31. Festivities begin with a kick-off at Pierce Terrace and C.C. Pinckney Elementary Schools, Oct. 24. For more information, contact the Army Substance Abuse Program at 751-7294.

Partnership gives spouses more job ops

By **KATIE LANGE**
DOD News Service

While recent Defense Department actions have helped to put more money into the pockets of military families, for many, financial security isn’t possible unless both spouses are working. A dual-income household contributes to military readiness, allowing service members to focus on their jobs and not worry about their finances.

Department officials continue efforts to work with the business community to make more dual-income military families a reality.

This week, the DOD is hosting the Military Spouse Employment Partnership’s annual ENGAGE event in Alexandria, Virginia. At MSEP ENGAGE, which stands for Empowering New Growth and Gaining Employees, about 130 businesses will be inducted as new partners, bring MSEP’s total membership to more than 700 businesses, nonprofits and federal agencies.

More partners mean more job opportunities for military spouses, who bring a valuable perspective to the DOD. Currently, the unemployment rate for military spouses is at about 21%. DOD officials would like to see that number go down.

MSEP is a recruitment and employment initiative that provides companies and military spouses looking for work direct access to one another. Its partners range from international conglomerates to small businesses in military-impacted communities. MSEP is a program under the DOD’s Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program that supports spouses through professional development, training and career coaching.

The ENGAGE event gives MSEP partners the opportunity to learn from each



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Camping out Jackson style

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Twenty-two military families took a break from the hustle and bustle of the Army life on Fort Jackson and headed to Twin

Lakes for the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Fall Family Campout, Oct. 14-15.

"Families brought their own tents and they set up wherever they wanted in the grass and it's backyard camping at it's finest," said Alec Stoess, outdoor recreation assistant. "We provided games, activities, s'mores, fire building, fishing poles, a movie, and anything else to help the families have a great time."

Kim McDowell-Will, the children's librarian with the Fort Jackson Library also attended to hold story time with the smaller children.

"For families that may not have their own camping equipment, military ID card holders can rent tents and camping supplies from outdoor recreation," Stoess said. "We try to provide as much as we can for them, but at the end of the day it's just a time for them to camp out and enjoy time together as a family."

The price for camping for the night was \$10 for children up to 12-years old and \$20 for anyone 13 and over. It included events such as a tent set-up demonstration, campfire building, outdoor games, fishing, hotdogs and chips, snacks and pastries, and coffee.

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- Alec Stoess
Outdoor Recreation Assistant

For those that were unable to attend, Stoess says not to worry. "We do campouts twice a year and this was our fall campout," he said. "So, we'll be having another campout in the spring."

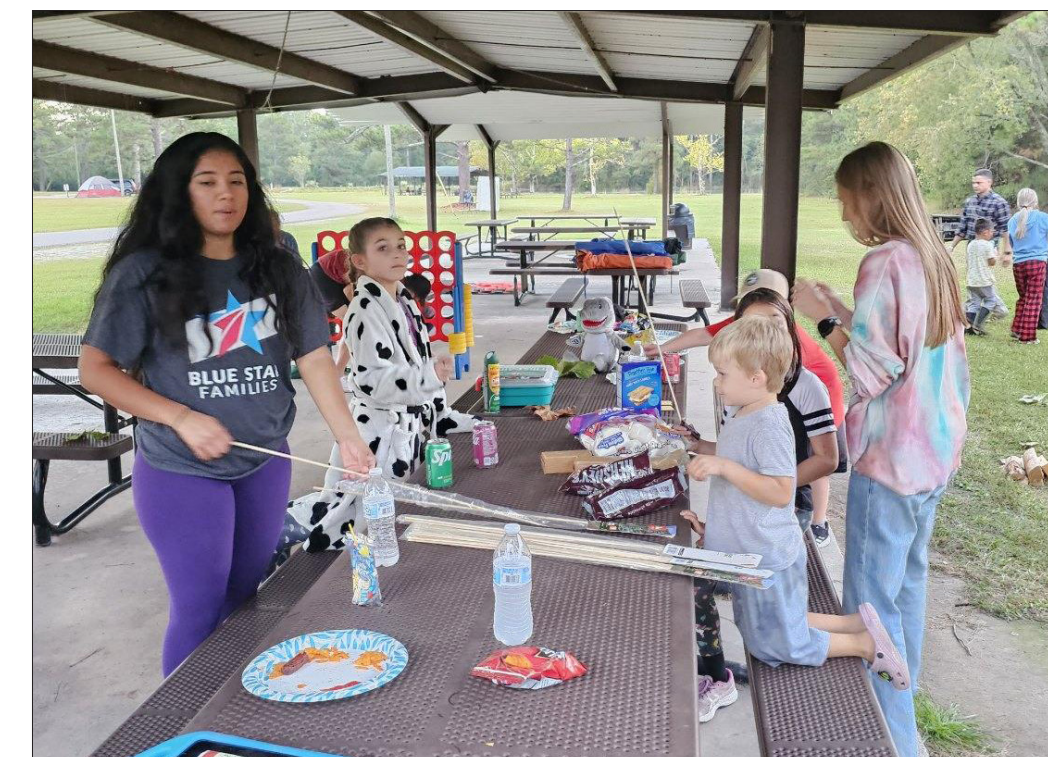
Even though there won't be anymore campouts for the rest of the season, Fort Jackson's FMWR program has plenty of events planned for the colder months.

"We have a Biltmore Estate tour, ice skating, and we have open range days every quarter,"

Stoess said. "We also have a holiday shopping trip to Concord, North Carolina coming up later this year."

The post's holiday tree lighting event starts at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Patriots Park. The lighting will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

Contact the Outdoor Recreation at Marion Street Station for more information about outdoor camping, activities or one of their upcoming events at 751-3484.



Courtesy photos

WHY I SERVE

**3RD BATTALION,
39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

PVT. BRANDOL HERNANDEZ, 18

Dallas

"No one in my family has ever served in the Army. I wanted to be the first and be a role model for my younger family members."

"I imagined Basic Combat training to be a lot of exercising and shooting weapons."

"Being away from the people I call family back home" was the most challenging part of BCT.

Advice I would give to someone planning to join the Army is, "start doing push-ups. A lot of them, too."

My MOS is "91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I chose this as my MOS because I thought it would be a good job for me and a career when I get back home."



PFC. CURTIS WILLIAMS, 18

St. Stephen, South Carolina

"My family is the reason why I joined the Army."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be rough and mentally challenging. I also imagined only getting five minutes to eat."

"The most challenging part of BCT was being deprived of everything – sleep, food and free time."

"The advice I would give to someone joining the Army would be don't overthink it. Just do what is asked and you will get through."

My MOS is, "25B – Information Technology Specialist. I chose this MOS for the civilian benefits and the benefits for college."



SPC. ADRIANA CAPELES GONZALEZ, 26

Dorado, Puerto Rico

"I joined the Army because I see it as a profession. Also, I want to better myself, my behavior and be a better civilian. Last, but not least, I want to serve my country and defend it."

"For me, the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was dealing with younger people and the mental challenges."

Advice I would give to someone planning to join the Army is "be patient, never stop dreaming, and keep pushing through. Everything happens for a reason."

"My MOS is 68J – Medical Logistics Specialist. I chose this MOS because I love science and everything medical. I love to help others when it's needed and I enjoy what I'm doing every day."



PVT. SCHULYER HARKNESS, 18

Nine Miles Falls, Texas

"My father and grandfather influenced me the most in my decision to join the Army. Both of them had said their biggest regret in life was not joining."

"I had imagined Basic Combat Training to be a little more overwhelming, similar to the first day. After the first two weeks or so, it became sort of like a summer football camp, in my mind."

"My MOS is 13F – Joint Fire Support Specialist. I chose this MOS because it was one of the only MOSes that would allow me to get back in time for school."



PVT. WILLIAM TSCHIRHART III, 20

Castroville, Texas

"My cousin, 2nd Lt. Rudy Rochet, is the reason I joined the Army."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be physically demanding and mentally exhausting due to the lack of sleep and information overload."

"I would advise anyone planning to start BCT to prepare yourself physically by running, doing push-ups, and eating a healthy diet. If the physical aspect is easier for you, it makes the entire experience much easier."

"My MOS is 35G – Geospatial Intelligence Imagery Analyst. I chose this MOS because of the career opportunities that come with it."



PVT. TRENTON CRENSHAW, 18

Brownsburg, Indiana

"I joined the Army because my recruiter was very convincing and because my uncle served 15 years in the Air Force and my brother and dad both served in the Navy. So, they were huge spheres of influence in my thought process."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be like the stuff of the movies. 'Drop down and give me 100,' constant screaming in your face and getting woken up by airhorns every day. I almost freaked myself out."

"My MOS is 42A – Human Resources Specialist. I wanted to work and learn skills that could seamlessly transition into the civilian world."



To read more why Soldiers serve visit: home.army.mil/jackson

Tips to understand investments, interest

By **SHAWN M. SMITH**
Army Community Service

Investing can be a major driving force to help you attain your financial goals, such as building a nest egg for your retirement, paying college related expenses for your child(ren) or passing wealth to loved ones (i.e. generational wealth). The goal is to outpace inflation and increase your net worth.

Compound interest is perhaps the best reason to invest. Albert Einstein is to have said, "Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it ... he who doesn't ... pays it. Compound interest is the most powerful force in the universe." You are earning interest on your initial investment and the interest you are earned... your interest is earning interest.

There's a multitude of things you can invest in, ranging from stocks, bonds and precious metals to artwork and collectible coins. The average investor typically sticks with four core investments:

- **Stocks (i.e., equities):** Stocks represent partial ownership of one or more companies. If a company does well, the stock can increase in value. Stocks have high return potential over long time periods but tend to be more volatile than other investments.

- **Bonds (i.e., fixed-income investments):** Bonds are designed to create a steady stream of income but with lower return potential. While bond values are somewhat vulnerable to interest-rate fluctuations, bonds are generally more stable than stocks.

- **Cash:** Cash investments have the lowest risk and the lowest return potential. This category also includes investments like CDs, money-market accounts, and savings accounts.

- **Mutual funds and Exchange-Traded Funds:** Mutual funds and exchange-traded funds pool money from many investors and then invest it in an

assortment of stocks, bonds, or other investments.

Where you invest is dependent upon the amount of risk you're willing to assume. Young adults may tend to be more aggressive and lean towards investments that may generate a higher return (stocks) then slowly lower our risk tolerance and lean towards safer investments (such as bonds) as we approach retirement. The cash investment would be attractive to an individual that will need to liquidate cash in the near-term (i.e., down payment on a home), currently high-yield savings accounts are popular choice.

A popular investment option is the dividend reinvestment program or dividend reinvestment plan. Normally, when dividends are paid, it is in a form of a payout directly to the shareholders. A DRIP provides shareholders the opportunity to forego the payout and instead reinvest their cash dividends into additional full or partial shares of stock. Some of the most well-known publicly traded companies offer DRIP programs allowing investors to invest as little as \$10 making buying stock easier.

Before you invest you should have a clear understanding of your strategy and determine if you will be a passive or active investor. A passive investor leans towards index funds, funds that track and match a market's performance (i.e., an S&P 500 fund or TSP 'C' fund) and is investing for the long-term (buy and hold strategy). An active investor is continuously purchasing and selling based on price movements with a goal of short-term profits.

Seek the advice of a financial advisor who is properly licensed to help you devise the appropriate investment strategy. Always keep in mind that advisors typically make their money from the investments you make.



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

**ALPHA COMPANY
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OF THE CYCLE**
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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Brandol Hernandez

**BRAVO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
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**CHARLIE COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Adriana Capeles

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STAFF SGT. JONATHAN TENORIO

**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**

Spouses

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other to improve on their commitment to recruiting, hiring, retaining and promoting military spouses. The first day of the event will be dedicated to the induction ceremony and orientation for new MSEP partners. The second day will feature a town hall, presentations, panels and breakout sessions, and it will give partners a chance to network with each other and share insights, strategies and best practices for making their organization military ready.

Since MSEP's inception in 2011, its 700-plus partners have hired more than 275,000 military spouses across every employment sector. The job search section of the MYSECO website posts tens of thousands of opportunities daily for positions that range from full-time and part-time to flexible, seasonal and remote.

Many of these partners have created their own military spouse-ready leave policies and programs for transferring jobs. There's also the MyCareer Advancement Account Scholarship, which was created to help spouses and MSEP partners by giving spouses a way to



Courtesy photo

A spouse looks at information during a partnership event in Arlington, Va., Oct. 27, 2022.

improve their skillsets. The scholarship offers eligible spouses up to \$4,000 in financial assistance for education, training or certification in their field.

The ENGAGE annual event falls in line with the DOD's Taking Care of Our People initiative, which calls for immediate and long-term financial support for service members and their families.

Events

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OCT. 31

Navigating Barriers to Safety

10:30-11:30 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program is hosting a class to discuss financial barriers that keep individuals from leaving abusive situations. Whether for yourself, friend or loved one, come receive tips and resources that could help someone out of an abusive situation. For more information or to register, call 751-5256

NOV. 7

Fall Education and Career Fair

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club. The Army Continuing Education System, Army Community Services and the Transition Assistance Program presents the Fort Jackson 2023 Fall Education and Career Fair. Attendees can visit with more than 60 educational institutions and prospective employers. For more information, call 751-5341 for educational questions; 751-4109 for transition assistance program; and 751-5256 for Army Community

Services. The event is free and open to the Fort Jackson community.

NOV. 16-17

Resiliency Stand-To

Fort Jackson will conduct a two-day Resiliency Stand-To Nov. 16-17. Day one includes opening remarks, an overview of services, breakout sessions and vendors inside the Solomon Center. On day two there will be tours of post activities; a panel will speak on resiliency from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the NCO Club Ballroom; and a livestreamed talk by retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin at 3 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/resiliency-fair>. Register for the Resiliency Stand-To guest speakers luncheon at the NCO Club. For access to the buffet, it will be \$15 at the door (cash or card). If you would like to attend, but not purchase food, please still RSVP to ensure adequate seating is provided. RSVP no later than Nov. 10 via email at usarmy.jackson.army-tng-ctr.mbx.fj-resiliency-lead-planners@army.mil or call at 751-2915/6334.


DEC. 1


Holiday Tree Lighting

6 p.m., Patriots Park. Join Fort Jackson as children help Brig. Gen. Jason Kelly light the tree. Santa Claus is also set to arrive as well.


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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
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US increases Mid East deterrence posture

By JOSEPH CLARK
DOD News Service

Security assistance continues to flow into Israel as Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III takes further steps to bolster deterrence in the region, Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh said Tuesday.

The Defense Department has completed five separate C-17 Globemaster III missions to deliver assistance, including munitions, to meet Israel's needs in the wake of the deadly attacks by Hamas terrorists, Singh said, adding that she expected subsequent deliveries to continue.

Going forward, Austin has directed the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit to move into the region adding to the DOD's broader efforts to signal the U.S.'s commitment to ensuring Israel's security and deter any state or non-state actor from seeking to escalate the war.

"The department remains focused on three objectives: supporting Israel's defense through security assistance, sending a strong signal of deterrence to any actors who might be thinking of entering the conflict and staying vigilant to any threats to U.S. forces," Singh said.

The 26th MEU's movement in the region comes after Austin's directive over the weekend ordering the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group to join the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group which arrived in the Eastern Mediterranean last week.

Those units complement the deployment of Air Force F-15 and F-16 fighter squadrons and A-10 attack squadrons to the region announced last week.

Separately, Austin has placed approximately 2,000 personnel across a variety of units on a heightened state of readiness to increase the department's ability to respond in the Middle East.

Those forces would add key capabilities ranging from transportation to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

Singh emphasized, however, that no decisions have been reached to deploy any of those forces at this time.

How to get treats not tricks

Leader Staff Reports

It's getting close to that time again, when ghouls and goblins, princesses and superheroes dash from door to door seeking goodies from their neighbors. While it is a time for fun, a few simple steps can keep the treats from turning into tricks.

Trick or Treating should be a time of fun and dressing up safely. Here are some tips to keep your holiday time safe.

General Safety

- Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by parents or an authorized adult chaperone.
- Children should never go into homes. Stay on the porch when asking for treats.
- Children should avoid homes that don't have their outside lights turned on.
- Children should never talk to strangers or get into strangers' cars.
- Children should bring home any treats before eating them so parents can inspect them. When children get home, parents should inspect all candy and other treats before they are eaten.
- Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy or fruit.
- Parents should cut into fruit, such as apples, to make sure they do not contain foreign objects.

Costumes

- Wear bright, reflective clothing to be easily visible on streets and sidewalks.
- Wear sneakers or comfortable walking shoes.
- Avoid wearing floppy hats or wigs that can fall over the eyes.
- If wearing a face mask, ensure it does not obstruct vision.
- Try to avoid toy weapons. If desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- Avoid any unknown animals. They may easily become frightened.

Pedestrians

- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings. Parents should establish a route for children.
- Use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Cross the street at corners/crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Motorists should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.

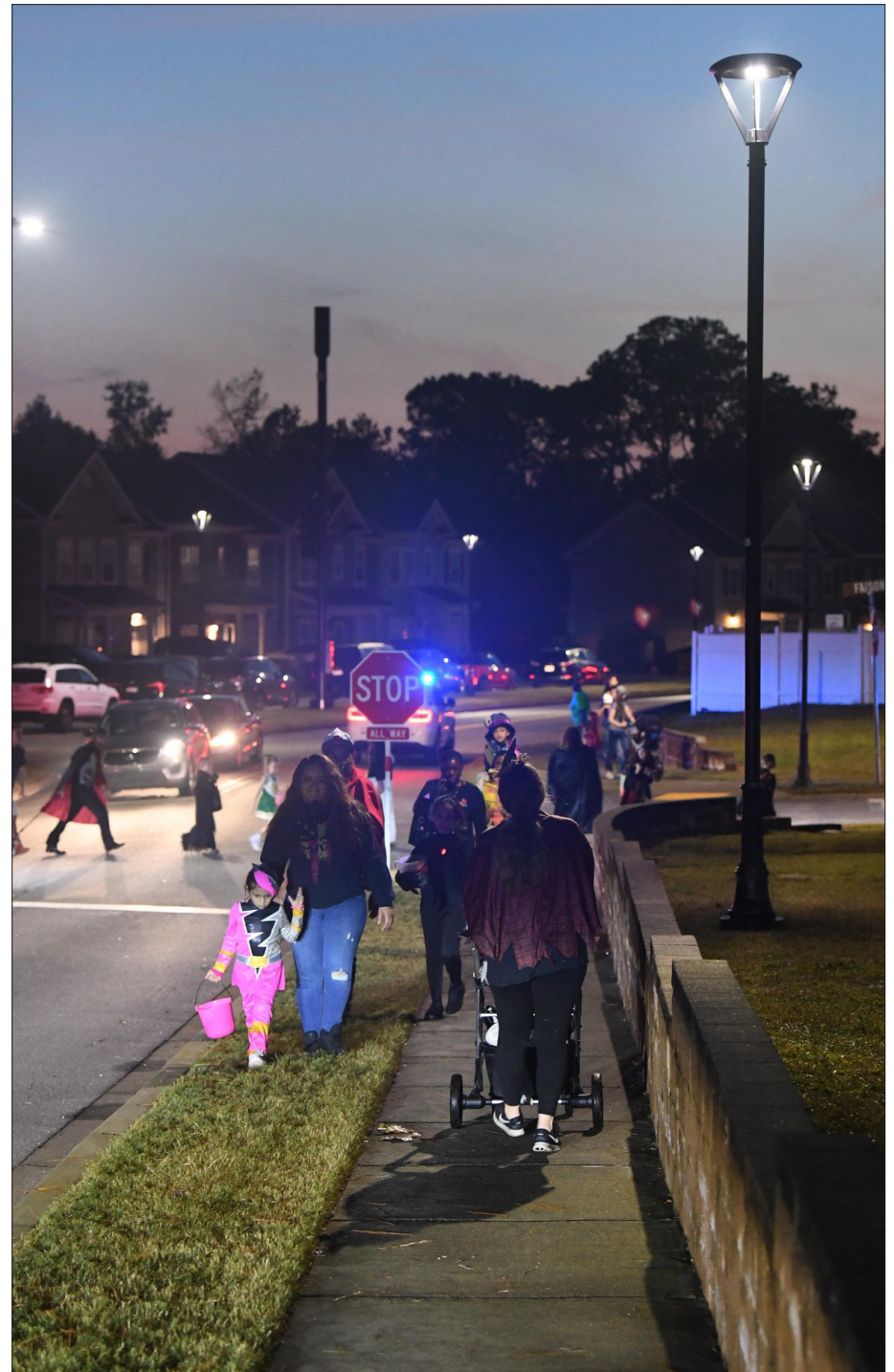


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Health Precautions

- Avoid physical contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for children to take, if possible.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.
- Use sanitizer if needed, but only when supervised by an adult.

(Note: Fort Jackson MPs will check candy for families as needed.)

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Col. Timothy R. Hickman, garrison commander, listens to questions from the audience during the Community Information Exchange, Oct. 12 at the NCO Club.

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