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Hegseth gives holiday greetings to service members worldwide

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Pentagon News

Earlier this week, in advance of Thanksgiving, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth called troops around the world to give them a warm holiday greeting from the Pentagon.

Sailors aboard the USS Shoup, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, were among the first to hear from the secretary, though the video option wasn't working. The secretary compensated for that failure.

"I can hear you loud and clear. In my mind's eye, captain, you are a staggeringly handsome individual, as are all two dozen of the incredible sailors behind you," Hegseth joked with the ship's captain. "You are on a (destroyer) in and around Japan, on behalf of the American people, on Thanksgiving, away from your families, doing the duty of the nation ... and the point of these calls is just to ... share ... how grateful we are for what you do."

The secretary also wished a Happy Thanksgiving to troops with the 612th Air Operations Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, which provides command and control of air and space power in U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility.

"Thank you all very much ...



Photo by NAVY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS ALEXANDER KUBITZA

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth hosts Thanksgiving morale calls with deployed troops from the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., Nov. 24.

Happy Thanksgiving," he said, before asking for a mission brief on what the unit does, and to also hear from some of the airmen there to learn how each contributes to the mission.

The Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 is currently deployed to Djibouti. Besides holiday greetings, the secretary apologized that the call might have kept the Marines up late, as they

are a full eight time zones away.

"This is a morale call, but it's like midnight in Djibouti, so morale is probably low while you're on this call with me in the middle of the night," he said. "But we appreciate you all very much."

The Marines in the tiltrotor squadron provide assault support of combat troops supplies and equipment using the MV-22 Osprey transport aircraft.

Guardians assigned to U.S. Space Forces Central Combat Detachment 3-1 are located at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

"Thanks for leading the charge out there ... all you guardians ... Al Udeid is a pretty busy place now and not that long ago," Hegseth said, offering both holiday greetings to those guardians and acknowledgment of the attack on Al Udeid this summer

following the success of Operation Midnight Hammer, which resulted in the destruction of Iran's nuclear capabilities.

Following the destruction of the uranium enrichment site, Iranians attacked American forces at Al Udeid, but the joint force there successfully defended their installation, as they were trained to do.

Down at the southern border in Texas, the Arkansas National Guard's 1st Battalion, 114th Aviation Regiment, is conducting the border mission.

"Happy Thanksgiving to you and all your troops there," Hegseth told them. "It's great to see you all and it's an honor having a chance to talk to you ... thanks for everything you're doing, and it means a lot. It's cool to see the faces of the folks locking down that border for us and defending the American people."

And finally, the secretary greeted soldiers with the Army's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, who are on deployment to South Korea.

"Happy Thanksgiving. It's awesome to see all of you," he said. "It means a lot that you are where you are."

The brigade, normally based at Fort Carson, Colorado, deployed to South Korea in June as part of regular nine-month rotations there to support the 2nd Infantry Division.

ON THE COVER

An ice sculpture welcomes Soldiers to the Cpl. Samuel Frederick Pearson Dining Facility during the Thanksgiving meal. Fort Jackson served roughly 3,300 lbs. of turkey, Nov. 26-27.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

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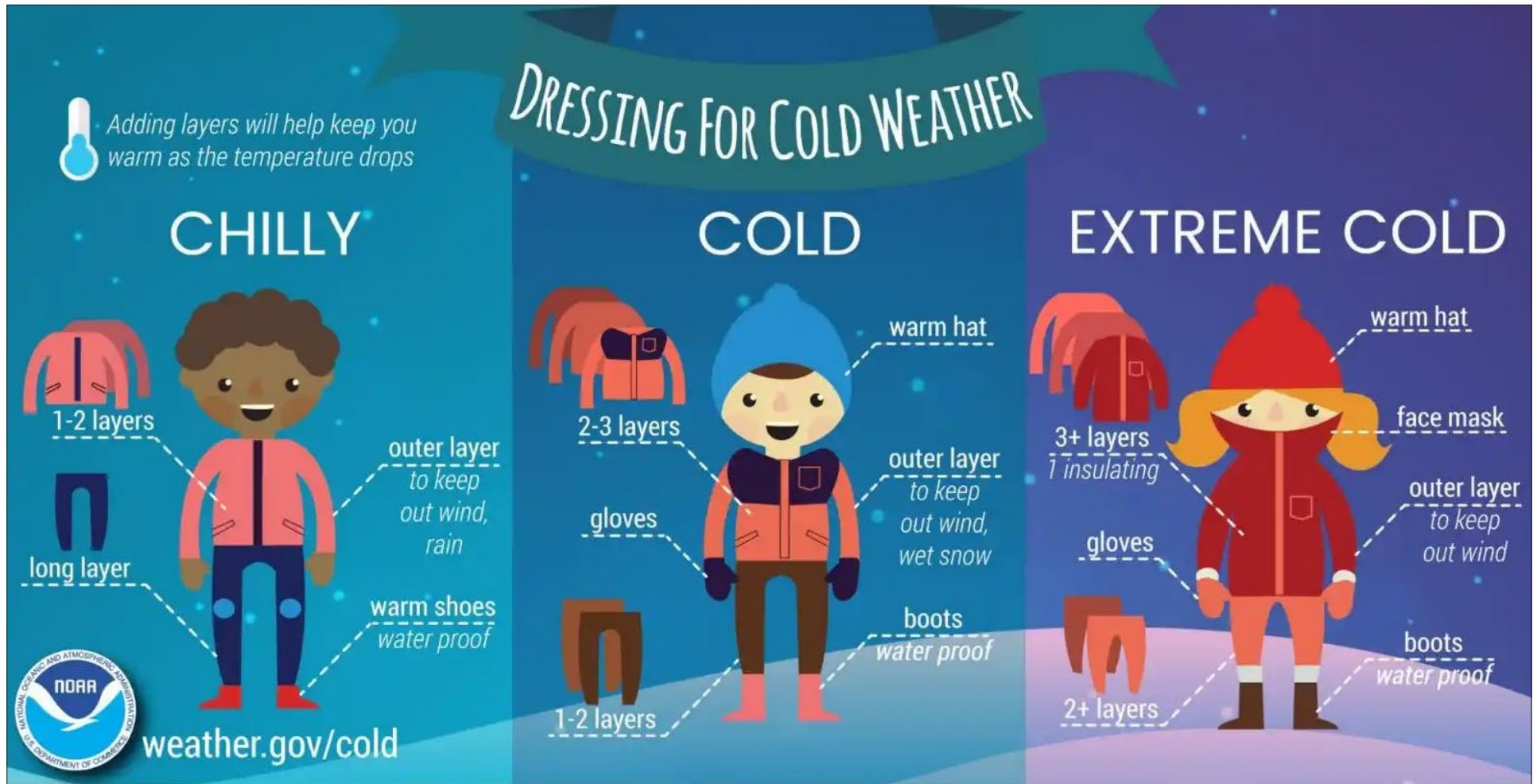
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This weather.gov graphic illustrates how to dress for cold weather. The Installation Safety Office is asking for residents to prepare now for winter weather.

Safety office: Prepare now for winter weather

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

As we enter the winter months and holiday season, it will start getting colder outside.

You know what that means? It's time for hot chocolate, sitting by a fire, and enjoying family time.

But are you aware of the potential hazards cold weather can have that could prevent you from enjoying the holiday season?

Fort Jackson's Installation Safety Office is asking residents to prepare now for future cold weather.

There are a few things to consider while partaking in winter activities. Some areas of focus are:

Home Safety

- Prevent frozen pipes
- Maintain heating systems
- Ensure there is some form of

Fire Protection

- Prepare for winter storms
- In the event of snow or ice, maintain walkways
- Privately owned weapon safety (bullets and alcohol are a terrible combination)

Winter Driving

- Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained (check tires, inspect battery, top off fluids, and/or emergency kit)
- Driving techniques (slow down, increase following distance, avoid using cruise control, stay alert, remove snow and ice if needed)
- Plan and avoid distractions

Cold Weather-Related Injuries

- Properly dressed for cold

weather

- Stay as dry as possible
- Stay hydrated
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia (numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, or skin that feels unusually firm)

Use safe heat sources

Holiday Season Stress

- Plan ahead
- Say no — it is okay to save yourself from stressful situations if you do not want to participate.
- Be kind to yourself. Prioritize your physical and mental well-being.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center cautions that employees "should consider scheduling outdoor work during the warmer part of the day, avoiding activities

on roofs or elevated heights."

The USACRC states employees who must work outdoors, cold stress injuries such as trench foot, hypothermia, frostbite, overexertion and dehydration are common risks.

If work must be done outdoors, consider the following:

- Wind chill factors
- Acclimation of the workforce
- Wetness/dampness that makes workers colder faster
- Physical conditioning and health issues
- Requiring fall protection and training when working on a roof or at elevated heights
- Ensuring ladders are used safely
- Using extreme caution when working near power lines

■ Preventing harmful exposure to cold temperatures and physical exertion

While it hasn't snowed or a freeze hasn't struck the post, community members should still be aware of the hazards of icy conditions since they may come across dicey conditions without warning.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when walking ice is unavoidable workers should be trained to:

- Wear footwear that has good traction and insulation (e.g. insulated and water resistant boots or rubber over-shoes with good rubber treads)
- Take short steps and walk at a slower pace to react quickly to changes in traction

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Location Change

Due to inclement weather forecast for tomorrow, the Holiday Tree Lighting & Food Truck Festival has been moved inside to MWR Central at the Solomon Center. The event runs from 5-7 p.m.

Gate 4 Closure

Gate 4 (Boyden Arbor Road) will be closed Dec. 5-12 due to a construction project. Drivers should prepare now, plan alternate routes, and be prepared for heavier traffic and longer access times at other gates. For more information, call Physical Security at (803) 751-2005.

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://airs.safety.army.mil/default.aspx>. To register for the Unit Safety Officer training, contact your safety specialist.

- Basic Riders Course: Tuesday through Dec. 11 (2 seats open)
- Intermediate Drivers Course: Friday (11 seats open)
- Remedial Drivers Course: Dec. 12 (12 seats open)
- Local Hazards Course: Every Monday at 10 a.m. (except holidays)
- Unit Safety Officer Course: send your designated Safety Officer an email to register
- Cold-Weather Illness Prevention Training: Every Monday at 1 p.m. (except holidays) at Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 207.

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

Holiday Closures and Hours

The Directorate of Human Resources will

be closed on the following holidays and training holidays:

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

Cosmic Bowling Saturdays

5-8 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center. Come out and bowl for \$10 per person for shoes and two hours of bowling every Saturday. College and professional football games are shown every weekend as well. For more information, call (803) 751-6138.

Winter Reading Programs

Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library. The library is hosting reading programs until Jan. 30. Build delicious snacks and treats with us at the Post Library on Make-it at 3 p.m. Mondays, Sign-up required. (Please be mindful of dietary restrictions & allergies). Crafty Tuesdays starts at 3 p.m. every Tuesday-create a new festive art project every week. Winter Movie Nights after hours Fridays start at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy treats and a festive film. Sign up now for the Winter Reading Program. For more information, call 803 751-5589.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY

Training Stand-Up Day

Fort Jackson is holding a Training Stand-Up Day at the Post Theater to provide on-post personnel an opportunity to take six mandatory training classes at one time. There are two sessions: a morning session from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:15 p.m. For more information, call (803) 751-4886.

SATURDAY

Fires on the Shore

5-8 p.m., Weston Lake. Enjoy the beach with family and friends while making s'mores and listening to live music with the 282nd Rock Band. There will be free

s'mores, Irish hot chocolate, concessions and rentals. For more information, call (803) 751-5253.

WEDNESDAY

282d Army Band Holiday Concert

6:30-8p.m., Shandon Baptist Church. 5250 Forest Drive. Come out and enjoy the 282d Army Band's Holiday Concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

DEC. 13

2025 Jingle Bell Fitness 5K Run

This will be a three-mile run/walk featuring 15 festive fitness stations along the route. Come kick off the holiday season with us. For more information, or to register, call (803) 751-3700.

Southern Stomp

3-6 p.m., MWR Central. Come join in the evening with Miss Savannah and the boot scootin' squad for a night of fun, live interaction and southern sass. What is Southern Stomp? The persona known as "Miss Savannah Belle" takes the lead on hosting this unique experience. Southern Stomp fuses performance, instruction, and storytelling into a single crowd-powered event. With the help of her professional Boot Scootin' Squad, Belle's voice and instruction leads participants through approachable, progressive line dances set to a modern country soundtrack. Guests are guided, supported, and entertained every step of the way. For more information, call (803) 751-6299.

Breakfast with Santa

9-11 a.m., 1917 Club. Join Saint Nick for a buffet breakfast at the 1917 Club. The breakfast costs \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information call (803) 751-3933.

DEC. 18

Chanukah Menorah Lighting

Fort Jackson

Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

TODAY, DEC. 4

- Truth and Treason (PG-13)

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

- Zootopia 2 (PG)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

- Predator: Badlands (PG-13)

- All shows start at 2 p.m.
- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

4-5 p.m., Century Chapel. Join Fort Jackson's Jewish congregation for a Menorah Lighting Ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (908) 691-9017.

DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Service

5 p.m., Main Post Chapel. Join the Fort Jackson Religious Support Office for a community Christmas Eve Service. For more information, call (803) 751-6327.

JAN. 31

Magician/Comedian Show

3 p.m. and 7 p.m., MWR Central. Magician and comedian Michael Kent is coming to MWR Central-Solomon Center. There will be two shows. 3 p.m. matinee which is free for children and a 7 p.m. show for adults. The show costs \$10.

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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.



A Soldier at Fort Jackson donates blood during a community blood drive held at the Drill Sergeant Timothy Kay Soldier Performance Readiness Center, Dec. 2.

Community turns out for blood drive

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

Fort Jackson personnel turned out for a community blood drive held at the Drill Sergeant Timothy Kay Soldier Performance Readiness Center on post, Dec. 2.

Donating blood is “actually one of the most important things, and also one of the easiest things a person can do” to help the community, said Will Sexton, Fort Jackson’s Blood Drive Ambassador.

According to the American Red Cross “Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients,

and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.”

“Whole blood cannot be manufactured, it has to be gained from another human,” Sexton said. “That’s the only way to get it, and it’s used in so many different ways, for life-saving measures, treatment of cancer and so many other medical issues.”

The American Red Cross states the common reasons people are not eligible to donate include cold, flu and other illnesses; medication they are taking; low iron; and travel outside the United States.

“Sadly, over 70% of the people who are

eligible to donate blood do not donate,” Sexton said.

A fear of needles shouldn’t be a reason to not to donate.

It’s easy to give and it doesn’t hurt, Sexton added.

“Most people tell me the most painful thing they do during a donation was the finger prick,” he said, “and they no longer do that. They test your hemoglobin without pricking your finger.”

The blood drives take place at the SPRC every two months with the next being held Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(For more information about donating blood visit: www.redcrossblood.org)

Soldier welcomed back to service

By **SGT. ZACK STINE**
Army News Service

Inside the Pentagon’s Hall of Heroes, a place defined by quiet reverence and the names of those who gave everything, Capt. Mark Bashaw raised his right hand and returned to active duty under the Army’s reinstatement initiative.

“It was incredibly humbling,” Bashaw said. “To be promoted here, in a room honoring those who sacrificed so much, is an absolute privilege.”

Bashaw’s return falls under Executive Order 14184, which directs the Department of War to identify former service members separated solely for declining the COVID-19 vaccine and provide corrected records and an expedited path back.

Honorable Anthony J. Tata, Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness, said the event reflects the Department’s continued push to restore fairness and trust.

“COVID-19 reinstatement is a Department of War priority, and we remain focused on driving steady, deliberate progress on both the process and remedies,” Tata said. “Today, on behalf of the President and the Secretary of War, we promoted and delivered the oath of office to Capt. Mark Bashaw. It was an important day for him, his family, and the affected community, and further evidence of our enduring commitment to make things right. We are proud to have Captain Bashaw back in our Army ranks and look forward to reinstating more of our impacted warriors soon.”

Bashaw said the outreach from the Army reaffirmed his belief that the process could be resolved.

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Soldiers fix their Thanksgiving meals at the Cpl. Samuel Frederick Pearson Dining Facility at Fort Jackson, Nov. 26. Fort Jackson served the traditional Thanksgiving meals to troops Nov. 26-27.



Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. King, 369th Adjutant General Battalion senior enlisted leader, serves a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 26.

Jackson hosts homestyle Thanksgiving meals

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

It was the first time for a Thanksgiving meal away from home some of the roughly 13,000 Soldiers on Fort Jackson who were served a special meal, Nov. 26-27. “This is a lot for most of these trainees,” said Post Command Sgt. Maj. William Shoaf at the Cpl. Samuel Frederick Pearson Dining Facility, Nov. 26. “It’s the first time they have been away from home during the holiday season. So, this is an opportunity for them to, kind of, feel that tradition of Thanksgiving while they are training.” Shoaf was one of those Soldiers who didn’t have Thanksgiving at home for a long time. “I’m from South Carolina,” he said, “and in 28 years, this is the first time that I’ll be home for Thanksgiving holidays with my family.” According to a memo signed by Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Fort Jackson commander, and Shoaf, the holiday “reminds us of the importance of community, solidarity, and thankfulness for the blessings in our lives.”

WHAT MAKES A HOME IS
SOMPLACE WHERE YOU
CAN CONNECT WITH
THE PEOPLE THERE ...

- Pfc. Ayash Myneni
369th Adjutant General
Battalion

Trainees and Soldiers across post, and around the world, are served a special hearty meal from their commanders and leaders during the holiday. “It was great seeing those faces we see every day, but to see them serving us with a smile on their faces,” said Pvt. Madison Colvin, a Soldier in Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion. “I miss my mom, and I miss my friends back home,” said Pfc. Ayush Myneni. “I like to consider Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion my new family right now. Obviously, I couldn’t have asked for anyone better (to have Thanksgiving dinner with). I’ve spent so many countless hours with everybody here...” Myneni was away from home, but he also found one at Fort Jackson. “What makes a home is someplace where you can connect with the people there,” he added. “You share feelings, emotions and memories, so I think that’s what kind of made this place a home for me.” The troops said they enjoyed the meals. “It was probably one of the best meals I’ve had so far (in training),” said Pvt. Christopher Gilbert, with Company B, 369th. “I had chicken, mashed potatoes, yams, peanut M&Ms and apple juice. It was just a great balanced lunch for me.” Fort Jackson dining facilities served 2,832 lbs. of steamship round, 2,420 lbs. of ham, 3,300 lbs. of turkey, 600 lbs. of salmon, 740 lbs. of shrimp and numerous cakes, pies, desserts and salads.



An officer hands a Soldier a Thanksgiving meal.



A Soldier reaches for a biscuit as part of his Thanksgiving meal.



Marines are served steamship round as part of their Thanksgiving meals. Fort Jackson served roughly 2,832 lbs. of the meat.



Soldiers serve themselves salads during their holiday meals.



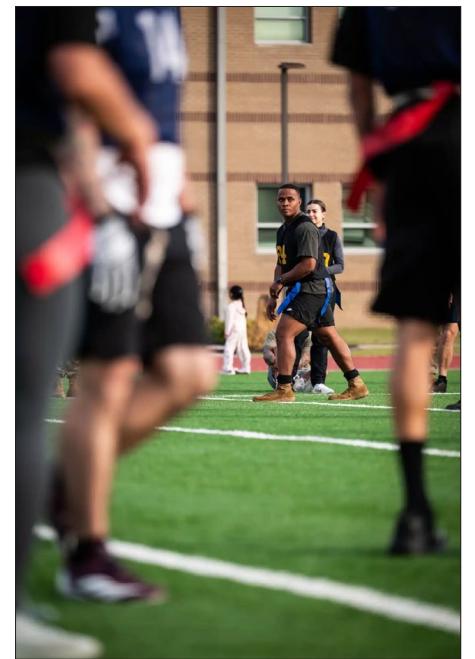
A guidon bearer leads his platoon to the Cpl. Samuel Frederick Pearson Dining Facility, Nov. 26. The troops were headed to the 369th’s dining facility for their Thanksgiving meals.



A holiday tradition

By Sgt. 1st Class Dana Clarke

It's not Thanksgiving without a little gridiron action. The U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy's Company C took top honors in the Academy's annual "Turkey Bowl" flag football tournament. Earlier in the day, the Academy also held a successful chili cookoff.





Photos by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Thank you for your service

Fort Jackson honored the service of Col. Mark Huhtanen, Army Training Center; Sgt. 1st Class Devin Abrams, Army Training Center; and Sgt. 1st Class Corey Walton, 282nd Army Band, during the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment graduation, Nov. 26.

500 additional Guardsmen ordered to Washington, D.C.

By **C.TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said Nov. 26 that President Donald J. Trump has requested he order 500 additional National Guardsmen to Washington in the wake of the shooting of two guardsmen near the White House.

Hegseth made the announcement from the steps of the Dominican Republic's National Palace, where he had spent the afternoon meeting with the country's senior leadership.

"After those meetings, (my team and I) were notified that two National Guardsmen had been shot in Washington, D.C., critically wounded by a shooter (and) shot in a cowardly, dastardly act targeting the best of America," Hegseth told the media.

"It will not stand, and that's why President Trump has asked me, and I will ask the Secretary of the Army to (tell) the National Guard to add 500 additional troops — National Guardsmen — to Washington, D.C.," he continued.

At a press conference, FBI Director Kash Pa-

tel said that two West Virginia National Guardsmen had been shot within the vicinity of the White House.

Army Spc. Sarah Beckstrom, 20, of Summersville, West Virginia, died one day after being shot while on duty near Farragut Square, a small park, in Washington.

Also wounded in the shooting was Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, 24, of Martinsburg, West Virginia. He is currently hospitalized.

"Obviously, our hearts are heavy right now for the loss of Spc. Sarah Beckstrom," Hegseth said Nov. 28. "Some of you may have known her, a beautiful human being and a great American willing to serve her country. (She was) brutally targeted, ambushed, on the street. (There are) no words for the sadness we have for her family. We pray for them. We also pray for Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe with the Air National Guard, (who is in a) fight for his life right now."

The secretary led troops in a prayer for Beckstrom's family, Wolfe's recovery and for the safety of American service members who are now spread across the nation's capital and the world.

Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Executive Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll said that a suspect is in custody and was also taken to a local hospital after being injured.

During Hegseth's brief remarks in the Dominican Republic, he hailed the two shooting victims.

"(They're) heroes willing to serve in Washington, D.C., (to) serve for people they don't know and they've never met. Because they love their country and their capital and their community, they were willing to do dangerous things," Hegseth said.

The secretary added that the incident will "only strengthen" the resolve of those who aim to improve cities like Washington, which he noted has seen a noticeable reduction in crime since the National Guard first deployed to the nation's capital in August.

"The drop in crime has been historic. The increase in safety and security has been historic. But if criminals want to conduct things like this — violence against America's best — we will never back down," Hegseth said.

SALUTING THIS CYCLE'S HONOREES

4th Battalion,
39th Infantry
Regiment

**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**
Staff Sgt.
Cayo Rodrigues

**ALPHA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Justus Faaiu

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Dalton Miranda

**BRAVO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Jaeden Hayes-Wood

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Pfc. Humberto Mejia
Bautista

**CHARLIE COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. John Penton

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Hazel Wallace

**DELTA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Zechariah Emerson

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Juan Cifuentes Bolivar

**ECHO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Harold Smith

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Collen Evans

Army ends fiscal year on retention high

By MASTER SGT. KENDRA FORD
Army News Service

The U.S. Army achieved significant success in its retention mission for fiscal year 2025, significantly exceeding its assigned goals. The Army retained 60,492 Soldiers for FY25, surpassing its goal of 54,800 by more than 5,600. Another 6,733 Soldiers also transitioned into the Reserve Component, further strengthening the Army's total force.

"The Army's ability to retain its best is a testament to the hard work of our Career Counselors and the trust our Soldiers have in the organization," said Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Johnson, Director of Military Personnel Management, HQDA G-1. "Retention is not just about numbers; it's about ensuring we have the right people in the right places to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow."

This year's retention success was particularly notable because the Army added reclassification goals for priority military occupational specialties to its mission. These precision-targeting efforts raised the stakes for retention counselors but ensured the Army met its

force requirements for high-priority jobs critical to national security.

"Retaining talented Soldiers is critical to our national security, and career counselors are absolutely essential to that because they shape how our Army looks," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer.

The Army is modernizing its retention efforts with new incentives and policies to retain high-quality talent across its force. Enlisted Soldiers have five reenlistment options offering increased flexibility and opportunities to shape their careers, including:

- Current station stabilization
- Army training
- CONUS station of choice
- Overseas assignment reenlistment option
- Regular Army reenlistment (needs of the Army)

Having exceeded its FY25 retention goals, the Army is closely tracking fiscal year 2026 performance, focusing on strategically retaining Soldiers in targeted MOS.

Early data suggest positive trends as efforts continue to align Soldier career paths with specific force requirements.

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"I never resigned. I never signed off on my discharge," he said. "When the Army granted full relief, it confirmed everything I had been standing on."

Col. Kevin Bouren, who leads the Army's Reinstatement and Reconciliation Task Force, said the effort is designed to make former Soldiers whole — whether that means returning to uniform or clearing their records.

"For some, wholeness means coming back into the Army," Bouren said. "For others, it means having their records corrected so they can move forward. Our job is to meet them where they are."

Bouren added that the outreach is intentional and personal, emphasizing guidance rather than bureaucracy.

"We've been directed to provide red carpet treatment," he said. "Former Soldiers shouldn't have to navigate this alone. We're here to remove barriers and support them through every step."

For Bashaw, the reinstatement marks a return to the people and purpose he missed most.

"It's the people — Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, everyone you serve alongside," he said. "And it's the purpose of supporting and defending the Constitution."

Following his medical screening and correction of records, Bashaw now begins a new chapter in uniform.

"I'm ready for what comes next," he said.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CHANUKA SERVICE	DEC. 18	4-5 P.M.	CENTURY CHAPEL
	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	DEC. 24	5 P.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	MONDAY-FRIDAY	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	9-10 A.M.	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL
	HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	11 A.M. to NOON	SOLOMON CENTER (1st and 3rd Sundays)
	GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	11 A.M. to NOON	SOLOMON CENTER (2nd and 4th Sundays)
	ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	9:30-10 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 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	CENTURY DIVISION CHAPEL



Photo by AUSTIN THOMAS

Gen. David M. Hodne unfurls his 4-star flag during the Transformation and Training Command activation ceremony, Oct. 2.

ICYMI: T2COM activates

By NINA BORGESON
T2COM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command officially activated during a ceremony held at Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium in Austin, Texas, Oct. 2.

This new command brings together key efforts into a unified headquarters responsible for force generation, force design, and force development. Gen. David M. Hodne assumed command of T2COM and Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Harris assumed responsibility as senior enlisted leader.

The establishment of T2COM comes after Secretary of the Army Daniel Driscoll announced an effort aimed to accelerate transformation and improve force structure to ensure the Army remains the world's more lethal and ready land force.

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Combined Arms Command, and Futures and Concepts Command will function as subordinate commands to enhance the Army through unifying recruitment, training, and combat development, ensuring a cohesive and agile force ready for future

challenges.

Gen. Randy George, Chief of Staff, Army, presided over the ceremony and acknowledged the need for the Army to integrate how we train, fight and modernize.

"T2COM will help our Army change how we operate. As we all know, transformation is not just about product innovation, it's about process innovation... T2COM will help us cut our redundancy, reverse stagnation and push talent and leaders into our fighting formations," George said.

During his remarks, Hodne outlined his vision and goals for the new command, emphasizing a focus on turning war-fighting concepts into war-winning capabilities.

"Our mission is clear. From vision to victory, we enable the Army's continuous transformation, modernizing capabilities, developing leaders, and advancing the profession to deliver decisive readiness," Hodne said.

The creation of T2COM represents a significant investment in the Army's future and reflects the Army's ongoing effort to modernize and prepare for future challenges.

Family and MWR 2025-26 Holiday Hours of Operation Directory

MWR CENTRAL

6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd

- Outdoor Recreation**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- CYS Kids on site**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Andy's Gym**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Sponsorship & Special Events**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Marketing**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- MWR Concierge**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

SCHOOL AGE CENTERS

- Scouts Out SAC**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- LIGHTHORSE SAC**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- TEEN CENTER**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- LIBERTY EXTENDED CARE CENTER**

27 Nov.....	Closed
18 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- YOUTH SPORTS**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- SKIESUnlimited Family Center**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

Fort Jackson Dog Park

4TH Div. Rd (next to SKIES bldg).
Open Daily from Dawn to Dusk

SPORTS OFFICE

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

POOLS

Knight Indoor Pool

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

VICTORY TRAVEL CENTER

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

THOMAS LEE HALL LIBRARY

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

VICTORY BINGO

26,27 Nov.....	Closed
19 Dec-19 Jan.....	Closed

VIDEORAMA

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

RECYCLE CENTER

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

AUTO CRAFT SHOP

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

CENTURY LANES BOWLING CENTER

26 Nov.....	1-6 p.m.
27 Nov.....	Closed
28 Nov.....	5-10 p.m.
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

CHILD YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES

Parent Central Services

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

- Scouts Out CDC**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Lighthorse CDC**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- Pickens**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

CLUBS

- 1917 CLUB**

27 Nov.....	Closed
19 Dec-19 Jan.....	Closed
- DOWN RANGE BAR**

27 Nov.....	Closed
19 Dec-19 Jan.....	Closed
- GOLF**

Fort Jackson Golf Club-

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- GYMS**
 - Coleman Gym**

27 Nov.....	Unstaffed
24,25 Dec.....	Unstaffed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Unstaffed
 - Perez Fitness center**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed
- WESTON LAKE**

27 Nov.....	Closed
24,25 Dec.....	Closed
31 Dec, 1 Jan.....	Closed

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A drill sergeant with the 369th Adjutant General Battalion, marches Soldiers to the Cpl. Samuel Frederick Pearson Dining Facility at Fort Jackson, Nov. 26. The Soldiers were arriving a the dining facility to have their Thanksgiving meal.

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