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Army leaders send letter to the force addressing Army transformation

By **DAN DRISCOLL**
Secretary of the Army

and **GEN. RANDY A. GEORGE**
Army Chief of Staff

Army Leaders,

Battlefields across the world are changing at a rapid pace. Autonomous systems are becoming more lethal and less expensive. Sensors and decoys are everywhere. Dual-use technologies are continuously evolving and outpacing our processes to defeat them. To maintain our edge on the battlefield, our Army will transform to a leaner, more lethal force by adapting how we fight, train, organize, and buy equipment.

Consistent with the Secretary of Defense directive dated April 30, 2025, the Army is implementing a comprehensive transformation strategy—the Army Transformation Initiative. This initiative will reexamine all requirements and eliminate unnecessary ones, ruthlessly prioritize fighting formations to directly contribute to lethality, and empower leaders at echelon to make hard calls to ensure resources align with strategic objectives. To achieve this, ATI comprises three lines of effort: deliver critical warfighting capabilities, optimize our force structure, and eliminate waste and obsolete programs.

Deliver Warfighting Capabilities. ATI builds upon our Transformation in Contact effort, which prototypes organizational changes and integrates emerging technology into formations to innovate, learn, refine requirements, and develop solutions faster. We will introduce long-range missiles and



Courtesy photo

Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll places the Army patch on the sleeve of a trainee during Family Day for 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, April 30. Driscoll visited Fort Jackson for the first time that day.

modernized UAS into formations, field the M1E3 tank, develop the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft, and close the C-sUAS capability gap. Command and control nodes will integrate Artificial Intelligence to accelerate decision-making and preserve the initiative. Agile funding, which shifts from program-centric to capability-based portfolios, will increase timely equipment fielding and accelerate innovation cycles. Adaptation is no longer an advantage—it's a requirement for survival.

Optimize Force Structure. Our focus is on filling combat formations with Sol-

diers. Every role must sharpen the spear or be cut away. We are eliminating 1,000 staff positions at HQDA. To further optimize force structure, Army Futures Command and Training and Doctrine Command will merge into a single command that aligns force generation, force design, and force development under a single headquarters. Forces Command will transform into Western Hemisphere Command through the consolidation of Army North and Army South. Multi-Domain Task Forces will align with theater headquarters to operate under relevant authorities. We will

trim general officer positions to streamline command structures and revise civilian talent management policies to prioritize performance.

We will also restructure Army Aviation by reducing one Aerial Cavalry Squadron per Combat Aviation Brigade in the Active Component, and we will consolidate aviation sustainment requirements and increase operational readiness. We will convert all Infantry Brigade Combat Teams to Mobile Brigade Combat Teams to improve mobility and lethality in a leaner formation. We are trading weight for speed, and mass for decisive force.

Eliminate Waste and Obsolete Programs. We will cancel procurement of outdated crewed attack aircraft such as the AH-64D, excess ground vehicles like the HMMWV and JLTV, and obsolete UAVs like the Gray Eagle. We will also continue to cancel programs that deliver dated, late-to-need, overpriced, or difficult-to-maintain capabilities. Yesterday's weapons will not win tomorrow's wars.

This is a first step. We have already directed a second round of transformation efforts to be delivered in the coming months.

Leaders, we need you to drive change to ensure we stay lethal, ready, and continue to build cohesive teams that take care of our Soldiers and families. Our Army must transform now to a leaner, more lethal force by infusing technology, cutting obsolete systems, and reducing overhead to defeat any adversary on an ever-changing battlefield. Our continuous transformation is underpinned by strong, agile leaders who act on their initiative.

This We'll Defend.

ON THE COVER

Technicians from Moncrief Army Health Clinic perform health check ups on retirees at the 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day Health and Benefits Expo, held at the Solomon Center, May 3. See Page 6-7



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Post gathers to talk transforming, developing leaders

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

Fort Jackson welcomed Maj. Gen. Hope C. Rampy, commander of the Army Human Resources Command to speak during the Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude Leadership Forum April 29.

The annual leadership forum “is a very important event,” said Col. Chesley Thigpen, chief of the Adjutant General Corps and commandant of the AG School.

It’s not just important to the AG School, but to the Army as a whole because it aligns with the priorities of Gen. Randy A. George, Army Chief of Staff, Thigpen added. Those priorities include warfighting, delivering combat ready formations, continuous transformation and strengthening the Army profession.

“The last one, I would tell you, ties right into what we’re doing today,” Thigpen said. “We need to remember those that serve before us, and there’s no better example of being a Soldier, being a good leader, and having a vision for the future of our Army than Lt. Gen. Maude.”

The forum is named after Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, the highest-ranking Soldier to be killed during the 9-11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

“Our discussion today is about what we have done as leaders; what we are doing to transform leaders and develop leaders of the future,” he added as he introduced Rampy.

Rampy graduated from Cameron University as a distinguished military graduate and was commissioned in May 1996 as an AG Corps officer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Business Administration.

“I’m a Soldier. I had the honor of meeting Lt. Gen. Maude when I was an instructor here at the Soldier Support Institute’s Captains Career Course,” she began. “When he spoke ... he always opened with his name, and he always said, ‘I’m a Soldier.’”

Rampy spoke about how part of leadership is building an effective team.

She said she had been able to build effective teams through sharing, engaging, inspiring and being an intrusive leader. Sharing in the success of your team also helps.

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- Col. Chesley Thigpen
Chief, Adjutant General Corps

“I’m not above the fray as a leader, but sharing with success and sharing the failure, and being committed to that team on the good and bad days because you learn at both ends of the spectrum,” Rampy said. Leaders must also “sharing what you learn, sharing what you failed as a leader, and really being vulnerable.”

Leaders must also be engaging members of their teams and show competence in whatever field they are in.

Rampy spoke to leaders from Fort Jackson including post and garrison, and students from the AG School.

She also took questions from the audience during the hour-long event.



Maj. Gen. Hope C. Rampy, commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, speaks about leadership during the Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude Leadership Forum held April 29 at the Solomon Center. The forum is named in honor of Maude who was the highest-ranking Soldier killed during the 9-11 terror attacks on the Pentagon.



Rampy answers questions during the Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude Leadership Forum held April 29. She spoke about how to be a good leader.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Ball Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the 250th Army Birthday Ball are on sale now. Join Fort Jackson in celebrating the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army at the Army Birthday Ball. The ball takes place at 5 p.m. June 14 at the 1917 Club, 5700 Liberty Division Road. Lt. Gen. Milford "Beags" Beagle, commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, will be the guest speaker. Scan the QR code for more information and to purchase tickets.



Tenant Satisfaction Survey

Your opinion matters. The Army wants to hear from you. Your feedback can make a big difference in the quality of life for Soldiers. The Army is investing significantly in barracks and unaccompanied housing improvements and survey feedback will be guide the Army's efforts to provide quality, safe and secure housing. The completely confidential survey will be emailed from ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com. OMB Control Number: 0704-0553. OMB Expiration date: 05/31/2025

Water Quality Report

Fort Jackson's 2024 Water Quality Report is now available by scanning the QR code. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper report, please call (803) 790-7288 to pick up a copy.



Safety Training

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: May 27-29 (0 seats open)*; June 24-26 (0 seats open)*; July 29-31 (5 seats open)
- Advanced Riders Course: June 10 (6 seats open); July 8 (6 seats open)
- Local Hazards Course: May 12, 19
- Intermediate Drivers Course: May 15 (10 seats open); June 12 (8 seats open); July 22 (20 seats open)
- Remedial Drivers Course: May 13 (11 seats open); July 8 (12 seats open)
- Unit Safety Officer Course: June 3-4 (9 seats open); July 8-9 (22 seats open)

* Safety officials encourage those wishing to attend in case of no shows.

Tuition Assistance Update

Did you know there are Specialized Educational Programs funded by Tuition Assistance? These programs include Army Medical Department programs which include Doctoral degrees and graduate level Chaplain Certificates. The Education Center will have a representative on-site to help you explore the various opportunities available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 28. For more information, call (803) 391-9118.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TOMORROW

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Jackson Commissary. Join Army Community Service as they celebrate military spouses for their many sacrifices and contributions to the Army. For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

MAY 10

Charleston Visit

7:10 a.m., Marion Street Station. Join Outdoor Recreation as they observe wild dolphin from a Carolina skiff boat as they cruise to six miles to Morris Island. The trip will also venture downtown for shopping and dining at the historic Charleston

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
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SATURDAY, MAY 10

- Warfare (R)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

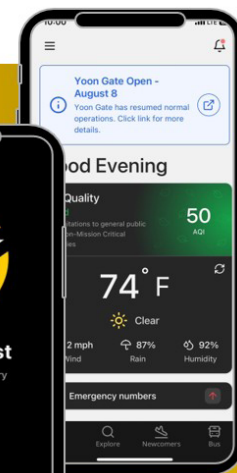
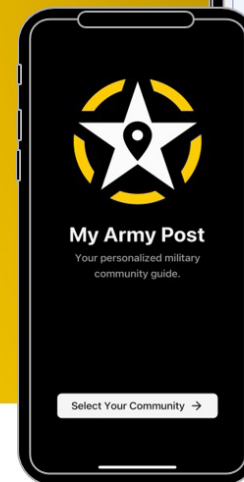
- Thunderbolts (PG-13)

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

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

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

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

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

Questions? Call (803) 751-3615.



Courtesy photo

American militia fire Brown Bess flintlock muskets at Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775, in this illustration by Don Troiani. The Brown Bess was the staple firearm for the British Army during the American Revolution. It was used by both sides during the war.

Arming the Revolution: the British 'Brown Bess' musket

By **HENRY HOWE**
Director, Fort Jackson
Museum Community

(Editor's note: This article is part of a recurring column honoring the Army during the service's 250th birthday)

The Brown Bess musket, a .75 caliber smoothbore flintlock, was the standard-issue weapon for British infantry throughout the 18th century, including during the American Revolution. Its smoothbore design sacrificed accuracy for quicker loading and compatibility with bayonets.

It was effective at about 100 yards but



most reliable at closer range, making it ideally suited for massed volley fire in tight line formations. Reloading under battlefield pressure required significant training and discipline, but a skilled soldier could fire three to four rounds per minute.

Patriot militias also extensively used the Brown Bess early in the war, using muskets from their former British service or those captured in battle.

However, the dynamics shifted in 1778 when France entered the war and began supplying the Continental Army with the .69 caliber Charleville musket.

The Charleville, another smoothbore

flintlock, was slightly lighter and more refined than the Brown Bess.

Its superior metalwork and more effective bayonet mounting system made it a preferred weapon and later influenced American firearm design. Although the performance of the two muskets was broadly similar, the Charleville's quality and the massive infusion of French arms played a pivotal role in sustaining the American cause.

Both muskets reflect the military technology and tactics of the 18th century and symbolize the broader international nature of the American Revolution.

Today, they stand as enduring artifacts that helped establish a nation.

Budget tools for Army lifestyle

By **SHELDON THELISMON**
Army Community Service

How many times have you been told there are "10 simple steps to budgeting"? I've read dozens of articles, each one offering slightly different advice. None of them addressed the biggest challenge many servicemembers face: financial strategies that adapt to the realities of military life.

Budgeting can be simple, but is the method chosen effective. For most servicemembers, budgets must be flexible, personalized, and capable of adjusting to an unpredictable lifestyle.

Whether you're managing a permanent change of station, deployment, or changes in household income, the way you budget needs to evolve with your life. That's why I focused on the method that works for me.

Choosing a Budgeting Strategy That Works for You

The first step in any financial plan is choosing a budgeting method. There are several widely used strategies, but success lies in how well that method aligns with your life. Personally, I follow a zero-based budgeting strategy. My wife and I assign a purpose to every dollar we earn whether it's going toward savings, investments, or household expenses. Once everything is accounted for, there's nothing left over. This ensures we are actively directing our money, not just spending it passively. If our income or expenses change, we simply adjust our categories accordingly.

Two other approaches to budgeting are:

The 50/20/30 Method: In this plan, 50 percent of your net in-

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Post honors military retirees

By VERAN HILL
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Retired U.S. servicemembers and their families were invited to attend activities for Retiree Appreciation Days held at Fort Jackson, May 1-3.

“This is an event we hold annually,” said Regina Harlan, retirement services officer for the installation. “We want to keep our more than 63,000 retirees in the state informed about benefits and services provided on post and within the community. Retirees need to know how to apply for benefits and be kept abreast of changes that may affect them.”

Harlan said the event is an annual culmination of Fort Jackson’s leadership believing in the motto, “Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier, A Soldier for Life!”

This year’s RAD was kicked off with a video message from Fort Jackson’s Garrison Commander Timothy R. Hickman.

Then a breakfast was held at the 1917 Club, and retirees could watch the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment’s Basic Combat Training graduation, May 1.

There was a golf tournament at the Fort Jackson Golf Course, May 2.

On May 3, there was a Retiree Health and Benefits Exposition, in-store sales at the Exchange and Commissary, and as an added bonus the ID card office was opened until noon to assist retirees and their dependents with replacing the blue backgrounded, DD Form 2, U.S. Uniformed Services Identification Card.

The blue background retired ID card will become invalid Jan. 31, 2026.

The retirees heard from a retired senior noncommissioned officer during the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment graduation.

“There are 750 graduates before you,” said retired Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, senior enlisted leader for the Army Training and Doctrine Command from February 2015 to July 2018. They “did not quit. They pushed through every challenge, every obstacle, early mornings, and I hear, even a few late nights. That’s not an easy feat.”

The youngest Soldier who graduated was 17 years old and the oldest 43.

It’s a “reminder that service has no age limits and courage knows no boundaries,” Davenport said.

During the health and benefits expo, keynote speaker, Alethea Harry, Veteran’s Readiness & Employment Officer, said “As veterans, you’ve earned a wide range of benefits and services through Veterans Affairs. These benefits are designed to assist you in various areas of your life such as: compensation, health care, education, employment, housing, and more.”

Technicians from the VA were available to assist with claims, various Fort Jackson activities and an assortment of health services and organizations were on-site to educate the retirees and answer questions.

For more information about Retirement Services, visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/military-personnel-division/sfl-rso> or call (803) 751-5523.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, former senior enlisted leader for the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command, speaks during the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment graduatin, May 1.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Veronica Harding, Human Resource Assistant with the Fort Jackson ID Card Section, prepares retired Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Miller for a photo that was used to replace his old retiree ID Card. The ID card office at the Strom Thurmond Building was opened until noon to assist retirees with replacing the blue backgrounded, DD Form 2, U.S. Uniformed Services Identification Cards during the 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day Health and Benefits Expo, May 3.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Alethea Harry, Veteran’s Readiness & Employment Officer with the Dorn VA, speaks at the Expo.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Regina Harlan, retirement services officer for Fort Jackson, speaks with a retiree during the Expo held at the Solomon Center, May 3.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Various Fort Jackson activities and an assortment of health services and organizations were on-site to answer questions at the 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day Health and Benefits Expo.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Technicians from Dorn VA were available to assist with claims and educate the retirees and answer questions about their benefits.



Jackson prays over breakfast

Photos by Robert Timmons

Fort Jackson observed the National Day of Prayer with a breakfast at the 1917 Club, May 2.

The National Day of Prayer, held the first Thursday in May, has its roots in the American Revolution where the Second Continental Congress called for a day of prayer in 1775.

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Causey, deputy chief of chaplains, delivered a keynote speech about religious revivals throughout history.



Pinckney students learn about law during law day

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

Lawyers with Fort Jackson's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate spoke to C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students about the importance of the law during Law Day, May 1.

According to the American Bar Association, "Law Day is an annual commemoration held on May 1st to celebrate the rule of law and cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal system."

Maj. Joshua Dimkoff, chief of military law, and Capt. Mandy DiMartino, a legal assistance attorney, spoke the students about the nation's motto, "E Pluribus Unum" or "Out of many, one."

The motto is on the Great Seal of the United States and on coins and paper bills among other places. It harkens back to the country being formed from a multitude of states. It also suggests how the country has been a great melting pot of different peoples throughout its history.

"It's really important to build a foundation of understanding of the law," Dimkoff said. To teach about the "Constitution itself is important, particularly for the students who has a parent, if not two parents, that have raised their hand voluntarily to swear an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States."

This was not the first time Dimkoff had taught law. He previously was stationed at the



Konner DeKany, fourth grade student at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School raises his hand to ask a question from representatives of Fort Jackson's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate during Law Day at their school, May 1.

U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, "where I taught cadets military and constitutional law."

"So in many ways, this was an extension, albeit a primary extension of that opportunity," he added.

The students appreciated the talk, DiMartino said.

"They are always engaged," she said. "They have the basic concept (of the law), but I do think they get excited once they understand a little more about what we do."

"They always have a million questions, so I think it's super beneficial to them, and we just love to see their reaction and their participation."

School career day brings military child month to a close

By **LORRAINE EMORY**
Pierce Terrace Elementary School

As April drew to a close, Pierce Terrace Elementary School concluded its Month of the Military Child celebration with a meaningful and energetic career day, April 30.

Students at all grade levels were encouraged to dress in outfits representing their dream careers—from doctors and dancers to scientists, soldiers, veterinarians, and more.

The school's career day was more than just dress-up fun; it's a vital piece of the school's mis-

sion to inspire military-connected children to envision bright futures and foster a sense of purpose. The event offers stability and encouragement to dream boldly for children who often experience transitions and uncertainty due to military life.

"Career day helps our students, even at the elementary level, think about who they want to become and what their contributions to the world could look like," said guidance counselor, Danita Roey. "For military children especially, these early conversations around purpose and potential are powerful."

Throughout the day, students

engaged with professionals from both on-post and off-post organizations who brought their expertise, tools, and stories to life. Several departments led the morning from Moncrief Army Health Clinic, whose medical representatives introduced students to various healthcare roles through hands-on demonstrations and informative displays.

"My favorite thing was learning about careers; I liked the dancing, the coaches, and the careers about your body," stated first grader, Micah W.

In the afternoon, students continued their career exploration with visitors from various fields.

Some representatives included Fort Jackson's Museum Curator, who shared artifacts and military history; the Riverbanks Zoo, who sparked an interest in animal science and conservation; a local dance company who discussed careers in the performing arts; and the Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services, who demonstrated how service animals support individuals with special needs are some to name a few.

The event was a rich, interactive experience that celebrated the unique spirit of military children and planted seeds of ambition, curiosity, and confidence in their future paths.

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3rd Battalion,
39th Infantry
Regiment

**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**
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Phillip Marlow

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Spc. Jack Hofmister

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Spc. Fhrancescole
Sanchez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Luis Cuahtepitzi

**ECHO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Nichoas Sanchez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Andrew Heizer

Events

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City Market. Register by May 1. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-3484.

MAY 13
Love & Money Matters
10-11:30 a.m., MS Teams. Army Community Service and the Religious Support Office conduct a workshop to teach effective communication strategies and address common money issues in relationships. Learn to set SMART goals as a couple that can lead to wealth building and a stronger relationship. Registration is required. For more information, or to register, please call (803)751-5256 (option 3).

MAY 15
Fort Jackson Amnesty Day
8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Warehouse Road. Fort Jackson Safety Office is providing an opportunity for individuals to return ammunition and explosives

inadvertently kept, found, or stolen without fear or prosecution. For more information, call (520) 671-8504.

MAY 22
The MURPH
All day at Perez and Vanguard gyms. Come to any Fort Jackson gym at any time during the day, pick up your scoresheet and do this challenging workout of the day, where competitors must run a mile, due 100 pullups, 200 pushups, 300 squats and run another mile.

MAY 24
Beach Day
Noon to 5 p.m., 4420 Leesburg Road. Join the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Weston Lake to celebrate the beach opening. There will be paddle boats, paddle boards, bounce, houses, games and beach access. For more information, call (803) 751-5253.

MAY 27
Safe Talk Class
9 a.m. to noon, Training Support

Center. Join us for a safe talk class to identify people with suicidal thoughts and connect them with help. Anyone including family members, friends, community member can attend. For more information, call (803) 751-2915

JUNE 7
National Whitewater Center Trip
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Marion Street Station. Join Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation for a day of adventure at the U.S. Whitewater Center. The trip includes white-water rafting, zip lines, rock climbing, mountain biking and more. The cost is \$60 per person and includes transportation. Must be 8 years or older. Patrons must register at Marion Street Station. For more information, call (803) 751-3484.

JULY 4
Save the Date
4 p.m., Hilton Field. Mark your calendars Fort Jackson's 4th of July Celebration will be held July 4 at Hilton Field. There will be food trucks, games for children, and the best fireworks in the Midlands.



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FORT JACKSON'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

GATES OPEN 4PM @HILTON FIELD

JULY 4, 2025





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	TUE-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.	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
	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.	120TH AG BN (for trainees in 120th only)
	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

Army to roll out enlisted space ops specialty

By **MATTHEW O'DAY**
DOD News

The Army confirmed it will implement a new space domain-related enlisted military occupational specialty by next fall, the service's top space officer announced during a media briefing at the Pentagon May 5.

Initially announced by the Army's deputy chief of staff in December 2024, the MOS — titled 40D space operations specialist — is on track to become official by October 2026, the commander of Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Lt. Gen. Sean A. Gainey, told reporters.

"These Soldiers will become the experts we turn to during the next conflict. Our Army space professionals support unique assets to interdict or disrupt adversaries use of space capabilities, ensuring Army forces maintain the initiative to fight from positions of relative advantage in all domains," said Gainey, adding that Soldiers provide close space support to the Army's conventional and special operations forces.

To date, the Army's space operations have been mostly filled by the officer corps; the new MOS will ensure that enlisted Soldiers in the ranks of specialist through command sergeant major will be able to show up to space formations with "expertise and experience in space operations," Gainey said.

Additionally, Gainey said that the new specialty will help stabilize the career progression and retention of Soldiers who are currently operating outside of their assigned jobs in the air defense, signal and intelligence fields in or-

der to assist in space operations.

"This is a zero-growth effort," he said.

When asked how the 40D mission would differ from that of the Space Force, Gainey explained that the Army's space mission is more ground-based.

"(We're) focused on the tactical maneuver fight with our forces on the ground, pushing that capability forward so our forces (are) able to leverage the effects of a space-based system, directly benefitting the operator on the ground," Gainey said, adding that the Army's space mission helps enable the Space Force to complete a range of its own missions, including on-orbit.

"(The good news) is that there's more than enough work for all of us on the battlefield today," he said.

As for training the new 40D Soldiers, Gainey said they will attend the Space and Missile Defense Center of Excellence at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, once they have completed their initial entry training.

"The majority of (40D) training will be on systems that we employ (such as the Tactical Integrated Ground Suite) and some of our other smaller systems," Gainey said, adding that the students will have more advanced level schools just like other specialties.

When asked about recruiting efforts once the career field is established, Gainey said the Army is already seeing a lot of interest from young soldiers.

"I want to encourage everybody (who's) interested in the space 40D MOS to compete for it, but it's going to be very competitive," he said.



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A Black Dagger Zombie missile target, designed to fly a ballistic flight path and demonstrate defensive protection capability, launches from Fort Wingate, N.M., Nov. 2, 2024.

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come goes to needs, 20% to savings, and 30% to wants. It's a simple formula that offers structure while still leaving room for discretionary spending.

The Envelope Method: This method involves assigning a set amount of cash to different envelopes.

Once a category runs out, spending in that area stops until the next cycle. It's a great way to develop spending discipline and avoid overages. It also gives a visual of your money decreasing as you spend. Once it's gone, it's gone.

Picking the Right Tool

A budget is only as effective as the system you use to manage it. When I began budgeting, I started with pen and paper. It was fast, simple, and required little more than basic

arithmetic. However, mistakes were common, and revisions were time-consuming.

Eventually, I transitioned to an automated program such as Microsoft Excel. Excel provides flexibility, visual tracking, and the ability to customize as needed. For others, pre-made templates or budgeting software may work better.

Each tool comes with trade-offs. Some prioritize simplicity, while others offer more detailed analysis. The best tool is the one you'll consistently use.

Military life is full of unexpected events. The budgeting method and tools you choose must support your life, not restrict it.

Financial readiness isn't just about staying on top of bills - it's about building confidence and gaining control over your money.

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Chaplain (Col.) Emmitt M. Furner (center), Deputy Commandant of the Institute of Religious Leadership, hands an Army Emergency Relief check to Capt. Orlando R. Armstrong, AER representative of 193rd Infantry Brigade.

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A trainee shuffles down a rope obstacle at the Fort Jackson Confidence Course. The course is aimed at increasing a Soldier's confidence in their abilities by going through a series of challenging obstacles.

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