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# Trump says he will defend country as commander in chief

By DAVID VERGUN  
DOD News

“As commander in chief, I have no higher responsibility than to defend our country from threats and invasions, and that is exactly what I am going to do,” said President Donald J. Trump during his inauguration address today as the nation’s 47th president, alongside Vice President JD Vance.

“America will soon be greater, stronger and far more exceptional than ever before,” he said. “I return to the presidency confident and optimistic that we are at the start of a thrilling new era of national success. A tide of change is sweeping the country. Sunlight is pouring over the entire world, and America has the chance to seize this opportunity like never before.”

“We will measure our success not only by the battles we win, but also by the wars that we end, and perhaps most importantly, the wars we never get into,” Trump said.

“My proudest legacy will be that of a peacemaker and unifier,” he added.

The 60th inaugural swearing-in ceremony took place at noon inside the Capitol Rotunda, with Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administering the oath of office to the new president and Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh swearing in the vice president.

In the audience were former Presidents Joe Biden, Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, former Vice President Kamala Harris, members of Congress, all nine Supreme Court justices and family members of Trump and Vance.

Trump thanked Black and Latino vot-



Photo by ARMY SGT. SAMANTHA CATES

**President Donald Trump, the 47th President of the United States, places a wreath at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Jan. 19. Laying a wreath at the Tomb is an act of honoring fallen service members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The visit to Arlington National Cemetery is in lead up to to the inauguration.**

ers for helping him get elected and added that on this observance of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, “we will strive together to make his dream a reality. We will make his dream come true.”

Trump said he’ll declare “a national emergency at our southern border,” with

troops ordered there. Trump also said he’ll reinstate service members who were let go because they objected to COVID-19 mandates, and they will receive full back pay.

Carrie Underwood performed “America the Beautiful,” and Christopher Mac-

chio sang “Oh, America!” and the national anthem during the inaugural ceremony. The U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club sang “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

The theme of this year’s ceremonies is “Our Enduring Democracy: A Constitutional Promise.”

## ON THE COVER

**Bronson Shanley, education technologist with C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, helps students solve math problems during the school’s Math Night at the Commissary, Jan. 16**  
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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

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Col. Timothy Hickman, garrison commander, and Veronica Fields-Cox, education services officer, cut the ribbon to officially reopen the Fort Jackson Education Center, Jan. 15. The center had been closed for renovations to its heating and cooling systems, as well as improvements to its floors, latrines and elevator.

## Education center officially reopens after makeover

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

The Fort Jackson Education Center reopened Jan. 15 after a much-needed makeover.

The center had closed for renovations to its heating and cooling system as well as improvements to the floors, latrines and the elevator.

“It makes for a more of an educated,

professional environment,” said Veronica Fields-Cox, education services officer. “I think having an education center that has a professional environment ... is a positive influence for learning.”

When this project was being done, it was a lot of behind the walls stuff, but we were able to state early on that that people are going to want to take advantage of the Ed Center,” said Col. Timothy Hickman, garrison commander, after he had cut the

ribbon to officially reopen the center.

“Let’s see if we can do the floors,” he added questions asked during the renovation process. “Let’s see if we can do anything with the paint in the rooms.”

The process took a team of Soldiers to move desks and other equipment so contractors could complete necessary work.

Hickman said he was happy to cut the ribbon because the center “provides a vital service to our community.”

The center is where Soldiers can meet with universities and help improve their chances for promotion.

“It’s a pretty unassuming building on the outside with a whole lot of goodness on the inside,” he added.

Leaders from across post attended the opening and member of the 282d Army Band played some acoustic songs.

For more information, call (803) 751-5341.

# Community Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Strength & Themes Assessment

Fort Jackson needs your assistance. Take the Community Strengths & Themes Assessment to share with leaders your thoughts and views on improving our community's quality of life, health, and readiness, and available programs and resources. To access the survey visit:

<https://phpubapps.health.mil/Survey/se/25113745498E6FB5>, or scan the QR code.



### Aerobics Classes Update

All aerobics classes have been moved to Perez Fitness Center until further notice.

### Moncrief update

Beginning Dec. 23, 2024, the ability to schedule appointments through the MHS Genesis portal is no longer 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.

### ArmyIgnitED System Update

The ArmyIgnitED portal will be unavailable from Feb. 16-23. As a result, Soldiers will be unable to submit educational goals, request Tuition Assistance and Credentialing Assistance request from Feb. 16. Soldiers must be proactive and plan to submit TA and CA requests

before the scheduled downtime. As a reminder, Soldiers may request Army Tuition Assistance up to 60 days prior to the term start date and no later than Feb. 6 to allow time to correct any issues or concerns. There are no exceptions or waivers to this rule. For TA for Credentialing Assistance; all requests should be submitted no earlier than 45 days prior and up to 90 days before start dates. All existing CA start dates that occur between 16 and 24 Feb must be approved and paid by the shutdown date (Feb. 16). There will be no exception to policy granted for CA requests submitted on/after Feb. 24 for any start dates that occur less than 45 days from submission due to the downtime.

### 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.

■ Unit Safety Officer Course: Feb. 4-5, 2025 (21 seats open)

### 1917 Club Hours

The 1917 Club is open Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food costs \$15 per person, \$15 for a to-go meal. Short order menu available. Soul Food Thursday Buffet, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is also \$15 per person and \$15 for a to-go meal. Come and join us for a wide variety and different choices every day on our lunch menu, featuring all your favorites includ-

ing our heart-healthy options plus a full salad and dessert bar. Don't pass up our southern-style fried chicken. Call (803) 743-6525 for delivery or take-out, or order from our short order menu on Chow Now.

### POV Sales Lot

The lot, operated by Auto Craft Shop, is located at the corner parking lot of the Strom Thurmond Building off Marion Avenue. Here 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. For more information, call (803) 751-5755.

### Victory Fresh

Victory Fresh offers Military Service Members, Department of the Army Civilians and their guests healthy alternatives to fast food. Located at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy Dining Facility 9572 Marion Ave. Victory Fresh offers Grab and Go entrees, a Build Your Own Power Bowl station, Hot BBQ bar, and brick oven pizzas during lunch hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, Grab and Go items are available during extended hours and breakfast is available from 7 - 9:30 a.m. Victory Fresh helps patrons manage fueling their bodies in a healthy way, within the time constraints of an on-the-go lifestyle.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.  
Phone: 751-7488

### SATURDAY, JAN. 25

■ One of Them Days (R) 2 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

■ Flight Risk (R) 2 p.m.

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

### UNTIL FEB. 14

#### Youth sports registration

Registration for youth sports is open until Feb. 14. Soccer: ages 2-4, \$30, ages 5-14, \$50. Volleyball: ages 7-12, \$50. Track & Field: ages 5-15, \$50. Flag Football: ages 7-15, \$50. Baseball: ages 9-12, \$50. Softball: ages 9-12, \$50. For more information, call (803) 751-7451.

### JAN. 30

#### Indoor Rowing Competition

5:30 p.m., Vanguard Gym. Think you are the fastest rower? Come and find out. This authentic indoor rowing competition will crown the fastest individual and teams. Participants will have the option to participate individually or in teams of two and four. Individuals row to to 750 meters

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## Special Operations Force must build on gains made

By **JIM GARAMONE**  
DOD News

The American military has an asymmetrical advantage over any possible adversary with its special operations community, and the processes are in place to keep that advantage going well into the future, said Chris Maier, the assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict.

Maier spoke last week and addressed the changes in irregular warfare that special operators are making. He stepped down as the community's civilian leader Jan. 20.

During the actions following the 9/11 attacks, special operators were often the lead military organization, Maier said. These men and women were the face of counterterrorism and took the battle to those who attacked America.

While there is still a counterterrorism mission for the force, it is also transitioning to its role on countering China, Russia, Iran and North Korea.

Special operations, by its very nature, is in many countries around the world and operates at the personal level with military leaders of those countries. That alone is an advantage to the United States, Maier said. These forces understand the conditions on the ground, he said. They know the people involved and the strengths and weaknesses of the forces involved. Their reports can make all the difference for people making decisions at higher echelons.

He said this applies not only to a counterterrorism operation in, say, East Africa, but also in great power competition with China or Russia.

Special operators are now also more and more involved with cyber and space domains.

The Chinese and Russians are looking for areas "where they can pick off the strength of our partnerships that we've built over years," Maier said. Special operators know how the domains fit together, their positions in those domains and how to work the structures in those areas of expertise.

While DOD is a big part of the National Security Strategy, it is not the only agency



Photo by SGT. BENJAMIN CASTRO

**Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group and German jumpmasters conduct jumpmaster duties aboard a C-27 high performance aircraft over the Luzon drop zone at Fort Liberty, N.C., July 18, 2024.**

in it, nor, often, the most important aspect of the strategy. "We have a major role to play, but it must be viewed as part of the whole-of-government strategy," Maier said.

As the strategy turns to China and Russia, special operations forces have changed from being the 'supported' element to being the 'supporting' element, Maier said. There are obviously aspects of the national competition that do not entail the military at all — economic aspects, law enforcement polices, diplomatic moves and more. China operates in these areas and more, and irregular warfare is one of the arrows in the quiver.

Special operators are working hand-in-

glove with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific to deter China and prevent the nation from making a miscalculation. They are also working with NATO allies and others to counter Russia.

Maier said this must become a trademark of special operations — they must work closely with allies and partners. They must capitalize on the contacts they have forged in the past to bring alliances into the future.

Maier said the U.S. special operations force is the most capable in the world. Moving forward, they must work more closely with experts within DOD on space and cyber capabilities.

"We have that reach-back now, but must develop it more," he added.

Special operations must also work outside the department to bring in the expertise inherent in other parts of the U.S. government, he said.

This could entail everything from tapping experts in the Department of Agriculture to weather forecasters to hydrologists and more.

Special operators also must be bridges to compadres in allied and partner nations. "Special operators have this in their DNA," Maier said. "We've done that since the force stood up, and now we are getting back to it again."



# Math skills reinforced at Commissary event

Story, photos by ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Most of us going through mathematics in-school have probably thought at some time how it would pertain to real life.

Students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School know a thing or two about that. For roughly 10 years the school has partnered with the Fort Jackson Commissary to use groceries shopping to give students real-world mathematics experience.

On Jan. 16, the school held its annual Math Night at the Commissary event.

The event “first and foremost, is putting into action what students are learning in the classroom,” said Tamini-ka Shadd, principal of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School.

Students attending Math Night had various problems to solve based on their grade level. These included third grade students had to determine if it was more economical to purchase a name brand or generic brand cereal. Sixth grade students even had to determine which size of a product is the best purchase based on the

cost per ounce. “We’ve invited students to come to the Commissary to look at different purchase decisions they might make and just use math to figure what it would cost for them to buy certain items,” said Bronson Shanley, an educational technologist at C.C. Pinckney.

“I’m a big believer in making the learning relevant to real life, and so I feel that when they can see math in action, it will help them in real life,” he added.

“Students need to have a real-life connection to what they learn,” Shadd said. “The standards have to come off the page and be prevalent in their lives so they understand.”

Shanley assisted sixth grade students in the dairy section to determine how much food costs per ounce. School faculty and parents were on hand to help students.

The event brings the school and community together as well.

“I love seeing the parents here with the teachers,” Shadd added. “Everyone is here taking part in this because it’s going to take all of us to make

Far left: Bronson Shanley, educational technologist with C.C. Pinckney Elementary School helps sixth grade students determine the price of groceries per ounce.

Top middle: A C.C. Pinckney Elementary School sixth grader figures how much groceries cost per ounce during the school’s Math Night at the Commissary event held Jan. 16. The event helps students understand math in a real world scenario.

Left: Students sign in for the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School’s Math Night at the Commissary, Jan. 16. The annual event helps students learn math skills using grocery items.

Bottom middle: A parent helps his child answer math questions at the Fort Jackson Commissary, Jan. 16, during the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School’s Math Night at the Commissary, Jan. 16, 2025. The school has been partnering with the Fort Jackson Commissary since 2015 to help students learn mathematics in a real world scenario.



# Army, industry spur innovation on network, command and control

By **KATHRYN BAILEY**  
Army News Service

Due to the changing character of warfare, the unified network and the command and control, or C2, capabilities running on it remain top priorities for Army senior leaders.

For the Army programs developing and delivering these capabilities, the sense of urgency is real, as is their commitment to provide solutions attainable through partnerships with commercial industry.

Last month, the Army's Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications, and Network and the Army Futures Command C2 Cross-Functional Team hosted their semi-annual network-focused technical exchange meeting, returning to the Savannah Convention Center and a packed house of industry expertise seeking information and providing feedback on the Army's current and future plans to modernize its communications network.

"We're here to engage with our industry partners in a meaningful and transparent way," said Mark Kitz, Program Executive Officer for C3N. "The journey to get to a unified network, transport diversity, zero trust, and Next Generation Command and Control rests on our continued transparency with industry to ensure we will be ready to fight in a multi-national, multi-domain environment. We want you to challenge us on how we get there."

Combining keynote speeches, operational and technical panels, and government/industry strategic sessions, the event centered around the overarching topics of the Unified Network and Next Generation Command and Control, the latter of which will be enabled by the UN to help organize



Photo by SPC. WILLIAM KUANG

**A Soldier works on a computer network. The Army has been working on creating a unified command and control network through partnerships with commercial industry.**

and operationalize data for warfighting applications.

In addition to NGC2, the network underpins many of the capabilities discussed throughout TEM 13, including Transformation in Contact enabled by C2 Fix.

"Army senior leaders are fully committed to command and control transformation," said Maj. Gen. Patrick Ellis, director of the C2 CFT, during TEM 13, referencing the chief of staff of the Army's continued support for the network to be the number one priority to transform communications capabilities at echelon.

The CFT and PEO have spent the past year closely collaborating with commanders whose units are now leveraging C2 Fix and those who will take part in the future to ensure the network is enhancing command and control from the division down to the dismounted Soldier.

"The divisions are rolling up their sleeves and making sure they understand what is going on with the network," Ellis said.

Maj. Gen. Jeth Rey, now a Lt. Gen. and the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6, set the stage for the December event during his keynote by outlining the Army's vision for a unified, data-centric network that will support agile and adaptive C2.

"The network is for the data, and the data is for the warfighter," he said, referring to having the right data in the right theater close to the point of need.

The data architecture and data security approaches — zero trust; identity, credential and access management; and attribute-based access control — will enable commanders to share information "at the speed of need," and also improve their ability to interoperate and share data seamlessly with joint and coalition partners, across

various classification levels, at multiple echelons, Rey said.

These advancements are part of the Army's Unified Network effort, which merges the Army's persistent, or fixed, enterprise network with the episodic, or mobile, tactical network and is a critical enabler of multi-domain operations.

Panelists at TEM outlined the focus areas identified to achieve this unification, which when complete in the 2027 timeframe, will deliver solutions surrounding common network operations, common infrastructure, common transport and common cyber defense.

"The Army has one of the largest private networks in the world," said Col. Jay Shell, project manager for Integrated Enterprise Network, the organization that manages enterprise network development. "The alignment of the enterprise

and tactical network programs means the fielded tactical network now has a modernized, cyber-run and defended strategic infrastructure to plug into."

Citing the advances achieved to date and pending milestones, panel members discussed the echelon-based enhancements a UN will bring to the fight, such as reduced complexity and greater tactical mobility.

"It's important to understand that there is a significant amount of transport and networking equipment across the warfighting network," said Col. Stu McMillan, PM for Tactical Network. "Division-centric warfighting at echelon pushes that complexity up from the lower echelons, bringing downward reinforcing capabilities to support those specified warfighting functions."

Looking to the future, Joe Welch, Deputy to the Commanding General, Army Futures Command, opened day two of TEM 13 with a keynote addressing NGC2 high-level objectives, what NGC2 will bring to commanders, and the updated NGC2 Characteristics of Need — created by AFC, endorsed by the Chief of Staff of the Army, and released to industry in conjunction with the TEM.

NGC2 is a critical element of the Army's network modernization effort, aiming to empower commanders with the agile and adaptive C2 architecture needed to make rapid decisions in a future operating environment. The Army has worked closely with commanders and Soldiers alike to identify deficiencies within existing systems and incorporate these needs into the framework for NGC2.

NGC2 represents a "clean-sheet" in the Army's data-centric transformation efforts to maintain a decision advantage in a complex operating environment, he said.

## DOD order 1,500 troops, assets to border

By **MATTHEW OLAY**  
DOD News

The Defense Department is sending 1,500 active-duty service members and additional air and intelligence assets to the southern border to augment troops already conducting enforcement operations in that region, Acting Secretary of Defense Robert Salesses announced Jan. 22 via a statement to the media.

The announcement came roughly 36 hours after President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order directing DOD to address the situation at the border.

“On Monday, to protect the security and safety of United States citizens, President Trump declared that a national emergency exists at the southern border of the United States. The president directed me to take all appropriate action to support the activities of the secretary of homeland security in obtaining complete operational control of the southern border of the United States,” the statement reads.

The Pentagon has since established a task force to oversee the expedited implementation of border-related executive orders with U.S. Northern Command heading up the effort and being supported by U.S. Transportation Command, the National Guard Bureau, the military services and the Department of Homeland Security.

The 1,500 additional active-duty service members authorized by Salesses will initially be put to work on the placement of physical barriers and other border missions within the next 24 to 48 hours, a senior military official told the media. The service members include 1,000 soldiers, as well as 500 Marines who had previously been on standby in Southern California to potentially help combat the Los Angeles County wildfires that broke out two weeks ago, the senior official said.

With 2,500 active-duty personnel already in the region, the additional 1,500 troops will represent a 60% increase in active-duty forces since the president was sworn in on Monday, Salesses remarks in his statement.

“We anticipate that overall, on the



**The Department of Defense ordered 1,500 troops and additional assets to the southern border, the active secretary of defense said, Jan. 22.**

southwest border, (active-duty personnel) will provide real-time situational awareness of persons, vehicles, vessels and aircraft; and they’ll work with (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) on operator-level maintenance, movement and staging of (CBP) assets,” the senior military official said.

In addition to the additional active-duty ground personnel, DOD will provide airlift support for flights operated by DHS to implement the deportation of more than 5,000 individuals detained by CBP at the border sectors in San Diego and El Paso, Texas, Salesses’ statement reads.

Transcom is providing two C-130 Hercules and two C-17 Globemaster aircraft to assist in that support, the senior military official said.

The official added that there are UH-72 Lakota military helicopters that began flying today in support of CBP.

DOD is also coordinating with the State Department to obtain diplomatic visas and provide host-nation notification for those individuals who are deported, a senior defense official said.

DOD is also providing intelligence analysis support at the border.

“We’re in the process of sourcing those

requirements right now,” the senior military official said.

“We also anticipate that there could be some additional airborne intelligence, surveillance and support assets that would move down to the border to increase situational awareness,” the official added.

Regarding DOD’s future activity on the border, the senior defense official said that — while there are no specifics to release at the moment — there will be a number of additional border enforcement missions developing.

“This is going to be a big priority for the department under the acting secretary and the secretary that will be coming on board,” the defense official said.

“In short order, (DOD) will develop and execute additional missions in cooperation with DHS, federal agencies, and state partners to address the full range of threats outlined by the (president) at our nation’s borders,” Salesses’ statement reads.

“President Trump directed action from (DOD) on securing our nation’s borders and made clear he expects immediate results. That is exactly what our military is doing under his leadership,” the statement concludes.



### Survey assesses community feedback

U.S. Army Public Health Center developed the CSTA as a comprehensive tool to assess the installation’s community perception of health, health-related con-



cerns, quality of life, safety, spirituality, and satisfaction with and access to post programs and services. The Fort Jackson Commander’s Ready and Resilient Council utilizes the results to help identify the most pressing concerns of the Fort Jackson Community, which will lead to better resource targeting and addressing concerns.

The assessment will help leadership better understand the community’s perceptions of physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental well-being.

After the Army Public Health Center has analyzed the information and data, the feedback will be sent to the Fort Jackson Commander to be reviewed and disseminated.

The CSTA is voluntary. The incentive to complete the survey is to improve the health, safety, and quality of life on the installation.

All responses are anonymous, and the data will be kept confidential and housed on a protected, secure server.

The last day to complete the CSTA is March 31.

Fort Jackson Commander’s Ready and Resilient Council will be soliciting feedback from Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, retirees, and Family members through the biennial Community Strengths and Themes Assessment. To take the CSTA visit: <https://phpubapps.health.mil/Survey/se/25113745498E6FB5> or scan the QR code.

For more information call, (803) 751-4785.

# Events

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while teams row to 2,000 meters. You can register at any gym. For more information, call (803) 751-3700.

## JAN. 31

### Free Friday Zoo Day

3:30-5 p.m., Riverbanks Zoo. Join The Exceptional Family Member Program for free Fridays at the Zoo for Richland and Lexington residents. Proof of Residency is required showing you reside in Richland and/or Lexington County. Call (803) 751-5256 to RSVP.

## FEB. 9

### Private Weapons Day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aachen Range. Shooters can shoot at targets between 25m

and 200m. Paper targets, spotting scopes, tables and chairs are provided. Patrons can shoot rifle or pistol at a day rate or an hourly rate. Pre-register at Marion Street Station: \$25 per person for all day (four hours), \$10 per person per hour (pre-register), \$15 per person per hour (day on-site/cash only). No automatic or .50 cal weapons allowed. The event is open to all authorized ID card holders 12 and older. Those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

## FEB. 22

### Charleston Brews Cruise

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Marion Street Station. Join Outdoor Recreation for a guided drinking tour downtown Charleston. Snacks and bottled water are provided. Coolers will be on the bus for storage. Must be 21+ Patrons cannot register over the phone if they have never been to Marion Street Station ID Card verifica-

tion. For more information, visit Marion Street Station, or call (803) 751-3484.

## FEB. 25

### Shred Day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5671 Liberty Division Ave. Come and bring your paper, cardboard, magazines, containers, steel cans, newspapers and writing paper to the Fort Jackson Recycling Center on shred day. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders. No classified documents and those with large metal clips will be accepted.

## FEB. 27

### Citizenship and Immigration Services Virtual Training

5:30-6:30 p.m., MS Teams. Get all your questions answered regarding: How to apply for lawful permanent residency (green card) or naturalization/citizenship; how to replace lost or misplaced perma-

nent residency and/or citizenship documentations; how to complete application forms and all supporting documents needed to complete the applicatio; and any other questions you may have. Participants are invited to ask questions that are not case-specific.

## MARCH 8

### Offshore Fishing Trip

5 a.m., Marion Street Station. Join Outdoor Recreation on a trip to Hilton Head, S.C., for a deep sea fishing trip. The trip will go 3-5 miles offshore for black sea bass, mackerel, black drum, red fish, bluefish and maybe even a shark. Outdoor Recreation will provide the transportation and coolers for you to transport your catch back home. Cost covers transportation, license, bait, tackle and trip. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (803) 751-3484.

**DID YOU KNOW: All Army safety accidents or injuries should be reported to the Army Training Center safety office or the installation safety office. To report a mishap call the ISO at (803) 751-2541, or (803) 751-7553 for ATC Safety, or use the online mishap reporting tool.**

## 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.	KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
REVIVE SERVICE	SUNDAY	5 P.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
JEWISH SHABBOS SERVICE	FRIDAY	6-7 P.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
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 CHAPEL
HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	POST THEATER
ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN 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. to NOON	WASHINGTON ROAD CHAPEL
HEATHEN/PAGAN	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL

## Corps of Engineers enhances water treatment amid hurricane recovery efforts

**Story, photo by STACEY REESE**  
 Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues to aid in recovery efforts in North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

As part of this effort, Task Force Water continues work at the North Fork Water Treatment Plant with a project aimed at reducing turbidity and removing sediment from the water of Burnett Reservoir.

The reservoir and plant provide approximately 80% of Asheville and Buncombe County residents with drinking water.

“When the project is completely up and running,” said Terry Wallace, mission manager for task force temp water in the Hurricane Helene response, “there will be 13

dissolved air flotation devices capable of helping the plant provide the necessary 25 million gallons per day of clean drinking water required by the communities.”

Turbidity is a critical measure of water quality, indicating the level of suspended particles within a body of water.

The higher the turbidity, the denser and less clear the water becomes.

The high turbidity can affect the safety of the water for consumption. This project employs a series of steps to address turbidity to ensure water clarity and safety.

“Water treatment begins with collecting raw water from Burnett reservoir, which feeds the North Fork Water Treatment Plant,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 John McKechnie from the task force water group.

When water enters the treatment system, chemicals are added to neutralize suspended particles and encourage coagulation, forming larger, more easily removable particles known as floc. The water is rapidly mixed in a chamber to promote this coagulation process.

Next, the water undergoes flocculation, where it is gently agitated to allow floc to grow into larger masses.

These heavy particles settle to the bottom of a sedimentation tank, leaving

clearer water above. The settled sludge discharges into a settling pond for further management.

The partially clarified water is then filtered to remove any remaining suspended particles, helping to achieve the desired turbidity level of 1.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units needed for a reliable source of potable water.

The deployment of the DAF units is an enhancement to the plant’s ability to meet water quality standards, playing a critical role in supporting operations amidst the challenges of Hurricane Helene.

“The work at the North Fork Water Treatment Plant is a vital component of our commitment to do our part to help the people of North Carolina recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene,” said Col. Brad Morgan, Wilmington District commander.

“The City of Asheville has done tremendous work addressing turbidity and ensuring the reservoir provides clean, safe drinking water and directly supporting the health and well-being of Asheville and Buncombe County residents,” said Morgan.

“We are happy to contribute our efforts at the reservoirs using dissolved air flotation units to provide additional filtration to maintain a resilient system capable of operating at full capacity,” Morgan added.

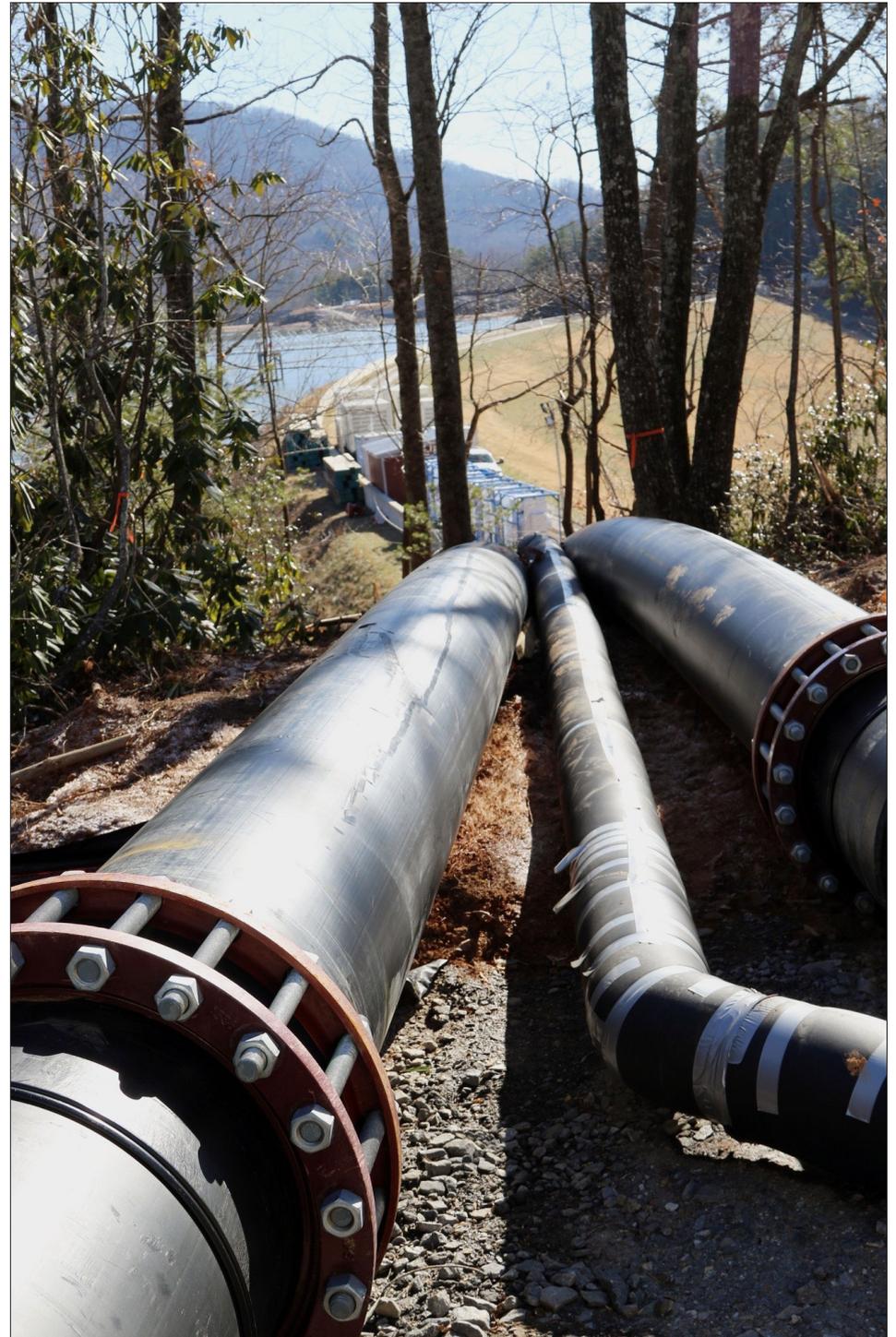
The Corps of Engineers is working in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local and state agencies in response to the historic flooding from Hurricane Helene.

In addition to task force water at Burnett Reservoir, there are also projects at Spruce Pine and Bee Tree Reservoirs.

The Army Corps of Engineers is currently tasked with removing over 2 million cubic yards of storm-generated debris in six counties that were hit hard by the storm: the City of Asheville, the Town of Lake Lure, the Town of Chimney Rock and the North Carolina Arboretum.

**THE WORK AT THE NORTH FORK WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF OUR COMMITMENT...**

- Col. Brad Morgan  
 Wilmington District commander



**Pipes bring water from Burnett Reservoir to the dissolved air flotation devices being utilized at Burnett Reservoir as part of a turbidity reduction system to help reduce turbidity in the water Jan. 7, 2024. The system, designed in partnership with USACE engineers across the nation and led by a team from the News Orleans District, draws water from the reservoir through pumps. The water then enters one of the dissolved air flotation units where chemicals are added with air bubbles. The sediment then floats to the top and is removed from the water. The cleaned water is then pumped back to the water treatment plant for its normal treatment processing before going to the community.**

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A musician with the 282d Army Band plays a few numbers during the grand reopening ceremony of the Education Center, Jan. 15.

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