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Schedule your 100% on-post housing inspection now

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

On-post housing residents can now schedule congressionally-mandated inspections of their homes. These inspections are set for August, Fort Jackson housing officials said.

The inspection mandate was included in Public Law No. 116-92, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020. The NDAA states the inspections will be conducted by an independent, third-party contractor to ensure the quarters are safe and habitable.

"Congress has mandated these inspections for the protection of Department of Defense families," said Sgt. 1st Class Sha-ka-Mikal Webber, military housing liaison. "The results of these inspections will provide Congress the information needed to properly address funding for housing on military installations, the proper management by commercial partners like (Fort Jackson Family Homes), and other factors concerning communities on federal property."

In fact, the inspections can be easily scheduled by the tenant. The two-hour blocks of inspections can be scheduled by scanning the QR code, which can also be found on publicly posted signs and door hanger flyers.

The tool allows tenants to schedule or reschedule their inspection at their greatest convenience in addition to shortening time waiting for an assessor.

Webber cautioned those who didn't par-



Leader file photo

Housing officials recently announced that congressionally-mandated 100% inspections of on-post housing units will take place in August. The residents will soon be able to schedule those inspections using an online tool.

ticipate in the scheduling process will cause the Army Housing Office to arrange for a military escort, which takes time.

"The best way to handle this is to schedule early to get the best time and date between Aug. 6-16," Webber said. The inspections will take place Monday through Friday. "There will be no weekend inspections."

These inspections will be thorough as assessors will look at the exterior, interior and building systems.

"Inspectors will need access to every area of the home, like the way a home inspector would if you were purchasing a home off post," Webber said. "It's most important to remember the purpose of the inspection is to have a true report on the condition of homes offered on the installation."

"Inspectors are not assessing the habits of the tenants, but it is important to be in compliance with the terms outlined in their lease and the Army Housing Plain Language

Brief."

The brief can be found at <https://home.army.mil/jackson/housing-services-office>.

Assessors will look at the roof, façade, window exteriors, building foundations, walkways and driveways, porches, patios and stairs and landscaping. They will also inspect HVAC systems, hot water, plumbing and electrical. The inspectors will also look at the interior including walls, cabinets and ventilation.

ON THE COVER

Fireworks explode over Hilton Field, July 4. The post opened its gates to roughly 35,000 visitors for its annual fireworks display. There were reportedly 4,500 cars at the event.



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

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TRADOC celebrates 51 year anniversary

By **KATISHA DRAUGHN-FRAGUADA**
TRADOC Communications
Directorate

“Victory Starts Here.”

This is more than just a motto or an eye-catching phrase to distinguish the Army Training and Doctrine Command from other commands. It is how TRADOC operates each day to train, develop leaders, guide Army culture and shape the future force while putting the command on a sustainable strategic path.

TRADOC was established to give the American military and the United States one specific Army command that would provide new Soldiers with the training, education, doctrine, units and — until 2018 — equipment requirements to achieve the Army’s part of providing the country’s general-purpose land force.

Gen. William E. DePuy was TRADOC’s first commander, who as a lieutenant general, played a pivotal role in Operation STEADFAST, the effort that generated TRADOC.

That effort culminated with the service’s disestablishment of the Continental Army Command and the establishment of Forces Command. Additionally, the Army disestablished the Combat Developments Command and incorporated its mission into the newly established TRADOC.

At the command’s activation ceremony at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on July 1, 1973, the command’s story began.

The name TRADOC was derived from two of its core responsibilities, training and doctrine, which have significantly influenced and shaped the Army.

TRADOC developed the systems approach to training that required Soldiers to perform at a level of established standards, as measured by skill qualification tests. To complement the officer education system, TRADOC also established progressive and sequential training for the noncommissioned officer education system.

Training the most lethal Soldiers who are disciplined, fit and ready to fight and win our nation’s conflicts has been the foundation of the organization since its



Army News Service photo

Established on July 1, 1973, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command is one of the four major Army Commands. TRADOC has been responsible for training and developing civilians into Soldiers, guiding the Army through doctrine, and shaping the way the Army trains.

inception. TRADOC’s revolutionary creation placed a direct focus on initial military training that was based on current doctrine and combat techniques. TRADOC continues to improve training by using modern technology and resources to teach and train Soldiers all across the globe.

Another core responsibility of TRADOC, and the other half of its name, was to research, write and publish the Army’s doctrine by way of its series of “how to fight” manuals and handbooks. After TRADOC’s establishment, DePuy and Maj. Gen. Paul F. Gorman, deputy chief of staff for training, along with a few field-grade officers, produced the July 1976 edi-

tion of FM 100-5, Operations, which was also part of an American military-wide doctrinal renaissance following the Vietnam War. The purpose of the doctrine was to drive rapid change throughout an Army confronting an upgraded Soviet threat in Europe and contend with the aftermath of the long Vietnam War.

Fresh doctrine, DePuy reasoned, would serve as a guidon for the Army, shaping everything it did, from training and education to developing leaders and new equipment. Another significant purpose was to provide Soldiers with clear and practical guidance on how to fight and win on the modern battlefield against a peer opponent.

TRADOC was created to modernize and enhance institutional military training across the force. Through centers of excellence and schools under the TRADOC footprint, the unique mission of developing doctrine and training to counter the world’s current threats continues to this day.

TRADOC sustains its proud legacy of shaping the Army by training Soldiers and units, developing dynamic leaders, guiding the Army through doctrine and shaping the force by building and integrating formations with the new capabilities and materiel fashioned by other Army commands.

Happy 51st Anniversary TRADOC.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Road Name Changes

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



SPRC Yoga Hours

The Yoga class schedule for June has changed. Classes are now:

Tuesdays: Power Yoga: 8-8:30 a.m. (Power Yoga)

Wednesdays: 6-7 a.m. (Warrior Yoga) and 12:15-1 p.m. (Mindful Movement and Meditation)

Thursdays: 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Warrior Yoga)

The Friday class has been cancelled.

Safety Classes

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.

■ Basic Riders Course:

July 30-Aug. 1 (five seats open); Aug. 6-8 (six seats open)

■ Advanced Riders Course

July 16 (three seats open); July 23 (six seats open); Aug. 13 (six seats open);

Aug. 20 (six seats open)

■ Local Hazards Course: June 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

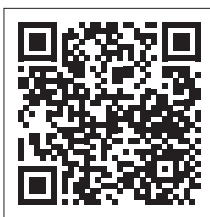
■ Intermediate Drivers Course: July 18 (30 seats open); Aug. 15 (30 seats open)

■ Remedial Drivers Course: Aug. 21 (12 seats open)

■ Unit Safety Officer Course: J Aug. 6-7 (22 seats open)

Needs Assessment Survey

Help our Education Center to better understand and meet your educational needs on Fort Jackson. Your participation and feedback is valuable and will be utilized to help improve ACES education programs and services. You need to take the needs assessment survey. Scan the QR code to begin. The Fort Jackson Education Center can be reached via email atusarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde-mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil, or via phone at (520) 691-4472.



School and Sports Physicals

Moncrief Army Health Clinic is conducting school and sports physicals Mondays and Wednesdays until July 31. Parents/guardians may bring children from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (You must be checked in by 6 p.m.) Required school immunizations can be done at this time. This is only open to MAHC enrolled children in grades K-12. Upon arrival check-in with the Integrated Health Medical Home on the ground floor of MAHC, Room #2318A. Please bring any external immunization records and required sports/school physical forms for your child's school program. To expedite the process, complete the patient information portion of each form prior to

arrival. Patients will not be checked in until the patient portion of the forms are completed. For more information email For questions, contact tashiana.a.rodgers.civ@health.mil.

First Friday Golf

Maj. Gen. Jason Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, invites you to join him for First Friday Golf the first Friday of every month. The next iteration is set for August. This is a Captain's Choice event and will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. You may enter your own team or sign up as a single and the FJGC PGA Professionals will pair you with a group. Entry fee is \$45 for FJGC members and \$55 for non-members. The entry fee includes applicable greens fee, user Fee, cart, prizes, and a boxed lunch. Register by calling the pro shop or stop by the clubhouse to sign up. (803) 562-4437.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY

Credit and Debt Management

10-11:30 a.m., MS Teams. Learn skills for credit and debt management in addition to tools for your financial well-being.

Arm Wrestling Tournament

5:30 p.m., Down Range Bar. Come show off your guns at the Fort Jackson Sports and Fitness Arm Wrestling Tournament. There are male and female categories. No entry fee and prizes for winners. To register, call (803) 751-6272.

TOMORROW

Second Friday Shoot

1-4 p.m., Aachen Range. Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs invites you to join him for Second Fridays shoot. The shoot alternates monthly between skeet or trap shooting. The cost is \$10 per round if you bring your own weapon and ammo or \$25 per round to rent

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY, JULY 12

■ Kinds of Kindness (R) 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

■ Twisters (PG-13) 2 p.m.

(Free Showing)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

■ Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R) 2 p.m.

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

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

MWR shotgun and ammo. For more information, contact Chris Helie at christopher.j.helie.naf@army.mil or call (803) 751-3484.

SATURDAY

Private Weapons Day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aachen Range. Shooters can shoot at targets between 25 and 200 meters. Paper targets, spotting scopes, tables and chairs are provided. Patrons can shoot rifle or pistol at a day rate or on an hourly rate. Pre-register at Marion Street Station: \$25 per person for all day (4 hours). \$10 per person per hour (pre-register) \$15 per person per hour (day onsite/cash only). All

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Deadline for events to be included in the Community Updates is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following

Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names. All submissions will be edited and published using Associated Press Style.

Questions? Call 751-3615.

Civil War Soldiers awarded Medals of Honor

By **CHRISTOPHER HURD**
Army News Service

President Joe Biden posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Civil War Soldiers Pvt. Philip Gephart Shadrach and Pvt. George Davenport Wilson for their heroism and courage during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862.

Each Soldier's oldest living relative accepted the award during a ceremony at the White House July 3.

"To volunteer for a venture they knew little about, and to know if they failed, they would be put to death, makes me realize how dedicated they were," said Gerald Taylor, Shadrach's great-great-nephew. "I am humbled to have the opportunity to come and receive the Medal of Honor that was awarded to our relative."

Both Shadrach and Wilson were part of a group of 24 Soldiers and civilians that became known as Andrews' Raiders.

In early April 1862, James J. Andrews, a Kentucky-born civilian spy, led the group on a mission to infiltrate the South and destroy the railway and communication lines that supported the Confederacy from Georgia to Tennessee.

The raiders traveled hundreds of miles in enemy territory through heavy rain and harsh terrain. They did their best to avoid suspicion by wearing civilian clothing and traveling in small groups. Despite several close calls, 22 of them met just outside of Marietta, Georgia in Big Shanty, where they commandeered a locomotive named the General and headed north. They tore up the railroad track, cut telegraph lines and tried to burn bridges along the way.

William Fuller, the General's conductor, and a few Confederates chased after them, first on foot and then by handcar and locomotive. The raiders had a lead on their pursuers but were slowed down while completing their mission and stopping for oncoming trains on the single-track railway.

Running low on fuel, and with the Confederates on their heels, the raiders abandoned their effort just 18 miles from



President Joe Biden posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Civil War Soldiers Pvt. Philip G. Shadrach and Pvt. George Wilson, for their efforts during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862. They were part of a raid deep into the Confederacy aimed at destroying railway and communication lines from Georgia to Tennessee.

their final stop in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The men fled, trying to avoid capture.

Thousands of Confederate soldiers and citizens began scouring the countryside for the raiders. After 12 days, all 22 of the men were captured and taken as prisoners.

Andrews and seven Soldiers, including Shadrach and Wilson, were tried and convicted as spies. The Soldiers were executed June 18, 1862.

According to historical documents, just before Wilson was put to death, he addressed the crowd and said he felt no hostility toward them and did not regret dying for his country because he knew the people would soon see the Union flag flying over them once again.

"When I read that, I had chills," said Theresa Chandler, Wilson's great-great-granddaughter. "It brought everything home, and you get so much more respect and appreciation for what they did and what they were fighting for."

The remaining raiders staged a pris-

on escape after seeing the fate of their compatriots. Although most succeeded in making it to safety, six of the Soldiers were recaptured.

They were eventually released as part of a prisoner exchange in March 1863. All six men were awarded the Medal of Honor – the first Soldiers in Army history to earn the award – and were offered commissions as first lieutenants. In the years following, 13 other raiders received the medal as well.

The award, signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on July 12, 1862, bestowed an Army Medal of Honor "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection."

Both Shadrach and Wilson were members of the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Now, 162 years after their heroics during the Great Locomotive Chase, both men are finally being honored.

NATO' worth unquestionable: US officials

By **JIM GARAMONE**
DOD News

For 75 years, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been a force for peace that stared down the Soviet Union, prevented a larger war in the Balkans, joined in the fight against international terrorism and even now stands ready to defend all NATO territory from Russian aggression.

NATO remains a vital and crucial alliance, and leaders of political parties on both sides of the Atlantic agree that NATO must be deemed one of the most successful collective defense alliances in history.

The alliance grew out of the experiences of the 20th century when great power wars killed more than 100 million people. Western leaders put in place an international order to prevent that sort of cataclysm from happening again. Part of that order was NATO — a collective defense alliance.

President Joe Biden called NATO "the greatest military alliance in the history of the world." Since NATO's founding, U.S. officials of both political parties have credited the alliance with contributing to the security, prosperity and liberty of Americans — and the world.

And polling this year by the Pew Research Center shows that, though roughly two-thirds of Americans hold a favorable view of NATO — still, that means a third of Americans hold unfavorable opinions about the alliance — a 4% increase since 2023.

This growing increase in isolationist sentiment in the United States is disturbing to leaders of the NATO nations.



Happy birthday, America

Photos by Robert Timmons

Roughly 35,000 people enjoyed Fort Jackson's Independence Day festivities, July 4. The Directorate of Emergency Services estimates nearly 4,500 cars entered the post to watch the fireworks at Hilton Field.

Local bands got the celebration

started as food vendors fired up hot dogs, ribs and other tasty treats. Children could hit a slide, take a ride with their families or even test their strength on a rock wall.

One of the best fireworks displays in the area ended the night with a bang.





Photo by JEAN WINES

Retired Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais watches ceremonial flag folding at her retirement ceremony.

TRADOC deputy retires after 37 years

By NINA BORGESON

TRADOC Communications Directorate

After nearly 37 years of service in the Army, Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais, deputy commanding general, Army Training and Doctrine Command, retired on June 28.

As the first woman to hold this position, Gervais leaves behind a legacy of change and innovation to inspire future generations of Soldiers.

As a young college student at Lander University, South Carolina, Gervais spent the first three years acquiring her Bachelor of Science in Biology before deciding to join Army ROTC during her senior year.

"I initially had envisioned to stay in for three years, and there were three things I really wanted to gain out of those years: money in my pocket, some experience under my belt, and more discipline," she explained.

Little did 2nd Lt. Gervais know, this was

the start of a long and successful Army career.

At her first unit of assignment with 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Gervais quickly discovered the many opportunities the Army could provide for her. Gervais also credited her success to the noncommissioned officers and leaders who have helped her along the way.

"I never realized the Army was going to invest in me and prepare me for what I needed to do; that they were going to put so much trust and confidence in me as a young leader," she said.

Gervais expressed that some of her fondest memories as a leader came from the opportunity to watch as the Soldiers she led grew into the professionals they were meant to be.

"It always comes back to the people," she stated. "When you come together as a team and you accomplish something, that forms a bond with those you serve with. It's the best feeling in the world."

Before coming to TRADOC, Gervais served as the Director of the Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team at Army Futures Command. There, she played a key role in the innovation of Army training through developing simulation training systems and integrating virtual training tools into existing Army systems and live training exercises.

While at TRADOC, Gervais led multiple initiatives in support of the greater Army. She has worked closely with the Army's Center for Initial Military Training on prevention strategies for harmful behavior in initial entry training.

She was also involved in the establishment of the Future Soldier Preparatory Course, an Army-wide program investing in America's youth by helping them overcome academic and physical fitness challenges to meet or

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ACS news

Citizenship, immigration questions answered

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Community Relations Officer will be on Fort Jackson to assist Soldiers and Family with citizenship and immigration questions/concerns beginning July 22

The Officer will be at Army Community Service, 1-4 p.m.. ACS will make appointments and only those with appointments will be seen. However, if you could not get an appointment, you may be able to be seen on a walk-in basis. Walk-ins will be seen if there is a no-show or space is available. This is a trial run to see if this service is necessary and beneficial to the Fort Jackson community. If successful, we will offer monthly appointments.

Please call Army Community Service at (803) 751-5256, option 3, to make your appointment as soon as possible.

Foreign-born spouse trip

Army Community Service invites all foreign-born spouses, their sponsors, and military Families of service members or Department of the Army Civilians either deployed or on an unaccompanied tour to take a historical trip to Beaufort, South Carolina on July 27.

This trip will include a land and sea tour departing downtown Beaufort Marina at the Waterfront Park. The bus trip and tours are free; however, lunch and shopping will be on your own. Seats are limited and are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Call ACS for additional information and to register (803) 751-5256, option 3. The registration deadline is tomorrow.



Photo by JEAN WINES

Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais sits with her family and friends at her retirement ceremony on June 28, 2024.

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exceed the Army's entry standards. As a result of the program's success, more than 21,500 recruits have graduated from the FSPC and improved themselves enough to be accepted into the Army.

Starting her term towards the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gervais worked tirelessly with other TRADOC senior leaders to make the transition back to normalcy as seamless as possible.

She also played a role in TRADOC's success in reintegrating the Army into the community after the pandemic.

Throughout her Army career, Gervais also built a family legacy of service with her husband, retired Lt. Col. Christopher Gervais, whom she first met in ROTC and served alongside for 28 years. They raised a daughter, Capt. Brandi Gervais, who also chose to serve her country as an Army officer and dentist at Fort Liberty, North Carolina.

When asked what advice she would give to someone thinking about joining the Army, Gervais explained that the endless opportunities in the Army can be a great steppingstone for those who are figuring out what they want to do.

"You don't have to stay 37 years, but you can come into the U.S. Army and become part of a team, understand what it means to really serve, get an education, and use that to excel in whatever else you want to do," Gervais explained. "Or you can choose to stay because you have found a great sense of purpose and community with the Army team."

After retirement, Gervais and her husband plan to move to South Carolina to be closer to family.

Gervais plans to continue her service to the community as a Soldier for Life, working with the local recruiting office and sharing her Army story with high school students.

"I want to invest in the kids who are still trying to figure things out," she explained. "As a community leader, my story and experience will always be relevant."

Gervais also plans to use her background and experience in training simulation to help other companies that want to improve its workforce development.

"Working at TRADOC has been the most rewarding experience I have had," she shared. "I have had unbelievable opportunities, and it really gave me an appreciation of the importance of TRADOC and what we do to set the blueprint to make the Army what it is. I'm TRADOC through and through."

Soldier finds niche in triathlons

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

Nicholas Sterghos faced a crossroads in his athletic career at the U.S. Military Academy.

Multiple fractures, aches and ankle injuries contributed to him missing time running with the Black Knights' cross country and track teams from 2005-2006.

The depression that followed grew so encompassing, that the Georgia native considered leaving West Point and his potential military career behind.

"I had basically left the team, and I was kind of deciding on if I wanted to stay at West Point, because cross country and track had been such a big part of my life," said Sterghos, now a major and operations officer in the Army Reserve.

Sterghos had admittedly pushed his body too far. He hadn't properly hydrated and consumed enough calories, he said. He didn't focus enough on recovery after strenuous workouts and runs. He said stress from classwork also contributed to his injuries.

"I, in a way, kind of lost that identity," he added. "And so, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do in my life. It stressed me, mentally and emotionally."

Then a teammate introduced Sterghos to a different endurance sport: the triathlon. Sterghos, a then-sophomore at the U.S. Military Academy, began training with the Black Knights' triathlon club team before officially making the squad in 2007, his junior season. In the triathlon, Sterghos could still be competitive and have diversity in his sport as triathletes compete in swimming, cycling, and running.

"(Triathlons) still had that same endurance component," Sterghos said. "I also enjoyed the team atmosphere ...so along with just having some good teammates to support me,

and having the opportunity to travel, and do some international competitions, that's just kind of what I was really drawn to."

He began competing regularly at triathlons while earning a bachelor's degree in life sciences. In Sterghos' fourth triathlon at nationals, he crossed the line in 33rd place, while the Black Knights finished third as a team. As a senior, he jumped to 8th place at nationals, leading Army to another third-place finish.

And by his graduation in 2009, he learned of a new challenge prior to his first assignment at then-Fort Hood, Texas: the Armed Forces Triathlon championship.

Sterghos competed in the 2009 Armed Forces Triathlon Championships, earning third place. Four years later, Sterghos won the first of his two Armed Forces Triathlon Championships in 2013.

He also finished 32nd at the 2019 Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military Games, becoming the first American to cross the finish line in Wuhan, China.

Today, with more than 200 triathlons under his belt, Sterghos learned to be more flexible in his training and to take time off to spend with family and coaching other endurance athletes. As a registered dietician nutritionist in Boulder, Colorado, he advocates for a healthy diet, while training as a professional triathlete.

On June 29, Sterghos finished fourth behind Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Hooker, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Warrick and Air Force 2nd Lt. Samuel Busa at the 2024 Armed Forces Marathon.

During an overcast, cool day, Sterghos struggled to open the race finishing 13th in the 1,500 meter swim, but steadily climbed back into contention during the bike race and run. He led all competitors in transition two before finishing fourth overall at 1:56:41.

Events

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weapons must be registered on post. No automatic weapons or .50 Cal. allowed. The event is for those ages 12 and up. Those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Marion Street Station at (803) 751-3484.

JULY 15
Investing in the Digital Age Webinar
1:30-3 p.m., MS Teams. Army Community Service in partnership with the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission will provide valuable information on the basics of saving and investing, including steps to start to grow wealth and diversification. The webinar will also cover the red flags of fraud and crypto currency investment and risks. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256 (option 3).

JULY 16
Meals in Minutes & Your Budget
9-10 a.m., MS Teams. Learn how to save

calories while also optimizing your budget. Armed Forces Well ness Center and Army Community Service provides programs and services to improve and/or maintain readiness of the military community. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256.

JULY 19-22
Military Long Drive Competition
Participate in the 2024 Military Long Drive Championship and experience the thrill of competing in a prestigious event sanctioned by the World Long Drive Association. This exciting opportunity is open to all military installations, offering a one-day qualifier event at 12 selected Army golf courses. The winners from each of the 12 installations will move on the Fort Jackson for the Military Long Drive Championship. Showcase your talent. Demonstrate your driving prowess against fellow military members. Don't miss this chance to be part of a thrilling competition and potentially become the next military long drive champion. For more information, visit <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/entertainment/MLD>.

JULY 22

Let's Build Fort Jackson Soccer Night
6-7:30 p.m., Hilton Field Sports Complex. Come join us for a night of soccer and free play. For more information, call (803) 751-3096

JULY 23
Scams & Identity Theft Workshop
10-11 a.m., 9810 Liberty Division Road, Room 119. Army Community Service in partnership with South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, shares tips to help you protect your identity and finances in support of 2023 National Consumer Protection Week. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256 (option 3).

FERS Pre-Retirement Seminar
3-7 p.m., MS Teams. Upon completion of the pre-retirement briefing, participants will know the requirements for retirement eligibility, consequences of making a deposit/redeposit, survivor annuity elections, eligibility for continuing FEHB/FEGLI into retirement, and the process for submitting a retirement application.

JULY 26
Amnesty Day

7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Darby Field. Fort Jackson is holding an Amnesty Day July 26 to give Soldiers and Department of Defense civilian cardholders to turn in unauthorized ammunition and other ordnance in their possession without fear of reprisal. For more information, call (803) 751-2541.

AUG. 5
Intramural Golf League
Letters of intent are due for the Intramural Golf League starting Aug. 13. The league is for teams of two active duty Soldiers only. This is a commander's cup event. For more information, call (803) 751-3096.

AUG. 6
Facilitating Flow
9:30-11 a.m., MS Teams. This session will shed light on the experience and psychology of flow by discussing its science, features, applications, and benefits.

Budgeting for Back 2 School
1:30-2:30 p.m., 9810 Liberty Division Road, Room 119. Learn about scholarship opportunities and what you can do now to save on educational expenses in the future.

DID YOU KNOW: The Army Immersion Cooling System (AICS) is most effective when incorporated into the flow of training and used throughout the training day, in a shaded area.

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
	HEATHEN/PAGAN	EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY	NOON TO 2 P.M.	CENTURY DIVISION 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
	ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL
	JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
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	LATTER DAY SAINTS	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M. - NOON	WASHINGTON ROAD CHAPEL
	HEATHEN/PAGAN	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL



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Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division dismount a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and advance on a target as Hungarian soldiers provide suppressing fire, during a NATO demonstration at the closing ceremony of Operation Iron Sword 2014 in Pabrade, Lithuania, Nov. 13, 2014.

NATO

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When the United States entered World War I in April 1917, it fought as an “associated” power alongside France and the United Kingdom. The associated power label still left some distance between the U.S. and any entangling alliance.

After the war, American isolationism in the 1920s and 1930s, in part, laid the groundwork for a far more destructive war.

During World War II, the U.S. was a full ally, alongside the U.K., the Soviet Union, China, France and many others.

That war was so horrific, and the weapons created so destructive, that there was vast support for collective defense. A total of 420,000 Americans were killed in World War II, with many, many more wounded. And the U.S. was

fortunate compared to other Allies. The Soviet Union lost up to 25 million and the U.K. — with less than a third of the U.S. population — lost 450,900. Overall, officials estimate that 3% of the Earth’s population died in World War II.

Moving forward, the development of atomic weapons meant those casualties would look small if the great powers were to go to war again.

Candy vs. Communism

NATO came into being with the signing of the Washington Treaty on April 9, 1949. The original members of the alliance were Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the U.K. and the U.S.

Even as Western leaders signed the treaty, U.S. and allied aircrews were winning the first battle of the Cold War: The Berlin Airlift.

At the end of World War II,

the victorious Allied powers administered Germany — with the Americans in the South, the British to the North, the French in the Southwest and the Soviets in the East.

Berlin was a special case. Each of the four powers had a sector in the former Nazi capital, which was deep inside the Soviet quarter. On June 24, 1948, the Soviets cut off allied ground, rail and river routes into the city.

The allies — primarily the U.S. — answered with a massive airlift called Operation Vittles that supplied the city of more than 2 million people with food, milk, medical supplies and coal. Aircraft landed with metronome-like regularity. Logisticians loaded and unloaded the aircraft with metronomic precision. The operation delivered more than 2.3 million tons of supplies on more than 277,000 flights into the besieged city through September 1949.

The flights brought in more

than just necessities. Air crews noticed children would gather to watch the planes land. One pilot, Air Force 1st Lt. Gail Halvorsen, attached parachutes to Hershey bars and launched them to the children. He became known as “the Candy Bomber.” The gesture gave heart to Berliners of all ages. And it highlighted the difference between the two systems. While the Soviets wouldn’t let milk for babies through a blockade, the Americans were dropping candy bars to children.

Article 5

The key to the Washington Treaty is Article 5, which pledges a collective response to an attack on any single member.

It goes like this, “The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defense recognized by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force.”

The treaty never mentions the Soviet Union, but there was little doubt who was the threat. NATO’s first secretary general — Britain’s Lord Ismay — said the alliance’s purpose was “to keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and the Germans down.”

NATO stood united when the Soviets crushed a rebellion in Hungary in 1956, when they erected the Berlin Wall in 1961, and when they crushed the democratic movement in Czechoslovakia in 1968.

This solidarity worked. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 shredded the Iron Curtain. Three years later the Soviet Union itself imploded, and the nations of

Eastern and Central Europe were free to choose their own courses.

A total of 14 former communist nations — from Albania to Slovenia — hurried to join NATO.

Shared Democratic Values

NATO is more than a simple alliance of 32 nations. NATO countries share similar world views. “Today, we once more reaffirm that our shared democratic values — and our willingness to stand up for them — is what makes NATO the greatest military alliance in the history of the world,” Biden said in March as he welcomed NATO’s newest member, Sweden, into the alliance. “It is what draws nations to our cause. It is what underpins our unity.”

NATO is not just the largest peacetime military alliance in the world, it is integral to American interests and well-being.

“Generation after generation, the United States and our fellow allies have chosen to come together to stand up for freedom and push back against aggression — knowing we are stronger, and the world is safer, when we do,” Biden said in a statement celebrating the 75th anniversary of NATO’s founding.

Relevant Today

Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 highlighted NATO’s importance. “Almost two years after Putin’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine — the most serious threat to transatlantic security in decades — NATO has grown stronger and more united than ever,” Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said following a meeting of defense ministers at NATO headquarters in Brussels this February.

If Putin is successful and Russia is able to conquer a neighboring nation — forcefully deposing a freely elected government — then other neighboring nations may be endangered.

VICTORY... STARTS HERE



Trainees dance to grooves from Jazzy Trinity one of the bands providing musical entertainment during the Fort Jackson Independence Day festival held at Hilton Field, July 4.

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