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# ONE LAST RUN

## BEFORE VICTORY BLOCK LEAVE



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# Wildcats help Soldiers, Families prepare for mobilization

Story, photo by **TOMMY CROSBY**  
81st Readiness Division

Soldiers and staff members from the 81st Readiness Division recently held a Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment event in Jacksonville, Florida to help mobilizing Soldiers and their Families prepare for their upcoming deployments.

Roughly 350 Soldiers and Family members representing seven U.S. Army Reserve units attended the event to learn about resources that are available to them before, during and after deployments. Soldiers were able to update their DEERS profile, get legal advice, review their medical readiness, and many other services during the event.

“Yellow Ribbon events are a great opportunity for us to connect Soldiers and their Families to the programs and services available,” said Sherree’ Jones, 81st Readiness Division Family Program Manager. “The underlying theme is connection. We encourage them to connect with the information provided, the relevant resources on hand, with our staff for long-term assistance and with each other as part of our military community. Whether this is their first deployment or sixth deployment, each one is unique for those involved. All can be an emotional roller-coaster as you go through the deployment cycle stages, whether from stress, worry, or even a change in daily routine. We want Soldiers and Families to know they are not alone in dealing with any part of it.”

Soldiers and their Families spent two days learning about all the resources available. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration



**81st Readiness Division staff members assist Soldiers and their Families during a Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment event in Jacksonville, Fla. to help mobilizing Soldiers and their Families prepare for their upcoming deployments.**

Program is a Department of Defense-wide effort to promote the well-being of Army Reserve and National Guard members, their families, and community by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle.

“Mobilizing and deployments are very stressful,” said 81st Readiness Division Command Sgt. Maj. Benny Hubbard. “It is

critical for Soldiers and Family members to know the resources available to them during this important time. Yellow Ribbon is vital in communicating with everyone about what they can do to be better prepared, along with reduce the anxiety that comes along with deployments.”

The 81st RD Family Programs is a comprehensive blend of quality-of-life

programs in support of Department of Defense activities.

Family Programs is a commander’s force multiplier for mission readiness.

Family Programs staff serve as the primary coordinating resource, who provide a multitude of unit community-based services that foster the growth, development, and readiness of Soldiers and Families.

## ON THE COVER

**Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood, Fort Jackson commander and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs applaud troops as they finish the holiday run, Dec. 16 the last run before Victory Block Leave. See Page 6-7**



Photo by **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**

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Soldiers listen as Michelle Walker speaks about the Protestant Women of the Chapel during the Community Information Exchange held Dec. 13, in the 1917 Club at Fort Jackson. Fort Jackson leadership conducts the quarterly meetings where organizations and directorates from across the installation provide updates on new and existing programs, projects and events.

# Garrison reaches out to post community

**Story, photo by ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson uses many avenues to help inform the community. One way this is done is through quarterly Community Information Exchanges, such as the one held Dec. 13 at the 1917 Club on post.

“Our goal is to provide as much information in many ways so that you can find out what’s going on Fort Jackson and the good things that are happening here. So, you would have opportunities to participate,” said Col. Timothy Hickman, garrison commander.

“This is just one of those forums that we provide,” he added. “We are going to

share some upcoming events for this quarter and talk about some of the success we had since the last CIE.”

There were representatives of garrison directorates and Partners in Excellence ready to provide the post with information about upcoming events.

The CIEs are also live streamed so those who could not participate could watch at their leisure.

Among the updates provided were facility holiday hours for such places as the Commissary and the Post Office.

Timothy Jones with the Army Substance Abuse Program spoke about the Drugged and Drunken Driving awareness campaign.

“This is to remind the Fort Jackson

community that we want to protect the things you value,” he said. “Sometimes during the holiday season, the best gift is coming home. Sometimes when we aren’t with family or close friends the holidays can be hard. We want you to know you are not alone. The 988 number is always available. We want you to reach out and connect.”

Jones also spoke about the upcoming Community Strength and Themes Assessment that is coming in January.

“This assessment allows the Fort Jackson community to send their opinions to our leadership to help shape policies and programs,” he said. “We need your involvement to make us successful.”

The top issues in the CSTA will be

brought to the installation’s senior commanders and become priorities for the Community Health Promotion Council.

Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family members and retirees can take the online survey that runs between Jan. 2 to March 31.

The entire video can be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/USArmyGarrisonFortJackson/videos/587529583919580>.

“We had 12,000 views of the video from the last CIE,” Hickman said. “Our audience is out there and we will continue to providing the information and push it out to the community.”

If viewers have questions they can leave comments on the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson Facebook page.

# Community Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Holidays from the Fort Jackson Public Affairs staff. This will be the last issue of the Leader in 2024. See you in 2025.**

### Victory Fresh Holiday Hours

Victory Fresh will close for Victory Block Leave Dec. 14 and will reopen Jan. 13, 2025.

### CYS Holiday Hours

All Child and Youth Services facilities will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Extended care will be closed Dec. 20-Jan. 3. From Dec. 23-31, all SAC children needing care will attend Bldg. 5975 and all Child Development Center children needing care will attend Bldg. 5979 Lighthorse CDC. Bldg. 5978 Lighthorse School Age Program hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The teen program at the Solomon Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 23-Jan. 3. It will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

### Commissary Holiday Hours

The Fort Jackson Commissary will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and 31. It will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

### Pharmacy Hours

The Moncrief Army Health Clinic pharmacy will be closed Dec. 25, 28 and Jan. 1.

### DHR Holiday Hours

The Directorate of Human Resources will be closed on these holidays:

Christmas Eve Training Holiday:	Dec. 24
Christmas Day:	Dec. 25
New Year's Day:	Jan. 1

### Moncrief update

Beginning Dec. 23, the ability to schedule appointments through the MHS Genesis portal will no longer be available. Patients will still be able to use the portal to message providers, request prescription refills, check tests results, etc. MAHC is working on a new, more convenient way to schedule appointments. Until then, patients can still call (803) 751-CARE/2273 to make an appointment.

### ID Card Section Update

The Fort Jackson ID Card Facility located in Room 109, Bldg. 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd., services walk-in customers from 8-10 a.m. Monday through Friday. All appointments are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office closes at noon on the first and third Thursday of each month for mandatory training. It is closed on all federal holidays.

### Education Center Re-Opening

The grand re-opening of the Education Center will be held Jan. 15 after the Education Fair.

### Safety Courses

The Installation Safety Office presents various safety training classes. To register for the Army Traffic Safety Training or Local Hazards training classes, go to the website <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>. To register for the Unit Safety Officer training, contact your Safety Specialist.

- Intermediate Drivers Course: Thursday (30 seats open)
- Unit Safety Officer Course: Feb. 4-5, 2025 (21 seats open)

### Family and MWR Customer Survey

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation wants to hear from you. The 2024 Family and MWR Customer Needs Survey is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the future of Army Family and MWR programs and services. Participation is voluntary, this survey will only take about 10 minutes to complete. Go to [www.armymwr.com/survey](http://www.armymwr.com/survey) to take the survey.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FRIDAY

#### 282d Army Band Holiday Concert

7 p.m., Koger Center for the Arts. Join the 282d Army Band for the Midlands Winter Carol, "A Soldier's Story." The concert is free and open to the public.

### JAN. 2

#### Water and Walk Challenge

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation brings the Water and Walk program, a one-year wellness makeover program. The program shows how simply drinking eight glasses of water daily and walking one mile daily, over the course of the year, can make a great difference in your wellness journey. Register at any gym.

### JAN. 11

#### MLK Fun Run

8 a.m., Marion Street Station. Join the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for a run in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr..

#### Eudora Wildlife Safair

9:30 a.m., Marion Street Station. Join

## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

- Kraven the Hunter (R) 2 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 21

- Kraven the Hunter (R) 2 p.m.

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

Outdoor Recreation for a visit to Eudora Wildlife Safari, the first drive through safari in South Carolina. Explore wildlife with more than 300 exotic animals during a three-mile drive through Safari Park. Trip costs \$25 per person.. Register by Jan. 5 at Marion St. Station. For more information, call (803) 751-3484.

### JAN. 15

#### 2025 Spring College Fair

9 a.m. to noon, 1917 Club. Come out and meet college representatives and learn about professional and trade programs offered. There will be more than 50 representatives from on-post, local and regional educational institutions across the country. It is free to attend with no registration required. For more information, call (803) 751-5341, or (520) 691-4472 or email [usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil).

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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 (803) 751-3615.



*Courtesy photo*

Artillerymen from the 590th Artillery Battalion, 106th Infantry Division launch a barrage during indirect fire training in Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1943.

## A story of training, hardship and sacrifice

### Basic Combat Training Museum

On March 15, 1943, the War Department activated the 106th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Drawing its initial cadre from the experienced ranks of the 80th Infantry Division, this newly formed division began its journey to prepare for deployment in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Known as the “Golden Lions,” the division’s evolution from activation to the battlefields of Europe is a story of training, hardship, and sacrifice.

#### Formation and Training

The 106th Infantry Division spent its early months training at Fort Jackson, working to refine its combat readiness under the command of Maj. Gen. Alan W.

THE DIVISION ARRIVED IN ENGLAND ON NOV. 17, 1944 WHERE IT UNDERWENT AN ADDITIONAL 19 DAYS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING

Jones. After extensive preparation, the division relocated to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on March 28, 1944, where it continued to hone its skills before deployment overseas.

The division arrived in England on Nov. 17, 1944, where it underwent an additional 19 days of intensive training to prepare for the rigors of combat in Europe. On Dec. 6, 1944, the 106th Infantry Division crossed the English Channel

into France and joined the Rhineland Campaign. By Dec. 10, the division advanced into Belgium, unwittingly placing itself at the forefront of one of the war’s most pivotal battles.

#### The Battle of the Bulge: A Test of Endurance

On Dec. 16, 1944, Germany launched Unternehmen Wacht am Rhein (“Operation Watch on the Rhine”), a massive counteroffensive aimed at breaking through Allied lines in the Ardennes Forest. The 106th Infantry Division, occupying a previously quiet sector of the front, was completely caught off guard by the ferocity and scale of the attack.

Facing four German divisions, the

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## Tips for travel with kids, infants

By **AMY PHILLIPY**  
New Parent Support Program

Traveling during the holidays with an infant or young child can be an adventure. With a bit of preparation and a lot of patience, you can make the journey smoother and more enjoyable for everyone. Here are some tips to help you.

#### Plan Ahead

- **Book Early:** Flights and accommodations fill up quickly during the holidays, so book as early as possible to secure better options.

- **Pick the Right Time:** Choose travel times that align with your child’s schedule. Flying during nap time or driving during the night might help them sleep through part of the journey.

- **Check Policies:** Research airline policies on traveling with infants, including carry-on allowances and stroller check-in rules.

#### Pack Smart

- **Diaper Bag Essentials:** Pack plenty of diapers, wipes, a changing pad, extra clothes, and sealable plastic bags for soiled items.

- **Snacks and Formula:** Bring enough food, formula, and snacks to cover delays and unexpected circumstances.

- **Entertainment:** Bring small toys, books, or a tablet loaded with kid-friendly shows and games to keep them occupied.

- **First-Aid Kit:** Include items like infant pain relievers, teething remedies, and any medications your child might need.

#### Consider Baby Gear

- **Travel Stroller:** Lightweight, foldable strollers are easier to manage and can often be gate-

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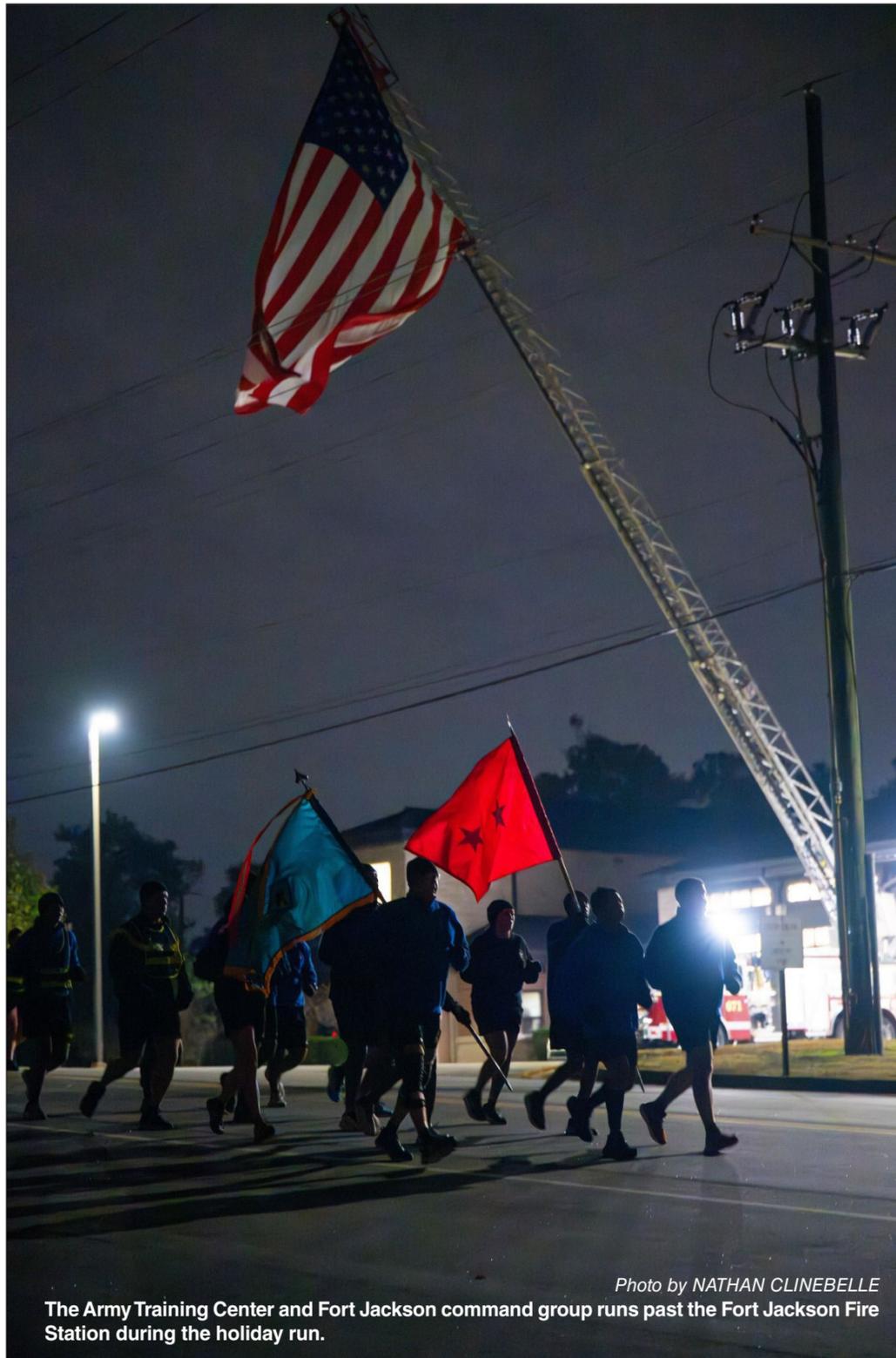


Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

The Army Training Center and Fort Jackson command group runs past the Fort Jackson Fire Station during the holiday run.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander, leads Soldiers on a post holiday run held Dec. 16. The run is held annually to honor the upcoming holidays and is the last event prior to Soldiers going home on Victory Block Leave.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Col. Timothy Hickman, garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Brie Kotula run with a formation of Soldiers during the post holiday run.

# One last run before Victory Block Leave



Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood speaks before the run.

## Leader Staff Reports

'Tis the season for friends, family, and of course, the Fort Jackson holiday post run. "What a great morning it is to be out on an esprit de corps run," said Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood, Army Training Center and Fort Jackson commander.

Soldiers from across the installation formed up and participated in the time-honored tradition. As each unit crossed the finish line to the music of the 282d Army Band, a round was fired by the Fort Jackson salute battery.

The holiday traditions continue later this week as trainees and cadre begin their leave for the holidays, giving them a chance to recharge and reconnect with friends and Family.

"Victory Block Leave is coming up and you have a chance to go home ... and visit with Family and friends," Hood said to Soldiers gathered to go on the post run.

The 282d Army Band is holding a holiday concert "A Midlands Carol: A Soldier's Story" at the Koger Center for the Arts, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. No tickets required. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

The Fort Jackson salute battery fires off a round signifying a unit had passed the reviewing stand during the 2024 holiday run.



Pierce Terrace Elementary School students have a live discussion with a panel of notable space experts including Bill Nye (the Science Guy), Tommy McFly, Space Force Maj. Victoria Garcia, and Space Force Col. Tyler N. Hague, who participated live from the International Space Station.

## Students connect with space experts

By **LORRAINE EMORY**

Pierce Terrace Elementary School

Pierce Terrace Elementary School made history on Dec. 11, when first-grade students had a once-in-a-lifetime live discussion with notable space experts.

Charlene Harris, a former science, technology, engineering and mathematics teacher, and Elisa Murrell, first-grade teachers at PTES, organized the event, which took place during lunch at 11 a.m. in their classrooms.

As part of the Department of Defense Education Activity STEMtoSpace program, the students engaged virtually with science educator and CEO of The Planetary Society Bill Nye (The Science Guy), NASA Astronaut and U.S. Space Force Col. Tyler N. Hague, who joined live from the International Space Station, Maj. Victoria Garcia, Chief of Strategic Basing at Space Operations Command, and Tommy McFly, DC media ambassador for the United Service Organizations.

This program aims to inspire young learners and highlight the importance of STEM careers in the U.S. Space Force and beyond.

The STEMtoSpace initiative connects kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms with Space Force Guardians, as-

tronauts, and science educators through virtual platforms.

This year, the program engaged 125 DODEA classrooms across 17 military installations worldwide.

By fostering these direct connections, STEMtoSpace seeks to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and expand their understanding of space exploration and innovation.

To participate in this live event, PTES students enjoyed lunch in their classrooms, transforming their regular mealtime into an extraordinary educational experience.

During the discussion, the students eagerly asked questions and learned about the day-to-day experiences of a Space Force officer, the challenges of living in space, and the importance of scientific exploration.

“This was an incredible opportunity for our students to see the vast possibilities that STEM education can offer,” Harris said. “Having such esteemed guests share their knowledge and experiences made space and STEM careers feel real and achievable.” The STEMtoSpace program offers multiple ways for classrooms to engage, including one-on-one connections, pre-scheduled live events, STEM activities, and educational videos.

# Public health critical for medical readiness

By **CAPT. ANTOINETTE DINGLE**  
Public Health Nurse

The importance of Public Health in sustaining medical readiness is enormous. Public health is critical to ensuring medical readiness at both the national and international levels. Environmental health, industrial hygiene, and occupational health are examples of sub-fields within public health. Public Health is at the forefront of avoiding infectious diseases, promoting healthy habits, screening for vision and hearing, preparing for and responding to disasters, and creating global health capacity via collaborative strategic planning with many stakeholders. Public health initiatives aim to ensure that military troops and civilians are medically prepared to deploy and respond to emergencies.

### Domestic Impact

1. **Infectious Disease Prevention:** Public health measures such as vaccination programs, disease surveillance, air quality, noise levels, lighting, waste management disposal, and outbreak response assist in identifying and mitigating risks to the spread of infectious diseases, thereby reducing the burden on the healthcare system.

2. **Health Promotion and Education:** Public health campaigns encourage healthy behaviors like physical activity, healthy eating, heart health awareness, and tobacco cessation, all of which can lower the risk of chronic diseases and enhance overall health.

3. **Disaster Preparedness and Response:** Public health organizations play an important role in planning for and responding to natural disasters including hurricanes, wildfires, and floods, all of which can have an impact on medical readiness.

### International Impact

1. **Global Health Security:** Public health initiatives serve to limit the spread of infectious diseases across borders, lowering the risk of pandemics and protecting military troops and civilians abroad.

2. **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response:** Public health agencies play an important role during international humanitarian crises such as refugee crises, natural disasters, and conflicts.

3. **Increasing Global Health Capacity:** Public health efforts help partner nations enhance their healthcare systems, allowing them to respond to health crises and minimizing the need for international intervention.

### Military Readiness

1. **Force Health Protection:** Public health measures help to safeguard military personnel from infectious diseases, environmental health risks, and other health dangers, ensuring that they are medically prepared for deployment.

2. **Medical Surveillance and Outbreak Response:** Public health organizations monitor illness patterns and respond to outbreaks, which helps to limit disease transmission among military personnel.

3. **Global Health Engagement:** Public health programs foster collaboration with foreign militaries and governments, thereby boosting global health security and stability.

Public Health is vital to sustaining medical readiness by preventing infectious diseases, encouraging healthy behaviors, preparing for, and responding to disasters, and increasing global health capacity.

Recognizing the role of public health in maintaining medical readiness allows us to better protect the health and well-being of military personnel and civilians at home and abroad.

## From senior NCO to Army chaplain

Story, photo by MEL SLATER  
Institute for Religious Leadership

When a Soldier reaches the rank of master sergeant, they are either seeking a promotion to sergeant major or thinking of retirement. Neither is the case for Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jostene Philostin.

"I've always wanted to serve God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. I believe that's what I am doing in the Chaplain Corps," Philostin said. "I believed God was calling me into ministry, and I knew a part of that ministry would involve serving alongside great chaplains as I completed my undergrad and graduate degrees."

He believes he has more to offer as an Army chaplain.

"I know that Soldiers and their Families carry a heavy load, and I just pray they would entrust me to come alongside and help carry some of that weight, as Galatians 6:2 points out, 'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ,'" Philostin said.

Philostin graduated from Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course class 24-003 on Dec. 12. He is now on his way to his new duty assignment as an active-duty Army chaplain.

He truly enjoyed his time at the course, he said.

"Having the opportunity to be in a learning environment with others from various faith groups felt like a melting pot or better yet a buffet of spiritual gifts all in one place" Philostin said. "Each day was a feast of intellect and a challenge of spiritual growth. The cadre was truly the cream of the crop. The way they showed up and poured into us through training lectures, morning physical readiness training, and our class runs was truly impressive."

Philostin shared his favorite part of the course.

"My favorite part was getting to hear my peers share their faith during impromptu moments provided to us by small group leaders and (noncommissioned officers) to replicate the sponta-



**Chaplain (1st Lt.), then chaplain candidate, Jostene Philostin received the Chaplain Corps Regimental Pins from Institute for Religious Leadership Director and Commandant, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Causey on completion of his course work, Dec. 6. He became a member of the Chaplain Corps as a chaplain.**

neous moment we may be called upon to provide a word of encouragement to others."

He also expressed his least favorite part.

"I would have to say going back through the gas chamber," Philostin said. "The idea of intentionally causing myself to struggle to breathe is a bit nerve-racking."

He has received high marks from those with whom he has served.

Sgt. Maj. Joe L. Burch Jr., chief religious affairs NCO, Army Reserve Command, said he is "a selfless servant driven by excellence, professionalism, competency and actions."

The Institute's Total Force Integrator, Sgt. Maj. Bianca Scott characterized Philostin as "a fearless leader, who accepts every challenge set before him. He intentionally pursues and shares his love for Christ and people through his selfless service."

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles M. Causey, Institute director and commandant added, "Before he became Chap-

lain Philostin, Master Sgt. Philostin was an exceptional NCO and servant warrior. I was always impressed with his humble heart, military bearing, and ministry-mindedness. Now as Chaplain (1st Lt.) Philostin I am sure he will excel and be an amazing chaplain."

Philostin is a native of Florida and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion with a minor Christian Counseling and a Master of Divinity in Christian Apologetics degree, both from Liberty University.

He is an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ and endorsed by World Council of Independent Christian Churches.

He enlisted in the United States Army Reserves in 2005, serving five years as a religious affairs specialist in West Palm Beach, Florida.

His assignments include 841st Engineering Battalion Miami, from 2005-2006; 3220th Garrison Support Unit West Palm Beach, Florida from 2006-2010; and Fort Hunter Liggett Garrison,

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## 'The Weigh It Is'

with Pam James-Long



James-Long

Hello readers.

It has been an incredible journey and gift to write for the Fort Jackson Leader. My mission has always been to spread

the gift of health. I hope I was able to accomplish that mission during this past year through my column, The Weigh It Is. This will be my final article.

During this year, I wanted to bring awareness to wellness. Not just exercise, not just nutrition, but wellness. Wellness is much bigger than exercise and nutrition. They are components of wellness, but often we forget the other ingredients that make us well. During this year, I wanted to write articles that covered every aspect of wellness I could think of. From exercise to sleeping, to drinking more water, I wanted each reader to become a stronger advocate for themselves and their lifestyle. My style of writing was to bring awareness to healthier living that is easy to understand, apply and relate to. That was my goal with each article, and I enjoyed every moment of it. I hope you did as well.

Beginning in January, The Weigh It Is will be on our Facebook Group. I will continue to bring information through live online weekly episodes to educate and inspire. This is a new feature offered in our membership program.

Thank you all, so very much for being faithful readers each week. It is an experience I will never forget.

To your health!

# Sacrifice

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106th's 422nd and 423rd Infantry Regiments were quickly enveloped. Over three brutal days, these regiments fought valiantly but ultimately found themselves surrounded and isolated. Without artillery, armor, or air support—and cut off from food and water resupply for four days—they were ultimately forced to surrender.

However, the division's third regiment played a crucial role in the defense of St. Vith, a vital town in the region.

Their efforts delayed the German advance and provided essential time for other Allied forces to regroup and counterattack. Despite their determination, the 106th Infantry Division suffered devastating losses. Of the 8,663 casualties

sustained during the Battle of the Bulge, more than 7,000 Golden Lions were captured, marking one of the largest single losses of U.S. troops in World War II.

## Legacy

The fate of the 106th Infantry Division serves as a somber reminder of the brutal realities of war.

Despite being overwhelmed by a superior enemy force, the division's actions at St. Vith and elsewhere slowed the German offensive, buying crucial time for Allied forces to organize a successful counterattack.

The sacrifices of the Golden Lions underscore the resilience and courage of the soldiers who bore the brunt of Hitler's final gamble.

Their story is a testament to the indomitable spirit of those who served during one of World War II's most challenging and defining moments.



*Courtesy photo*

**Pvt. Francis A. Younkin, with the 422nd Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division, attacks an obstacle during training April 17, 1943. The division would fight in the Battle of the Bulge.**

**DID YOU KNOW: Getting wet makes an individual much more susceptible to cold weather illnesses and injuries.**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
CHANUKAH SERVICE  
CATHOLIC MASS  
CATHOLIC MASS  
GOSPEL SERVICE  
GENERAL PROTESTANT  
REVIVE SERVICE  
JEWISH SHABBOS SERVICE

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10:15-11:30 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. to NOON  
8:30-9:30 A.M.

PLACE  
SOLOMON CENTER  
SOLOMON CENTER  
CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL  
POST THEATER  
SOLOMON CENTER  
KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL  
LIGHTNING CHAPEL  
WASHINGTON ROAD CHAPEL  
CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL

## Travel

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■ **Baby Carrier:** A carrier or sling can keep your hands free and help soothe your baby during transit.

■ **Car Seat:** If you're flying, check with the airline to see if your car seat is compatible with their seats, or consider renting one at your destination.

### Prepare for the Airport or Road Trip

■ **Arrive Early:** Give yourself extra time to get through security and find your gate.

■ **Use Family Lanes or TSA PreCheck:** Most airports have family-friendly security lanes to make the process less stressful.

■ **Plan Stops:** For road trips, map out rest stops where you can stretch, feed, and change your little one.

### Manage Expectations

■ **Stay Flexible:** Things won't always go as planned, so be ready to adapt.

■ **Accept Help:** If someone offers to help carry a bag or entertain your child for a moment, take it!

■ **Take Breaks:** Allow extra time to decompress, especially during layovers or long drives.

### Keep Everyone Comfortable

■ **Dress in Layers:** Airports, planes, and cars can have fluctuating temperatures, so dress your child (and yourself) in layers.

■ **Bring Comfort Items:** A favorite blanket, stuffed animal, or pacifier can make your child feel more secure.

■ **Hydrate and Feed:** En-

sure you're offering fluids regularly to avoid dehydration, especially during flights.

### Prepare for Ear Pressure

■ **Bottle or Pacifier:** Encourage your child to suck on a bottle, pacifier, or nurse during takeoff and landing to help with ear pressure.

■ **Snacks:** For toddlers, chewy snacks can also help.

### Communicate with Your Child

■ If your child is old enough, explain the travel process in simple terms so they know what to expect. Talk about the airplane, the road trip, or the relatives you're visiting to get them excited about the journey.

### Create a Backup Plan

■ **Have Extras:** Bring extra diapers, clothes, and snacks in case of delays.

■ **Digital Copies:** Keep digital copies of important documents like your child's birth certificate or medical records.

■ **Know Emergency Contacts:** Save the contact information for your pediatrician or local emergency services at your destination.

### Stay Positive

■ Your child will feed off your energy. If you're stressed, they'll likely feel it too. Try to stay calm and approach challenges with a sense of humor.

Holiday travel with an infant or young child can be challenging, but it's also an opportunity to create wonderful memories. With the right preparation and mindset, you can enjoy the journey as much as the destination. Safe travels. Have any questions or want to schedule time to speak with a registered nurse or licensed social work, call the New Parent Support Program at (803) 751-5256, option 3.



### Army Community Service

Dec 24,25 .....Closed  
Dec 31, Jan 1.....Closed  
Jan 2.....Normal Hours

### Auto Craft Shop- Dec 19 - Jan 5 Block leave hrs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec 24,25 .....Closed  
Dec 31, Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 4 .....Normal Hours

### Century Lanes Bowling Ctr

Dec.17-19 .....Closed  
Dec 20 .....5-10 p.m.  
Dec 21 .....3-8 p.m.  
Dec 22 .....12-6 p.m.  
Dec 23-26.....Closed  
Dec 27.....5-10 p.m.  
Dec 28 .....12-8 p.m.  
Dec 29 .....12-6 p.m.  
Dec 30 .....Closed  
Dec 31, Jan ,2 1.....12-6 p.m.  
Jan 3 .....5-10 p.m.  
Jan 4 .....12-8 p.m.  
Jan 5 .....12-6 p.m.

### Child Youth Services CDCs and SACs

Dec 20-29.....7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Dec 23-27:  
Care will be condensed:  
CDCs @ Lighthouse CDC  
(Bldg 5979) & Pickens CDC  
(Bldg 5978) SAC@Lighthouse  
(Bldg 5975):  
Dec 25, Jan 1 ... All Centers  
Closed

### Youth Center

Dec 20-31.....7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Dec 25, Jan 1.....Closed

### Parent Central Services

Dec 23-27.....9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
25 Dec.....Closed  
Dec 30-31 .....Normal Hours  
Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours  
Liberty Extended Care Center  
Dec 20-Jan 2 .....Closed

### 1917 Club

Dec 21-Jan 14 .....Closed  
Jan 15-Lunch Open-short  
order only

### Down Range Bar

Dec 21-Jan 14 .....Closed  
Jan 15 .....Normal Hours

### Palmetto Greens, 512 Trolley

Dec 14-Jan3 .....Closed

### Fort Jackson Golf Club

Dec 25 .....Closed

### Marion Street Station

Dec 17-20 .....11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dec 24-25.....Closed  
Dec 26-27.....11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dec 31 -Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Victory Bingo

Dec 24-26.....Closed

### Victory Travel Center

Dec 17-20, 23.....9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dec 24-25 .....Closed  
Dec 26,27,30.....9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Fitness Classes

Dec 23-Jan 1 ....No Classes  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Perez Fitness Center

Dec 23-24.....6 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dec 25 .....Closed  
Dec 26-31.....6 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Vanguard Gym

Dec 23-24.....6 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dec 25 .....Closed  
Dec 26-31.....6 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Coleman Gym-Open 24 hrs

Dec 18 -Jan 1 .....Unstaffed  
Jan 2 ....Normal staffed hrs

### Thomas Lee Hall Library

Dec 24-25 .....Closed  
Dec 31-Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Knight Pool

Nov 1-Jan 3 -  
Tentatively Closed

### Weston Lake

Dec 24-25 .....Closed  
Dec 31 .....Closed  
Jan 1 .....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Recycle Center

Dec 25 .....Closed  
Jan 1.....Closed  
Jan 2 .....Normal Hours

### Videorama

Dec 19-Jan 2 .....Closed

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## Chaplain

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Jolon, California from 2010-2012; In 2012, he was accepted into the Active Guard Reserve Program taking his first assign-

ment at the 83rd Army Reserve Readiness Training Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky from 2012-2016.

His last assignment was with the 99th Readiness Division as the Master Religious Affairs Chaplain Directorate noncommissioned officer in charge from June 2021-2024.

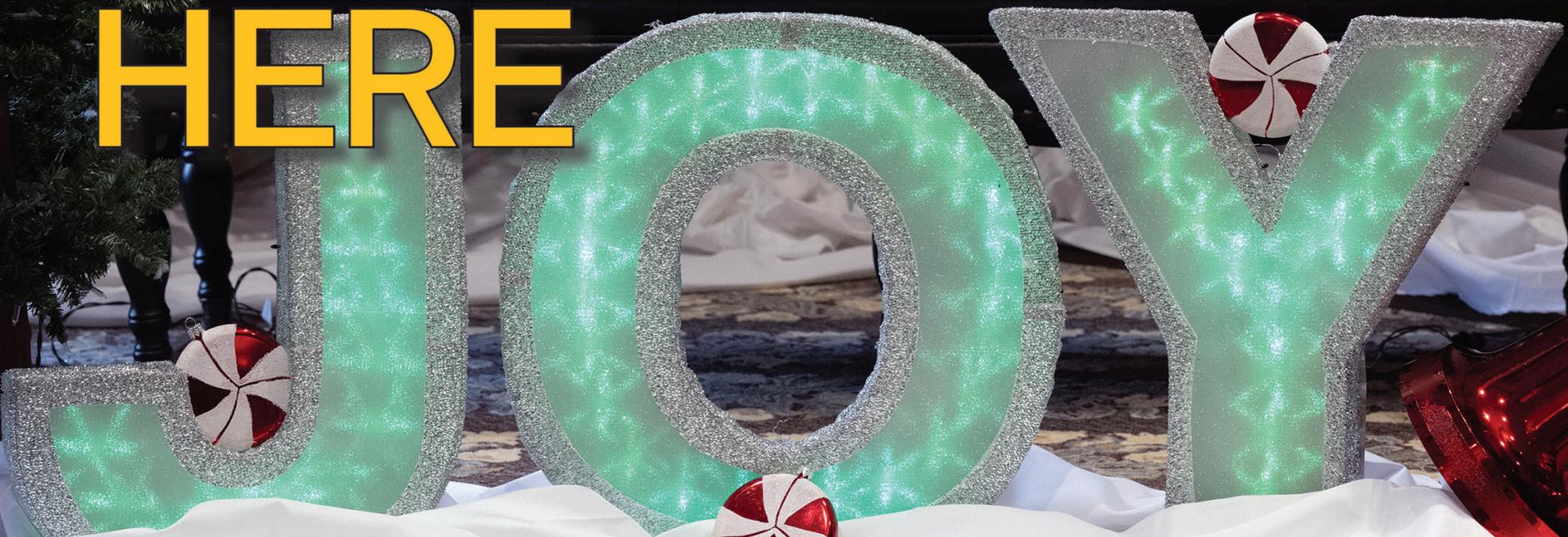
In April, he accessioned as an Army Chaplain with a direct commission effective Sept. 10.

"This has been a long-awaited life goal, and I just wanted to say, 'thank you, Jesus.' Romans 8:31 is one of my favorite passages, 'What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?'" said

Philostin. "This has kept me going in conjunction with the voices of all the leaders who have pushed me to live the call fiercely.

"Last but not least, I really would have struggled to accomplish what I've been able to thus far if it wasn't for the love, life and hope of my wife, Yameshia. Thank you."

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Fort Jackson, may you have a safe and happy holiday season with your Family and friends.

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