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Pierce Terrace celebrates 100th day of school

By LORRAINE EMORY

Pierce Terrace Elementary School

One of the traditions at Pierce Terrace Elementary School involves acknowledging and celebrating the 100th day of school.

Students and staff celebrated the date, Jan. 30, with a myriad of activities involving 100 and ended with teachers declaring students to be “100 days smarter.”

This date falls earlier than usual due to calendar adjustments from the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Teachers declared each student to be “100 days smarter!,” throughout the day, teachers kept eager students busy with a lot of games, projects, and activities that had to do with the number 100.

Many schools across the country celebrate the 100th day of school as a significant event because it means students are more than halfway through their school year. Since teachers primarily focus on reinforcing fundamental math concepts and numbers, celebrating the 100th day is especially popular in primary grades.

There is a wide range of activities to commemorate 100 days of education.

Kindergarten teacher Erica Olson explained her class is celebrating “by having special 100th day stations for (English Language Arts) and math.”

This was one of many ways students were celebrating.

According to Larissa Pinckney, a member of the school’s culture and climate committee, the students and staff were encouraged to dress like 100-year-old people or wear 100 items on their clothing.

First-grade teacher Charlene Harris said



Photo by LORRAINE EMORY

Left to right: First grade students: Nathan Ghee, Mariela Melendez, Finley Winkler, Caroline Gallina, Sklyar Dubose, Blake Hardeman, and Mrs. Monica Trojanowski pose as 100-year-old people during the Pierce Terrace Elementary School’s celebration of the 100th day of school.

her class is “participating in writing assignments.” The students used writing prompts such as, “If I had \$100 to spend in 100 seconds, I would buy? And in 100 years ...”

Harris added, “We have come a long way in 100 days.”

“The students will get to write 100 words, write about what they want 100 (items) of, race each other to 100, build towers of 100 cups, see if they can get to the center of a tootsie pop in 100 licks, and write about what they will be doing when they are 100

years old,” Olson said.

The PreK program schedule operates on a different calendar, moving their 100th-day celebration to Feb. 16. Kids are excited to reach this critical school milestone, no matter what they do to celebrate.

ON THE COVER

An intramural flag football team from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. celebrates their victory over a Fort Jackson team, Jan. 25.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

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Club's new name honors Army heritage

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

One of the last noncommissioned officer's clubs in the Army went away when Fort Jackson re-named its NCO Club the 1917 Club, Jan. 26, as part of the post's efforts to highlight its history.

"We have one of the last NCO clubs," said Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander. "Every other installation you go to have all ranks clubs. There is no longer an officer's club and an NCO Club.

At one time the Army had separate clubs where NCOs, enlisted and officers would mingle with their own ranks.

"One of the first questions I asked when I first got to Fort Jackson was, 'Man, I haven't been to an installation in a really long time that has an NCO Club,'" he added. "But I thought it was appropriate because of where the NCO fits here on Fort Jackson."

Fort Jackson is the Army's largest Basic Combat Training post as it trains roughly half of all Soldiers and more than 60% of women entering the service year. Training in excess of 45,000 basic training and 12,000 additional advanced training Soldiers every year raises the need for NCOs and drill sergeants.

Not only does the post have more drill sergeants, but it also is home to the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, which produces them.

The post has done a lot to spotlight its heritage in the past few years. It began with the Heritage Trail where trainees marching back from the Forge came upon Soldiers wearing period uniforms. The post has renamed some roads to names of units, battles and places associated with Fort Jackson. Most recently, the post has added the playing of the Army Song after



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, right, commander of the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, and Col. Timothy R. Hickman, garrison commander, unveil the new sign for the post's 1917 Club. The sign prominently features a drill sergeant hat, originally known as a campaign hat, which was the standard headgear when the post first opened in 1917.

Reveille each morning.

"It's how we bring new members onto our team," Kelly added. "I want to see how proud we all are of the U.S. Army."

Kelly and Col. Timothy R. Hickman, garrison commander, unveiled a new sign to officially rename the club. The sign, designed by Hickman, displays the iconic "Brown Round" or drill sergeant hat. That hat, also known as a campaign hat, is even more significant.

Since 1917 Fort Jackson has been making Soldiers, Hickman said. "Now the head gear in 1917 was called the campaign hat ... we brought that back and it's worn today by drill sergeants. It is an indication of professionalism and calls back to the time when the Army

began growing some its most famous divisions."

The history of the club will not be forgotten as the old sign will be preserved.

"The NCO Club sign didn't fall apart when we took it down," Hickman joked. "We are going to make it a part of the interior of our club to keep that legacy."

Fort Jackson is also home to the Basic Combat Training Museum – one of the most popular in the Army.

"We've got history happening all around us," Kelly said. The museum is "one of the best. I think more people go to our museum with the exception of the National Museum of the Army in Washington, D.C."



Photo by **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**

The 1917 Club has incorporated the drill sergeant hat into its sign as a homage to 1917 Soldiers.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death Notice

This notice serves as a death notice advisory for all those in possession of the property of Lt. Col. Vincent Murtaugh, as well as those whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Calvin L. Watson, Summary Courts Martial Officer with questions or concerns at (843) 619-8186 or email calvin.l.watson6.mil@army.mil.

Road Name Changes

Fort Jackson has renamed numerous roads and streets on post named after Confederate leaders, battles and units. This is part of efforts to rename Department of Defense installations, streets, buildings and ships that featured names commemorating the Confederacy. These name changes, effective Jan. 1, have already been made by the U.S. Postal Service. To learn which road names have changed, scan the QR code or visit <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/fort-jackson-road-renaming>.



Victory Fresh Hours

Victory Fresh located at 9572 Marion Ave. is open Monday-Friday (except for federal holidays). The hours are: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Grab & Go Items 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Build Your Own Power Bowl

Temporary Relocations

The Fort Jackson Transition Assistance Program has temporarily relocated to the Strom Thurmond Building, 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd in Room 227. All services to include in and out-processing will be provided at this location. For more information, call 751-4109/4104.

The Fort Jackson Education Center has temporarily relocated services. The locations of the various services are:

- Educational Counseling Services: Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 128.
- Out-Processing: Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 128.
- Education Related Memos: Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 128.
- MLF: Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 240
- Army Personnel Testing: Strom Thurmond Blvd. Room 232.
- BSEP/Tutoring Services/Potential On-post College Classes Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, Army Community Service Building, 9810 Lee Road.

DPW Phone number changes

Work Reception Phone Numbers changed Jan. 16 and the numbers will be exclusively the new numbers provided. DPW work reception is the hub for all service orders on the installation. For more information, call 751-3824.

- Emergency Line: (803) 562-3637 (No change)

Non-Emergency Lines:

- Work Reception Branch Chief: 751-5505 (no change)
- Service Order Clerk: 751-7684 is changing to (520) 671-8263 (MS Teams Soft Client)
- Service Order Clerk: 751-7685 is changing to (520) 673-0469 (MS Teams Soft Client)
- Service Order Clerk: new number (520) 671-8151 (MS Teams Soft Client)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY

Healthy Retirement Packet Training 2-4 p.m., MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and

Army Benefits Center- Civilian are partnering to offer the Leader/Workforce Development Training "Healthy Retirement Briefing." Join ABC-C as they discuss what a healthy retirement packet should look like.

TOMORROW

First Friday Golf

11:30 a.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club. Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, invites you to join him for first Friday golf. You may enter your own team or sign up as a single and the FJGC PGA professionals will pair you with a group for the captain's choice tournament. Entry fee is \$45 for FJGC members and \$55 for non-members. The entry fee includes applicable greens fee, user Fee, cart, prizes, and a boxed lunch. Register ASAP by calling the pro shop or stop by the clubhouse to sign up. For more information, call (803) 562-4437.

Locked in the Library: Escape Room

Noon to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library. Do you have what it takes to escape the Library? Find clues, solve puzzles, and work with others to find the right key to escape! It is a timed event with only 50 minutes to solve, and sign-up is required.

MONDAY

Intramural Indoor Volleyball League

Letters of intent for the league playing in Coleman Gym must be completed by Jan. 29. The league is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders. For more information, call 751-3096.

TUESDAY

Meals in Minutes & Your Budget

1:30-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 9810, Rm. 119. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and the Army Community Ser-

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Fort Jackson

Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

FEB. 2

- The Color Purple (PG-13) 6 p.m.

FEB. 3

- Wonka (PG) 2 p.m.

FEB. 7

- The Book of Clarence (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.

MEKONG DELTA STREET



By **FIELDING FREED**
Basic Combat Training Museum

As the post began changing road names it went into a discussion on what to rename them. The post decided to name the roads after places, units and battles with a strong Fort Jackson ties.

But why Mekong Delta Street? The 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiments fought there during the Vietnam War.

The Mekong River lies south and west of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) covering an area over 15,000 square miles (40,000 square kilometers). During the Vietnam War, almost 6 million civilians lived and farmed the fertile soil producing an estimated 75% of the country's food supply.

Offensive operations by the U.S. Army to prevent Viet Cong control of this vital region began in 1967. Because of the lack of paved roads and seasonal flooding, U.S. Army units such as the 9th Infantry Division partnered with the U.S. Navy's Mobile Riverine Force in conducting amphibious

Fort Jackson has renamed numerous roads and streets on post that were named after Confederate leaders, battles and units. This effort is part of the efforts to rename Department of Defense installations, streets, buildings and ships with names commemorating the Confederacy. But do you know the significance of the new names?



National Archives photo

Elements of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, use a safety rope to help keep their heads and weapons above water while they cross a deep stream in the 'killer swamp.'

landings to engage Viet Cong troops. The waterlogged conditions of the Delta resulted in high numbers of injuries from immersion foot and fungal infections.

THE PROBLEM IN THE DELTA WAS NOT ONLY THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THAT PREVAILED THERE, BUT IT WAS THE IMPACT IT HAD ON YOUR SOLDIERS ... THERE WAS NO PLACE TO SLEEP SO YOU WERE IN THE WATER AT NIGHT, YOUR SOLDIERS WERE IN THE WATER, AND YOU STAYED MISERABLE AND WET

- Col. David Hackworth
4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment



Scan for more of Colonel Hackworth's interview.

Where is it?



Battle over AI looming

By **DAVID VERGUN**
DOD News Service

The Defense Department is just at the start of using artificial intelligence. Peer competitors are as well, said Jude R. Sunderbruch, executive director of the DOD Cyber Crime Center, who spoke Jan. 25 at the Google Defense Forum.

Sunderbruch predicted that in the future, there will be a battle between AI and counter-AI, which will lead to the question: "What is the truth in front of us?"

"I would not hesitate to call it an arms race but a strategic competition when it comes to artificial intelligence," he said.

Sunderbruch said the United States is well positioned to advance in the AI space.

"I'm feeling very confident about betting on the creativity of the United States and our partnerships between the government, industry, academia and small startups," he said.

The near-term goal is to figure out how to use the currently existing AI tools and to figure out how to apply them to information that the government has layered with other information that is out there, he said, as well as training the AI models with a variety of useful information.

In another near-term goal, the department is probably going to be able to apply some of the AI tools for threat analysis, and also to look at vulnerabilities, he said.

"I think a lot of those capabilities will be able to be applied to actually testing our systems, both in the government as well as the defense industrial base to see how secure they are," Sunderbruch said.

Sunderbruch also predicted

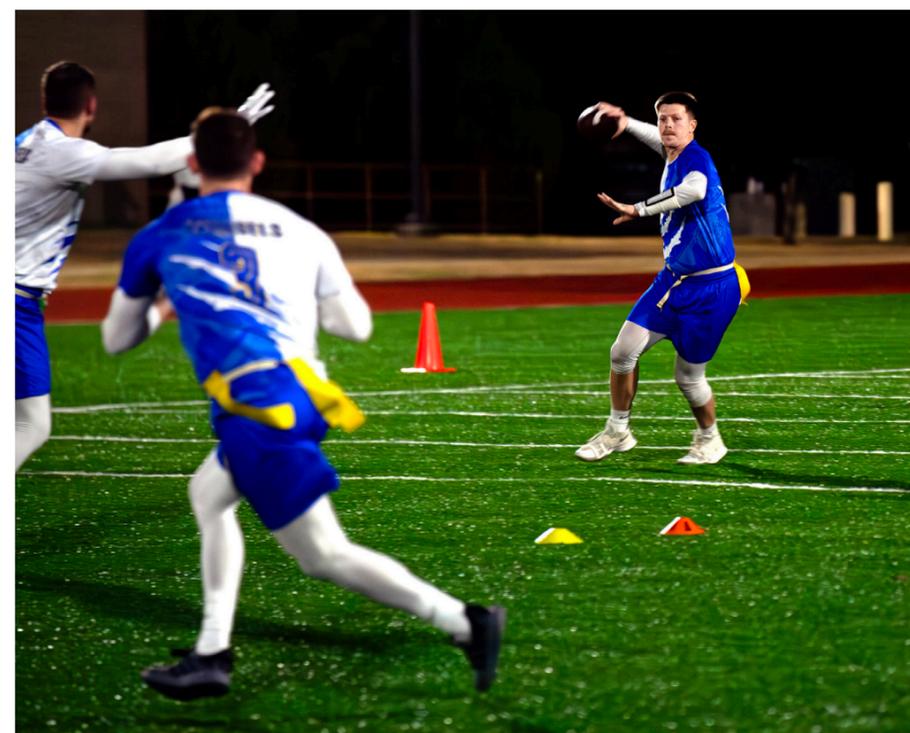
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Jeffrey Everett, with the Fort Jackson's flag football team, watches the officials moments before a game against a team from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., held Jan. 25 at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy. The Shaw team won the game in overtime.



Robert Thompson, quarterback of a flag football team representing Fort Jackson, fakes a hand off.



Shay Stone, quarterback of a flag football team from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., gets ready to unload the ball during a game against Fort Jackson, Jan. 25. Stone would score a rushing touchdown in overtime to ice the game for Shaw, 3-0.

Pigskin face-off

Army, Air Force square off on the gridiron

Story, photos by
ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Shay Stone's three-yard game sealing overtime touchdown scamper was all it took for Shaw Air Force Base to win the first Army vs. Air Force flag football game held at Fort Jackson, Jan. 25.

Stone, quarterback for a team representing the 20th Fighter Wing, ran the ball during the final drive that saw his team have multiple chances to score during the first overtime drive. Two previous plays were called

back due to penalties.

Stone weaved his way through a team from the 369th Adjutant General Battalion, representing Fort Jackson and the Army, on multiple plays before the game winning score of the game held at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

The defensive battle left the score even at the end of regulation with no team coming close to scoring. After Stone scored, the Jack-

son team gave it a shot riding the legs of quarterback Robert Thompson.

Thompson ran the ball three consecutive times to get down to the goal line, but an errant fourth down pass was intercepted in the end zone to seal the game.

"It feels really good" to win the game, said Nakeithian A. Phillips, the Shaw's team's coach. "We have been practicing for this game since December. All the cold days practicing with these guys – they deserve it. They actually came out here and were dedicated and this is what they wanted, and they achieved it."

"On such an austere occasion like this I need to reach back in history and use a speech on the same magnitude as ... the first Army Air Force Intramural Flag Football game," said Col. Timothy Hickman, Fort Jackson garrison commander, before the game.

Hickman quoted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's famous order launching D-Day.

He said the teams were on a football field in "the company of great allies and brothers in arms your teams will bring about the destruction of not knowing who is best at flag football between Shaw and Jackson ... So I am pretty sure that is how the speech went. Play ball!"

The game evolved from a comment by a prior Air Force service member who works at Fort Jackson's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, about the post holding a Turkey Bowl against the base in Sumter, South Carolina. It wasn't feasible before Thanksgiving, since the post hadn't yet crowned a winning team, but with some legwork it was scheduled for January during professional football playoffs.

Penelope "Penny" Hadgeoff, Chief, Sports and Fitness Branch, said it felt great that the event finally came together. "It feels good, I'm really excited."

IT FEELS REALLY GOOD (TO WIN.) WE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE DECEMBER ...

- Nakeithian Phillips
Shaw team coach



Lionel Hunter gives the Fort Jackson flag football team a pep talk during halftime of a game against Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Jan. 25. Shaw won the game 3-0 in overtime.

Training instructor excels in Jackson BCT environment

By **JONATHAN COTTO**
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

In the dynamic realm of military training, Staff Sgt. Karina Flores, an Air Force military training instructor, recently participated in a drill sergeant exchange program with the Army at Fort Jackson. Known for its extreme competitiveness, Flores competed against nominees from various branches, facing a rigorous board consisting of five chief master sergeants. This demanding evaluation process underlines the dedication and proficiency required to earn a spot in the exchange program.

“I went into it with confidence, and I was just myself,” Flores said. “I feel that’s the only thing you can do, and not put on a show.”

Flores says she received a call a day after her interview where she was informed about her selection. She says a week later, she was packed and in route to South Carolina.

“I was definitely stressing out with the short notice, but it happened the way it was supposed to,” Flores said.

Flores, with nine years of service in the Air Force, attributes her success during the program to her background as a security forces member. Her training kicked into high gear, allowing her to shine during the roughly 10-week Basic Combat Training Course where she fully participated in training Army recruits.

“I fell in love with who I was becoming, I fell in love with traveling, I fell in love with the independence I gained. I also loved how I was constantly being challenged not only as an Airman or NCO, but as a person, and I feel like I’ve had nothing but blessings up until this point of my career,” Flores said.

“I was surprised my security forces training came into play because I didn’t think I would have to use it,” Flores said. “They utilized my skills a lot, especially with firing, obstacle courses, anything out in the field and I am glad I had the prior knowledge to help meet their mission.”

The 737th Training Group Senior Enlisted Leader, Chief Master Sgt. Daniel P. Anderson, reported that Flores exceeded



Air Force Staff Sgt. Karina Flores (center) is joined by Army drill sergeants at Fort Jackson, S.C., where she participated in the Joint Service Drill Sergeant Exchange, training recruits through a 10-week Basic Combat Training Course in September 2023.

Courtesy photo

all expectations and was invited to participate in Fort Jackson’s graduation parade. She was recognized by the Command Chief of Air Education and Training Command during an MTI All Call upon her return. The sergeant’s performance even earned her the prestigious Army Achievement Medal.

“I didn’t think I would get one because I didn’t go into it with that in mind, I was

just going there to share my knowledge as an MTI and also learn from that training,” Flores said.

From San Juan, Texas, Flores said her strict and conservative upbringing contributed to a smooth transition into military life. Reflecting on her journey, Flores says she initially enlisted in the Air Force with the goal of serving only four years. She expressed, she’s stayed blue mostly because of

her deep affection for the person she has become both professionally and personally during her time in the Air Force.

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The selection process for the drill sergeant exchange program came about unexpectedly and swiftly for Flores. While she may not have been initially confident in her selection, she was unwavering in her commitment to perform to the best of her ability, showcasing the resilience and dedication characteristic of an Air Force military training instructor.

The drill sergeant exchange program was more than an exchange of drill instructors, it was also an exchange of experiences and valuable take-aways. One major takeaway for Flores from her time with the Army was their strategic emphasis on core values right from the start of their training.

She noted the significance of integrating heritage into the introduction of the Army’s core values to trainees. This approach left a lasting impression on Flores, highlighting the importance of instilling and prioritizing core values throughout the training process.

“They take so much pride in their heritage and their core values and I think we do to, but I think it could be implemented in a deeper way,” the staff sergeant said.

Flores says her family has been a pillar in her life and are at the center of everything she does; and adds what has helped her through her military career is sticking to her values and morals her parents have instilled in her and remaining humble and gracious.

“I’m not used to being the center of attention, I like to be humble about my experiences, I never like to showcase I did this, or I did that, but I am very humbled and very honored that I was even given this opportunity to represent the Air Force in such a great way,” she said.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Thank you for your service

Fort Jackson honored the service of Sgt. 1st Class Tara M. Moore, from 2nd Battalion, 345th Regiment, during the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment graduation held Jan. 25.

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

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OF THE CYCLE**

'The Weigh It Is' with Pam Long

Hello readers, hope all is well with you and your wellness. Last week we focused on achieving goals. This week we take a closer look at the best way to achieve a goal which is to make it a realistic one.

What makes a goal reachable is when the goal is realistic. When it comes to wellness, S.M.A.R.T. techniques become more personal to relate with where you are coming from on this road to wellness.

That brings us to the R in S.M.A.R.T. which stands for realistic.

Realistic makes you keep it real with you. Over these past weeks, you have more than likely learned a lot about yourself and those wellness habits that are developing. Maybe you see that water is not a bad beverage after all, or you recognize you are more on top of your workout when you pre-pack your gym bag.

Little things like that mean you know



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source that helps you build a relationship with your wellness. Setting smaller goals is a smart strategy that yields reachable, quicker results that are most importantly realistic. This builds mental stamina, confidence and staying power within yourself.

Keep improving on your wellness journey using bite-sized realistic goals. Some-

thing you can tackle and conquer. The more you conquer, you feed off your momentum and set bigger (but still realistic) goals. You have not set yourself up for failure. You are not putting undue pressure on your commitment to your wellness. Instead, with a more realistic approach, you are changing your mind and outlook. Realistically, you see yourself taking steps and crushing each one and getting closer and closer to trusting you can do wellness. As your body/wellness goals become more realistic they become more reachable, you begin to think about them as a more permanent part of your new lifestyle. You are looking ahead because the goal is to be in the maintenance stage of wellness.

Realistic encourages us to keep moving. What do your realistic goals look like? Are you wanting more exercise, sleep, time with family, what are you reaching for? There

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- Pam Long
Fitness Programmer

is so much more to wellness than a workout. Yes, that is one area, but that may not be what your S.M.A.R.T goals are all about.

Again, make realistic goals Specific ... remember why you are doing this in the first place. Realistic goals are goals you can control. Your efforts are why things are improving.

Wellness is not something that happened to you, but something you are making happen for you.

Pam's thought for the week: "Stay started."

The Fitness Department offers a variety of group exercise classes that can help you reach your wellness goals. Our program is only \$15 monthly membership for access to our in-person and online platforms. For more information, call Pam Long, Fitness and Wellness Specialist for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at 751-3700.

Events

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vice Financial Readiness Program are partnering to offer the Leader/Workforce Development Series Training "Meals in Minutes & Your Budget" class. This session will teach how to save calories while also optimizing your budget. The class provides tips on meal prepping, eating out, recipes, comparison shopping, meal planning, shopping lists, cooking tools, and ways to save money.

CSRS Pre-retirement briefing
2-5 pm., MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and the Army Benefits Center - Civilian are partnering to offer the Leader/Workforce Development Training "CSRS" Pre-Retirement Briefing. Join ABC-C as they discuss the benefits and retirement process of those under the CSRS retirement plan.

FEB. 8
Guest Day at the Golf Club
Fort Jackson Golf Club mem-

bers are now permitted to bring up to three guests on guest days. Green fees are waived for guest(s) on Guest Day, but each guest must still pay cart and user fees.

Making Major Purchases

9-10 a.m., MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and Fort Moore Workforce Development Program are partnering to offer "Making Major Purchases."

FEB. 9

Valentine Paint & Sip

5:30-7:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Cost is \$30 per person and includes one drink and snacks. Registration is required. Last day to sign up is Feb. 7. For more information, call 751-4056.

Second Friday Shoot

1-4 p.m., Aachen Range. Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs invites you to join him for a second Friday shoot at Aachen Range. The cost is \$10 per round if you bring your own weapon and ammo or \$25 per round to rent a MWR shotgun and ammo. For more information, call 751-3484.

FEB. 10

Charleston Brews Cruise

9:30 a.m., Marion Street Station. Join Outdoor Recreation for a guided drinking tour of downtown Charleston, S.C.. The tour includes three brewery stops. Snacks and bottled water are provided. Coolers will be provided on the bus to chill purchases from the breweries visited on tour. All guests must be over 21 years of age. Department of Defense ID cards are required to attend. The tour costs \$95 per person. For more information, call 751-3489, or visit Marion Street Station.

FEB. 11

Big Game at Down Range Bar

4:30-8:30 p.m., Down Range Bar. Visit the Down Range Bar to celebrate the Big Game LVIII. For more information, call 751-3933.

FEB. 13

Love & Money Matters

10 a.m. to noon, Chaplain Family Life Center. This 2-hour workshop will teach effective communication strategies and address common money issues in relationships. Learn to set SMART goals as a couple that can lead to wealth.

Acute Care Clinic to sunset Feb. 11

Moncrief Army Health Clinic

To better serve our community and improve patient access to care, Moncrief Army Health Clinic is transitioning the Acute Care Clinic into the Integrated Health Medical Home beginning on Feb. 12. The ACC will sunset Feb. 11.

For appointments, please log on to the MHS Genesis portal.

You may also call our nurse advice line at (800) TRI-CARE or (800) 874-2273 to help answer any medical questions.

Should you need urgent care, please refer to the following link for Urgent Cares in the area:

https://moncrief.tricare.mil/Portals/59/Approved_Urgent_Care_Clinics_Metro_Columbia_Area_SEP22.pdf?fbclid=I-wAR3a21irEhOz0FesHk6gGQpbYrB5hSXzLDnmvy9txCsp-f_7Bz--8d8yt_o

Soldiers are reminded they are to call the Nurse Advice Line for authorization before going to an Urgent Care.

DID YOU KNOW: All Army safety mishaps or injuries should be reported to ATC or USAG Safety at Fort Jackson. Call 751-2541 for USAG Safety or 751-7553 for ATC Safety, or use the online mishap reporting tool.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	DAY	TIME	PLACE
FAITH GROUP			
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.	KINGS MOUNTAIN ST CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
REVIVE SERVICE	SUNDAY	5 P.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING			
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION AVE CHAPEL
HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	POST THEATER
ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN ST 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	WASHINGTON ROAD CHAPEL

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that there will someday be “a confluence between quantum and AI, which will be a real game-changer.”

Army Col. Richard Leach, intelligence director, Defense Information Systems Agency, who also participated on the same panel, addressed the role of AI in helping to sort through the “tsunami of data” coming in that needs to be processed, analyzed and provided to decision makers.

Three people are seated on a stage. One of them, holding a microphone, is speaking to the audience.

There’s a need for AI to sort through all the data in looking for adversary threats instead of an analyst reading hundreds or thousands of reports every day, he said.

“Let AI identify key pieces of information and maybe do some of the basic analysis. Let the analysts focus on the hard problem set so they’re not wasting time, resources and people,” Leach said.

“Adversaries are trying to get past our boundaries and our securities every day. They’re moving at ‘lightspeed.’ They’re on fiber optic networks. They’re able to bounce from one VPS (virtual private server) to another in an instant, so utilizing AI to try to get ahead of that is going to be essential,” he said, referring to virtual private servers.

Intel ‘cultural shift’ will help service become data centric

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

To better acquire and access data on the battlefield, the Army has revamped how it integrates data across warfighting functions, an Army intelligence leader said.

To continue on its maturity path in fiscal year 2024, the Army needs a “cultural shift” to organically transform how the service uses data, said the service’s chief intelligence officer David Pierce.

“While the Army is taking the right steps toward becoming more data-centric, technology is not enough to solve enterprise data challenges,” Pierce said. “Cultural shifts are required to change how the Army views the value of data.”

The branch will take its next steps toward becoming more data centric by moving from a “managed” maturity level to a “proactive” one, Pierce said. This includes bolstering its data literacy programs, improving data management processes, and raising the level of how Army intelligence shares and communicates with data, he added.

To improve the Army’s ability to work with data, Soldiers and civilians of all ranks must become more data literate; improving how they write, understand, analyze, and communicate information.

Introduced in fall 2022, the Army Data Plan established a service-wide framework that adopted a new governance model focused on giving the warfighter advantages through proper data use. The initiative falls in line with the Secretary of the Army Christine E. Wormuth’s pledge for the Army to become more data centric.

Accurate, timely data will enable commanders to make informed battlefield decisions according to the Army’s Data Plan.

The Army changed roles and responsibilities for to become more effective in its data management process, Pierce said. Army units assigned “data champions” to foster a culture of data centrality. Pierce added that Army Intelligence has encouraged innovation by supporting small, successful intelligence communities including one at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia.

There, the 513th Military Intelligence



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Maj. Shaun Adams, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, reviews map locations on Tactical Mission Data Platform during Brave Partner exercise at Ramstein Air Base, Germany Nov. 30, 2023. Army Chief Intelligence Officer David Pierce said that the service has taken a more proactive approach to become more data centric and data driven.

Brigade Pierce said Army Intelligence wanted to learn from the brigade’s successes and adopt and scale their practices across all of Army Intelligence.

Similar to what the 513th created at Fort Eisenhower, Army Intelligence and Security Command, or INSCOM, intelligence data science groups scheduled “hackathons” where intelligence professionals could meet and share ideas while solving real world challenges.

The 513th MI Brigade and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point formed a Data Literacy Task Force to improve the unit’s understanding and use of data. The task force achieved that goal by having intelligence professionals take Data 101, West Point’s data literacy course.

The task force encourages innovative solutions while boosting data literacy and readiness, which in turn helps intelligence brigades in real world missions, said Col. Molly Solsbury, 513th MI Brigade commander. Pierce said data accessibly also plays a significant role in multi domain operations, part of joint, all-domain operations.

“Multi-domain operations is largely

informed by what a commander can see, both strategically across the globe and within their battlespace,” Pierce said. “Access to the data ... is critical to achieving decision advantage. While the Army still has improvements it needs to make to its sensor capacity, the data we have today still needs to be able to be discovered and delivered to the right platforms and tools of choice.

Pierce said that as the Army’s access to data expands, the service will have more emerging opportunities to find insights that inform commanders’ decisions and create better strategic outcomes. Accessible data will also raise the speed of those decisions.”

“The landscape of data has foundationally changed with globalization and the overwhelming increase of digital information,” Pierce said. “While data has always been critical, the growing scale with which the Army works with data and the breadth of available digital systems and networks that connect them changes how the Army consumes and transforms data into actionable insights and knowledge that commanders can use for decision-making.”

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Robert Thompson, quarterback of a flag football team representing Fort Jackson lets the ball go to elude the rush during a game against Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. held Jan. 25, at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Jackson. The Shaw team won the game in overtime.

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