



THE FORT JACKSON **LEADER**

VICTORY BLOCK LEAVE EDITION

CONTACTS



Installation Operations Center
(24 hours)
(803) 751-5166/5167

American Red Cross
(Armed Forces Emergency
Services Center)
(877) 272-7337

Army Emergency Relief
(803) 751-5256

Defense Military Pay Office
(803) 751-7243

Greyhound Bus
Ticket Office
(803) 569-6522

Victory Travel (airline)
(803) 751-1400

Installation Safety Office
(803) 751-2541

Military Police
(803) 751-3113/3115

Moncrief Army
Health Clinic
(803) 751-2160

TRICARE Information (Humana)
(800) 444-5445

Institute for Religious
Leadership
(803) 730-5885

Soldier Support Institute
(803) 751-8250

165th Infantry Brigade
(803) 751-5089

193rd Infantry Brigade
(803) 751-6343

120th Adjutant General
Battalion (Reception)
(803) 751-7713

369th Adjutant General
Battalion
(803) 751-5439

4th Battalion, 39th Infantry
Regiment
(803) 751-7744
(Holdover Battalion)

CG: Have a safe, happy holiday with Family, friends

(Editor's note: This was written in a letter to the Soldiers' Families)

The U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson leaders are extremely happy that your aspiring Soldier has the opportunity to return home and spend this holiday season with Family and friends. Your Soldier has been working hard and looking forward to this well-deserved break. Our nation and Army remain concerned about respiratory viruses such as COVID and the flu. As they return to your care, we ask for your support in ensuring their health and welfare and facilitating their safe return to training for the continuation of their journey in the U.S. Army.

Every year, aspiring Soldiers commit acts that jeopardize their future as Soldiers or injure themselves due to unsafe acts while on leave. Your Soldier was instructed on the proper use of seat belts, the dangers

of drinking and driving, refraining from cellular telephone use and texting while driving, and driving while fatigued. Please help us reinforce good driving habits with your Soldier, and please do not allow your Soldier to drive until they are well rested and fully reintegrated back home.

Also, your Soldier was informed about the ramifications of illicit drug use and will participate in a drug test upon return.

It is imperative that your Soldier refrains from using any illegal substances, to include non-prescribed medications. Marijuana use is prohibited for Department of Defense personnel, even in legalized states. Underage Soldiers are not authorized to use alcohol and tobacco products. Soldiers who are of legal age and choose to use alcohol or tobacco must do so responsibly and are reminded that the use of these products can hinder their physical fitness and readiness.

Command Sgt. Major Erick Ochs and I wish you and your Soldier an enjoyable and safe holiday season. We ask for your help in ensuring that your Soldier returns to Fort Jackson ready to continue training. Thank you for your support and commitment to our Army and our nation.

“VICTORY! STARTS HERE!”

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, 2024, 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>.

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VICTORY BLOCK LEAVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	MON-FRI	NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	9-10 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
THE BRIDGE (PROTESTANT)	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	ANDERSON CHAPEL
CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M. - NOON	ANDERSON CHAPEL

Medical care must be authorized

MONCRIEF ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

While on Victory Block Leave keep in mind that all medical care must be authorized in order for medical claims to be paid.

Emergency Care

Emergency care entails treatment for potential loss of life, limb or eyesight.

- Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room
- After your emergency has been treated, call Moncrief Army Health Clinic at (803) 751-2425 or (803) 751-2778 during duty hours to give them the information regarding your care (Name of Emergency Department, address, phone number) in order for your medical claim to be paid.

Urgent/Acute Care

Urgent or acute care is treatment that cannot wait until you return to Fort Jackson. Follow-up care for a prior injury does NOT constitute urgent or acute care. Before obtaining urgent/acute medical care from a civilian facility or provider you should contact the Nurse Advice Line at (800) TRICARE (874-2273), option 1. You may ask urgent care questions, get health care advice, find a doctor, or learn how to get care. The nurse will give you advice on where you should seek care. Alternatively, you may visit *MHSNurseAdviceLine.com* to chat with a nurse.

- Go to the nearest Military Treatment Facility

or Veterans Administration Hospital. The Nurse Advice Line will assist you in finding care nearest to you.

- Alternatively, you may call TRICARE at (800) 444-5445 to ask for assistance.

- If you have any problems or questions, please call Moncrief Army Health Clinic Patient Services at (803) 751-2425 or (803) 751-2778 during duty hours.

Hospitalization

If you are hospitalized at a civilian hospital, contact the DHA-Great Lakes at (888) 647-6676. Select the Report Admission or Customer Service option and provide information regarding the circumstances. Your admission will be reported to the Patient Administration Office of the nearest Military Treatment Facility as soon as possible. Additionally, contact the Moncrief Army Health Clinic Absent Sick Nurse Case Manager at (803) 354-1867.

Pharmacy

While traveling, a Soldier can have prescriptions filled at a TRICARE network pharmacy if he or she presents a written prescription and his or her military ID card. To find a TRICARE pharmacy, call (866) 363-8779 or visit online at www.expressscripts.com/TRICARE.

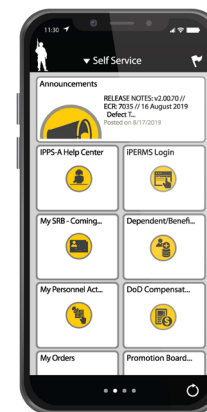
Failure to follow these instructions may lead to problems in paying your medical bills.

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ARIZONA

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
Terminal 4, Level 2

CALIFORNIA

Bob Hope Hollywood USO at LAX
Los Angeles International Airport
Bob Hope USO Ontario
Ontario International Airport, West Wing
Bob Hope USO Orange County
at John Wayne Airport
Santa Ana, Calif.
Bob Hope USO Palm Springs
Palm Springs International Airport
San Francisco International Airport
Mezzanine Level/Terminal 1
San Jose International Airport
USO Neil Ash Airport (San Diego)

COLORADO

Denver International Airport

FLORIDA

Jacksonville International Airport
Main Terminal
Orlando International Airport
Pensacola International Airport
Tampa International Airport

GEORGIA

Jean R. Amos USO Center (Atlanta)

Savannah International Airport
Hilton Head International Airport
Departure Level
HAWAII
Honolulu International Airport

ILLINOIS

O'Hare Center Terminal 3 (Chicago)
Chicago O'Hare International Airport Terminal 3, Mezzanine Level of Rotunda, G Concourse
O'Hare Center Terminal 2 (Chicago)
Chicago O'Hare International Airport Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
USO Midway (Chicago Midway Airport)

INDIANA

USO Indianapolis Airport Center
Indianapolis Airport Lower Level, Baggage Claim Area

MARYLAND

Baltimore Washington International
Thurgood Marshall Airport
Lower Level, next to Baggage 14, Door 14

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Logan Airport
Hallway between Terminals C & E, Lower Level

MISSISSIPPI

Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport

MISSOURI

Lambert St. Louis Airport

NEVADA

McCarran International Airport
Mezzanine Level, near A&B security gates

NEW YORK

JFK International Airport (New York)
Terminal 5, Baggage Claim 3
Port Authority Bus Terminal (New York)
North Wing, second floor

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte-Douglas International Airport
Main Atrium, second floor
Fayetteville Airport
Raleigh-Durham International Airport Terminal 2, third floor

OHIO

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
Concourse A, Terminal 3, near gates A13-A15
Concourse B, Terminal 3, near gates B25-B27
Cleveland Hopkins Airport
Baggage Claim Level
Dayton-Vandalia Airport
Port Columbus Airport (Columbus)

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia International Airport
Terminal A

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia Metropolitan Airport

TEXAS

Bush Intercontinental Airport (Houston)
Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport
Terminal B, Gate 15
El Paso International Airport
Concourse B
San Antonio Airport
Terminal B

VIRGINIA

Newport News International Airport
Norfolk International Airport
Richmond International Airport

WASHINGTON

Portland International Airport
Mezzanine Level
SEA-TAC Airport (Seattle/Tacoma)
Main Terminal, second floor

WASHINGTON, DC

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
Terminal A, Lower Level
Washington Dulles International Airport
Main Terminal

Going AWOL will cost you dearly

FROM THE PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Soldiers on leave who are tempted not to return to post should think twice before going absent without leave.

That extra day of vacation could end a career, halt privileges and even land you in jail.

A Soldier who goes AWOL may be charged under Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Taking 30 or more extra days without authorization will mark a Soldier as a deserter – a second charge under Article 85.

In this case, authorities will issue a federal arrest warrant. The Army Deserter Information Point will post warrant information on the National Crime Information Center.

A DD Form 553 (Deserter/Absentee wanted by the Armed Forces) will be sent to all installations and police departments in the missing Soldier's home of record, as well as to law-enforcement agencies across the nation.

Once a Soldier in Basic Combat Training or Advanced Individual Training returns to military control, their pa-

pers will be sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for out-processing.

All permanent-party Soldiers who go AWOL for more than 30 days will be returned to their assigned units and charged with desertion.

Soldiers must work together to prevent a colleague from going AWOL.

Units must maintain 100% accountability, reporting any offense within 24 hours.

Commanders must deter Soldiers from going AWOL and catch those who do.

Once a Soldier has been determined absent, the commander will call parents or the spouse.

After 24 hours, the commander will prepare an AWOL packet, which consists of notification of AWOL status to the adjutant general, finance office and military police. Then, the Soldier's personal gear will be inventoried and turned in.

A Soldier gone for more than 30 days will be dropped from the unit roster. His name will be sent to the USADIP, becoming the responsibility of the Military Police. The Soldier will be charged with desertion and their name placed into the National Crime Information Center..



EVEN IF you would never think of going absent without leave, take no chances. Don't even wait until the last minute to return from leave. Travel delays and cancellations are not acceptable reasons for being late. Contact someone in the chain of command immediately. Take this paper with you – the front page has a list of contacts you can use if trouble arises.

During any police stop, an officer can run a Soldier's name through the computer to see whether the person is wanted. If they are, the officer will apprehend the Soldier, and the nearest AWOL-apprehension team will return him to military control.

What if ...

You are involved in an accident?

Immediately call the appropriate local authorities.

Then, call your unit. (See contact numbers on page 1.)

You lose your ticket or reservation information?

Call Victory Travel during normal duty hours at (803) 751-1400.

You need to report back early?

Report to 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 10550 Hampton Parkway. Call the battalion at (803) 751-7744.

You are approached by the media?

You represent the military, on or off duty, and may be approached for your opinion on a current issue. Here are a few tips to help you answer:

- Be honest. Talk about your personal experiences, the value of your training and the mentorship of your drill sergeants.
- Speak only for yourself, not for the command or other Soldiers.
- Don't speculate about issues in which you are not involved.
- Don't discuss specific numbers, locations or dates of present or future operations.
- Speak in terms familiar to non-military people. Avoid Army jargon and abbreviations.
- Never say "no comment."
- Everything is on the record.

Don't mix drugs, holiday cheer

THE ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

At long last, leave has come. Finally, you can relax and enjoy time with Family and friends. Make sure this time doesn't involve using drugs – military code prohibits the use, and everyone receives a drug test upon their return to Fort Jackson from Victory Block Leave. Yes, this includes permanent party and trainees.

The list of drugs forbidden by Army Regulation 600-85, Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice comprises opium, heroin, cocaine, amphetamines, LSD, methamphetamine, PCP, barbituric acid, marijuana to include any compound or derivative of these substance. The drugs hemp, CBD, "Spice" "Delta 8," and "Bath Salts" also are banned.

Abusing illegal drugs and misusing prescription medication can get someone discharged from the Army with the "character of service" on your

DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) listed as dishonorable or other than honorable. This discharge could limit the person's future employment opportunities.

And this could be only the beginning of the tribulations one may face. Veterans' benefits, some civil rights, including the right to vote; and the ability to qualify for federal student loans can also be jeopardized.

If a post-leave drug test indicates prescription medication use, the unit will follow a system of checks and procedures designed for such a scenario, including scrutiny by a medical review officer.

The MRO will determine whether the drug use was legal – this is determined by if the drug or drugs were prescribed for you and used according to the prescription. Keep in mind, it is illegal to use someone else prescription medication.

Remember, you are part of the U.S. Army, and as a Soldier, you must uphold Army values at all times.

