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Pinckney receives playground upgrades

Story, photos by
NATHAN WILKES
Army Corps of Engineers

In the heart of the Fort Jackson military community, laughter and youthful exuberance fill the air at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's newly resurfaced playground area.

The playground, a cherished haven for military kids, serves as a place of joy and stability amidst the challenges of military life. However, time took its toll on the playground's old rubber surfaces. With many divots and scars requiring constant piecemeal repairs, a decision was made to enhance the playground's appearance and ensure the safety and happiness of the children looking forward to recess every day.

Completed just before school began this fall, the total project encompassed the replacement of 13,500 square feet of poured rubber surface under two exterior playgrounds at the school. The work to restore the playground's surface was a collective effort between several federal agencies, all dedicated to providing the best services to military families stationed at Fort Jackson.

"We have been working with the Fort Jackson Department of Public Works, the Department of Defense Education Activity and maintenance personnel from the



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a playground at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School just before school began this fall.

on-base schools on many projects," said Debra Mullenex, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District engineer. "From start to finish, the work at C.C. Pinckney took about two months to tear out the old surface, install the thick springy layer and then the color section. Many of the students rode by on their bikes as we worked, and it was so rewarding to see them light up excitedly."

Operated by DODEA, C. C. Pinckney Elementary is one of two elementary schools in Fort Jackson. The Charleston District oversaw the construction and commissioning of the new Pierce Terrace Elementary School that was opened in 2020.

"We've worked a lot with Charleston District on Fort Jackson to modernization and repair projects at Pinckney Elementary, including a parking addition, driveway and parking lot replacement and a new canopy at the school's entrance," said Charles King, DODEA facilities engineer and project manager. "Several more projects will be awarded soon for the school, including restroom renovations and replacing exterior doors and access controls."

As one of only two federally-operated school systems, DODEA is responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and man-

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A youth plays on a part of the recently-renovated playground at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. The project was completed just before school began this fall and encompassed the replacement of 13,500 square feet of poured rubber surface under two exterior playgrounds at the school. The work to restore the playground's surface was a collective effort between several federal agencies, dedicated to providing the best services to Fort Jackson.

ON THE COVER

A Soldier salutes the colors during the playing of the National Anthem, Oct. 20, during the Task Force Marshall color encasing ceremony held at the McCrady Training



Center. See Page 6-7
Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

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Post aims to keep kids off drugs

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
and **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

A sea of red ribbons have infiltrated Fort Jackson, this week signifying the national effort to guide children of all ages to a drug-free lifestyle.

“The Red Ribbon Week Campaign was started by Nancy Reagan,” said Devita Hampton, Army Substance Abuse Program specialist. “It started because of a (Drug Enforcement Agency) agent who was killed in the line of duty.”

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was held in 1988 by the National Family Partnership in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

Camarena joined the Drug Enforcement Administration as a Special Agent in 1974 in Calexico, California. In 1981 he was assigned to the Guadalajara Resident Office where he followed the country’s biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers.

On Feb. 7, 1985, shortly before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped and never seen again.

In honor of his memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, who were sick of the destructions caused by alcohol and drugs began forming coalitions that embraced his belief that one person can make a difference.

These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena’s memory which has now become synonymous with educating the youth and encouraging participation in drug prevention activities.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy Reagan declared the last week of October as National Red Ribbon Week. Their declaration urged Americans to wear red ribbons as symbols of Camarena’s memory and a commitment to drug abuse awareness and resistance.

“Every year there’s a different message for Red Ribbon Week,” Hampton said. “This year it is ‘Be Kind to Your Mind: Be Drug Free.’”

Hampton continued to say children need to care for themselves holistically and one of the many ways to do so is to not partake in any drug use or abuse.

For more information on substance abuse and available resources, contact ASAP at 751-7294.



Photo by **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**

McGruff the Crime Dog, greets Pierce Terrace Elementary School students to echo the ‘drug free’ message, Oct. 24. Community members wore red on Fort Jackson Oct. 23-27 as part of Red Ribbon Week, aimed at guiding children to a drug-free lifestyle.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Road Name Changes

Fort Jackson has renamed numerous roads and streets on post named after Confederate leaders, battles and units. This is part of efforts to rename Department of Defense installations, streets, buildings and ships that featured names commemorating the Confederacy. These name changes, effective Jan. 1, 2024, have already been made by the U.S. Postal Service. To learn which road names have changed, scan the QR code or visit <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/fort-jackson-road-re-naming>.



Death Notice

This notice serves as a death notice advisory for all those in possession of the property of Staff Sgt. Herman E. Main III, as well as those whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact 1st Lt. Bailey R. Reed, Summary Courts Martial Officer with questions or concerns at (573) 821-4881 or email bailey.r.reed.mil@army.mil.

Commissary/Exchange access update

The temporary authorization for Department of the Army Civilians to use the Commissary and Exchange during the COVID-19 pandemic was canceled June 8, 2023.

ArmyIgnitED 101

Are you new to tuition assistance or credentialing assistance? Maybe you are looking for some refresher training. The Fort Jackson Army Continuing Education System is holding ArmyIgnitED 101 briefs every second and fourth Mondays and Wednesdays of each month. The briefing are held virtually, starting at 10

a.m. Mondays, and in person at the Education Center (4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd.) beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. To sign up email your attendance request to usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bed.mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil. Walk-ins are welcome.

Guest Day at the Fort Jackson Golf Club

Fort Jackson Golf Club members are now permitted to bring up to three guests on guest days. Green fees are waived for a member's guest(s), but each guest must pay cart and user fees. Upcoming Guest Days are: Saturday; Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 26; Dec. 2, 8, 14 and 20.

Coffee, Donuts and Purpose

Coffee, Donuts, and Purpose allows retirees (with drill experience) to connect with current drill sergeants and those who are about to start their time on the trail. This common bond event allows retirees and today's Army members to connect and give back to one another making each other stronger through their shared service, passion, weaknesses, and strengths. For more information, email Tabatha Baker, 193rd Health Educator, at tabatha.l.baker2.civ@army.mil.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY

Garrison Organization Day

Twin Lakes. U.S. Army Garrison - Fort Jackson will hold an organization day at Twin Lakes. There may be closures or delays at some garrison activities/offices.

CYS Fall Festival

6 p.m., Youth Sports Complex. Fun for the entire family. Come out and enjoy a family-friendly event. There will be a costume contest, games, crafts and lots of candy. Please bring a bag to hold your goodies. Food can be purchased at Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, and AAFES food trucks. For more information, call 751-4865/4824.

SATURDAY

Zombie 5K Run

8 a.m., Twin Lakes. Join The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, for a spooky good time. To register or for information, call 751-3700.

Haunted Halloween on Mini Greens

3-5 p.m., Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf Course. Start your Halloween weekend out right by bringing your family out for a monster scavenger hunt at Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf course. Walk through the ghoulishly decorated mini-golf course solving riddles and clues to find the Halloween monsters. Claim your prize after you find all 10 monsters. The Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library is providing spooky story time in the pavilion at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. The event costs \$3 per child. Adults and children 4 and under are free. The event is intended for children ages 5 and up, but all are welcome. For more information, contact the Solomon Center or Marion Street Station at 751-4168.

Garrison CSM Halloween Party.

4:30 p.m., Fort Jackson NCO Club, Anyone in a costume gets a gift. Costume contest with great prizes, scary cocktails, scary movies, and black magic margarita specials.

Cars & Coffee

8-11 a.m., Solomon Center parking lot. Enjoy cool cars and hot coffee the 4th Saturday of the month.

MONDAY

Victory Fresh Soft Opening

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Drill Sergeant Academy Warrior Restaurant, Bldg. 9572. New healthier meal options are available at

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

OCT. 25

■ The Nun 2 (R) 6 p.m.

OCT. 28

■ Dumb Money (R) 2 p.m.

NOV. 1

■ A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 2 p.m.

- 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 751-6739.

Army leaders: 'It's time to elevate attention to the civilian workforce'

By **CHRISTINE MITCHELL**
Army Materiel Command

The mission is clear: We are preparing our force to become the Army of 2030 through innovation.

Innovation is always a priority for the service, but at this year's Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, Army leaders spoke about how they want to foster innovation specifically within the civilian workforce. The task, they say, is the Army must cultivate a culture where innovation is not only encouraged, but expected.

"Innovation is hard, but we really need to attack this on both the military and civilian side," said Dr. Agnes Schaefer, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who opened the panel discussion. "It's about embracing change and adapting to stay relevant."

Army senior leaders from the three commands that employ the largest number of Army Civilians participated in the panel: Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan, Army Materiel Command deputy commander; Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais, Training and Doctrine Command deputy commander and chief of staff; and Karen Payne, director of human resources for the Army Corps of Engineers. They shared best practices on marketing civilian jobs, remaining competitive and retaining top talent, discussed lessons learned and overcoming challenges they face within their commands.

Speaking about how to acquire and retain a civilian workforce, Mohan said AMC represents the best of military-civilian integration.

"In all commands, we have dedicated civilians sitting next to military commanders, which represents the power of the civilian workforce in these commands," he noted. "We need to approach the development of our civilian workforce in the same way we approach the development of our general officer corps."

Mohan acknowledged that the Army's plan to modernize does not only apply to facilities, processes and machines, but to people.

"Embedded in that strategy is an important part that talks about the people,



Photo by TRISTAN LOREI

(From left) Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais, Training and Doctrine Command deputy commanding general and chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan, Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general, and Dr. Agnes Schaefer, assistant secretary for manpower and reserve affairs, participate in the Army Civilian Showcase at Association of the United States Army 2023 Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, Oct. 11. The topic of discussion for the showcase was 'Innovating Today for the Future-ready Army of 2030.'

because understanding every organization is not the same," he said. "We have different generations in our workforce to train, for example, and we have to train everyone to keep pace with our modernized technology."

The leaders agreed it's vital that the Army continues equipping civilians with the capabilities and skills to adapt to emerging technologies. Part of that strategy is to increase data literacy across the force.

"Data is becoming the most important thing, ever," Gervais said.

She advised that the workforce needs to have the right skillsets to collect, understand and manage data. These skills will further help the Army identify tools, partnerships and hiring actions needed to be in place to build the Army of 2030.

There are efforts in place to drive the innovation these leaders want to see. The Army People Analytics team is meeting

for the first time in November, with plans to bring real-time recruitment, retention, training and onboarding information to commanders.

The panel leaders acknowledged that USAJobs is a challenging platform to use, noting that the platform and application requirements are being revamped to match new guidelines — such as shortening the required length of submitted resumes.

New programs and policies will also initiate progress in civilian workforce retention efforts. A new onboarding program is being launched to ensure that new hires can excel from the start. Schaefer said the Army has also developed a supervisor certification program, and they've identified mission-critical occupations for the next few years, which will be given priority so that the most critical roles will be staffed with the best talent.

Among the pillars of acquiring, developing and retaining talent, Mohan recognized that culture also plays a special role — making jobs a calling, not just a career.

Moving forward these leaders not only encourage but expect to see increased permeability across the total force through enhanced flexibility in talent management and career opportunities, and the improved alignment of civilian and military career fields — all with the purpose of elevating the overall quality of personnel.

Civilians are known for serving those who serve. They are an integral part of the workforce, supporting Soldiers and ensuring they're equipped and prepared to face any challenge, according to Schaefer.

"The Army would not be the Army without you," she said. "A healthy force is a ready force, and if we take care of our people, our people will take care of the nation."

‘Chapter’ closed

Task Force Marshall encases colors

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

“The greatest secret in the state of South Carolina,” also known as Task Force Marshall encased its colors, Oct. 20, following almost 20 years of successful missions.

“Task Force Marshall has been an important spoke in the wheel of the Global War on Terrorism for almost 20 years (by) training inactive ready reserve Soldiers and sailors” said Timothy Small, former drill sergeant and alumni of Task Force Marshall and guest speaker for the event.

Task Force Marshall was established at McCrady Training Center on the far east side of Fort Jackson in 2004 to refresh Basic Combat Training skills and issue personal equipment to surging troops for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2005, the Navy stood up the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center Detachment for the 17-day Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training course. More than 37,000 sailors received imperative training from Army drill sergeants for joint land-based overseas assignments during the Global War on Terrorism.

The following year in 2006, the 98th Training Division became the sole provider of Task Force Marshall Army cadre until the mission was completed this year.

The encasing of the colors was held at McCrady Training Center and was immediately followed by the dedication of a monument to all who have served and supported Task Force Marshall.

Originally under the command of 108th Training Command and 98th Infantry Division, Task Force Marshall reported to the Leader Training Brigade prior to being deactivated, Oct. 20.

Although the colors were encased and the unit deactivated, Col. Kenneth M. Dwyer, Leader Training Brigade commander challenged the members of Task Force Marshall to stay vigilant and prepared.

“Just because this chapter is over does not mean this story has concluded,” he said. “There will be another mission ... So, do not

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- Col. Kenneth M. Dwyer
Commander, Leader Training
Brigade



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Lt. Col. Thaddeus J. Clark, Task Force Marshall commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Bethannie J. Bugbee, the unit’s senior enlisted advisor, roll up the task force’s colors during a ceremony, Oct. 20. Task Force Marshall was stood up in 2004 to train individual augmentees for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

allow the blade to become dull. Do not allow your warrior tasks to be diminished. Stay prepared. Stay sharp. Be ready for the next battle, the next fight, the next chapter in your careers.”

Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, South Carolina adjutant general, also emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant, steadfast and “true to the calls that have allowed this nation to be a beacon of hope to the world.”

He continued to applaud the efforts of the Army and Navy and the power of the partnership they displayed over the nearly 20-year mission.

“The power of working together to a common cause to a common good,” McCarty said. “We put down those differences that we have and embraced what makes us strong. It gives us what we have here today – a success story that has been told and will continue to be told for years to come.”

Task Force Marshall was named for General of the Army George C. Marshall. Marshall, a celebrated World War I and II veteran and secretary of state, has been one of only five Soldiers to hold the rank of five-star general.

Over his four years of serving as the Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School at Fort Moore (previously Fort Benning), Georgia, he transformed Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserves infantry training and he also heavily influenced Army doctrine during this time.

Marshall went on to serve as the Army Chief of Staff in 1939. During this time, he raised and equipped the largest ground and air force in the history of the U.S., which earned him the nickname “the organizer of victory” by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Maj. Gen. William B. Dyer, 108th Training Command com-

mander, highlighted the parallels between George C. Marshall’s efforts at Fort Moore and Task Force Marshall’s ability to combine all three Army components to enhance effectiveness in war and to advance the cause.

“It’s bittersweet,” said Lt. Col. Thaddeus Clark, Task Force Marshall commander. “I, personally, didn’t want it to end, but once the Navy said they had an alternative plan, then we had to focus on shutting it down.”

Reserve and Active Guard Soldiers assigned to Task Force Marshall will revert to reserve status, return to their home units, and receive further assignments. The guidon and other unit memorabilia will be divided between the 98th Training Division’s museum at Fort Moore (previously Fort Benning), Georgia and 108th Training Command’s museum in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN

(From left to right) Navy Chief Petty Officer James Crowson, Col. Kenneth Dwyer, Leader Training Brigade commander, and Maj. Gen. William Dyer III, commander of the 108th Training Command, unveil a statue dedicated to Task Force Marshall, Oct. 20 on the McCrady Training Center in Eastover, S.C.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN

Col. Kenneth M. Dwyer, Leader Training Brigade commander, speaks before the unveiling of a statue dedicated to Task Force Marshall, Oct. 20. Dwyer said the story of Task Force Marshall didn’t end when it encased colors during a ceremony. For nearly 20 years the task force was tasked with training service members before they deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.



Photo by AIR FORCE TECH SGT. ALEX FOX ECHOLS III

Two U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, with the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, prepare to park after arriving at an undisclosed location within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Oct. 14, 2023. The aircrafts' arrival at the CENTCOM area of responsibility bolsters the U.S. defense posture.

Defense Department officials detail US' Middle East goals

By JIM GARAMONE
DOD News Service

America's efforts in the Middle East are in support of Israel's right to defend itself from terrorism and to contain the violence, senior defense officials said Oct. 24.

The officials, speaking on background, discussed U.S. efforts in the Middle East as conflict continues to blaze in Gaza.

"As we've communicated previously, the U.S. remains committed to ensuring the security and well-being of its allies and partners, particularly in the face of escalating threats across the region," a senior defense official said.

Part of this commitment are the changes Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III ordered in U.S. defense posture in the region.

Austin ordered the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower carrier strike group to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. This is in addition to the USS Gerald R. Ford carrier strike group that will remain in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The secretary also ordered the deployment of a terminal high-altitude area defense battery and additional Patriot battalions to the region. These assets and personnel will to enhance U.S. force protection in the region.

Finally, "an additional number of forces

have been placed on prepare-to-deploy orders to increase their readiness and ensure rapid response if required," the official said. "These measures are critical to bolstering regional deterrence efforts, safeguarding our troops and assisting in the defense of Israel."

The deployment of the carrier strike groups to the region sends a clear message to all parties in the Middle East.

"Our carrier strike groups give us the ability to launch operations independently, anywhere in the world and immediately upon arrival," the official said. "When we send them somewhere, we are deliberately sending an incredibly strong signal to our adversaries, but also to our allies and part-

ners about the depth of our support, and the ability of the U.S. military to expeditiously, dynamically respond to contingencies anywhere in the world."

The groups provide a wide range of support from intelligence collection to maritime dominance to long-range strikes. This is a strategic move to show American support "not only to the region, but also to support Israel, and its right to defend itself from the brutal Oct. 7 Hamas terrorist attacks," the official said.

These naval assets and the earlier deployment of fighter jets to the region are deterrence in the flesh. "Our advice to those who might seek to exploit the situation or amplify the conflict is simple: Don't," the official said.

The military capabilities and personnel in the region always retain the right of self-defense, the official said. Attacks will be answered decisively "at a time and place of our choosing."

The official also addressed the humanitarian aspects of the Hamas terror attack. "The loss of innocent lives, including U.S. citizens, Israeli civilians and Palestinian civilians is truly heartbreaking," the official said. "We have worked across the board from the White House to the State Department to the Defense Department to prioritize civilian protections and safety, as well as ensure the delivery of life-saving humanitarian aid to Gaza over the weekend."

Civilians should not be deliberately targeted. "Our partner, Israel, is a law-abiding country obligated to adhere to the law of armed conflict," the official said. "Hamas — a terrorist organization — did not, does not, and continues to deliberately target civilians and hold civilians hostage."

Iran and Iranian proxy groups remain roadblocks to peace in the region. Hamas is a proxy group of Tehran as is Lebanese Hezbollah and many groups operating in Syria and parts of Iraq. U.S. personnel in Syria and Iraq have been targets and the USS Carney, a U.S. destroyer operating in the Red Sea, foiled cruise missile and suicide drone attacks last week.

"We see a prospect for a more significant escalation against US forces and personnel in the near term," the official said. "And let's be clear about it — the road leads back to Iran. Iran funds, arms, equips and trains militias and proxy forces all across the region."



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Oct. 19 retiree

Fort Jackson honored the service of Master Sgt. Adrian Bing, from 1st Brigade, 11th Airborne Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska during the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment graduation, Oct. 19.



Photo by LANCE CPL. GINNIE LEE

A memorial at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., pays tribute to service members who were killed or injured in the 1983 Beirut bombing.

US remembers forces killed in Beirut bombing

By DAVID VERGUN
DOD News Service

Forty years ago, terrorists drove two trucks filled with explosives into buildings housing a multinational peacekeeping force, killing 241 U.S. service members and 58 French military and civilian personnel in Beirut.

It was early Sunday morning when the first suicide bomber detonated a truck bomb into the four-story barracks of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, causing it to collapse, killing 220 Marines, 18 sailors and three soldiers and injuring over 100.

Minutes later, a second suicide bomber rammed the nearby Drakkar building, killing 58 French paratroopers and injuring 15 others. About two dozen Lebanese civilians were also killed or injured in the two attacks.

U.S. and French personnel were in Beirut as part of a multinational peacekeeping force during the Lebanese Civil War.

Rescue and recovery operations ramped up within minutes and lasted over the next five days. U.S. Navy medical personnel from the Sixth Fleet arrived by helicopter to treat the injured and

evacuate them. Italian, French and British troops provided assistance, along with Lebanese civilians.

While the rescue and recovery operations were underway, the peacekeeping force was under sporadic attack from snipers and artillery fire.

The Marines' withdrawal from Lebanon was completed Feb. 26, 1984. The British, French and Italian forces making up the rest of the peacekeeping force withdrew about the same time.

Veterans Remember

David Madaras, a Marine veteran, said that after the initial explosion, he started looking for survivors. During rescue efforts, Madaras said he remembers swinging a sledgehammer "in a frantic effort" to save a Marine trapped under slabs of concrete.

Retired Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Ed Evans, who was part of the peacekeeping force, recalled that when the Marines first landed in August 1982 some Lebanese civilians greeted them. He said some older residents remembered the previous Marine Corps peacekeeping mission in Lebanon in 1958.

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A playground at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School received a new, safer surface that reduces risk of injuries from falls.

Pinckney

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aging pre-kindergarten through 12th grade educational programs on behalf of the Department of Defense.

In 2022, DODEA test scores were higher than in each of the 50 states in the U.S.

"Our military kids deserve the best, and this project is a testament to that,"

said Dr. Tammy Shadd, school principal. "Now, with the new surface installed, the students can enjoy the playground again and it continues to be a safe space for our children to thrive."

The new poured rubber surface is engineered to be impact-absorbent, reducing the risk of injuries during falls. With a safe playground surface in place, parents and educators can rest assured that children are enjoying themselves in an environment designed with their well-being in mind.

Events

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Victory Fresh. There are many “Grab and Go” and “Build Your Own” power bowl options including wraps, beverages, desserts, salads and more. Victory Fresh is open Monday to Friday with “Grab and Go” options available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and BYO bowls available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meals cost \$6.85 each.

TUESDAY
Navigating Barriers to Safety
10:30-11:30 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program is hosting a class to discuss financial barriers that keep individuals from leaving abusive situations. Whether for yourself, friend or loved one, come receive tips and resources that could help someone out of an abusive situation. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

NOV. 7
Fall Education and Career Fair
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club. The Army Continuing Education System, Army Community Services and the Transition Assistance Program presents the Fort Jackson 2023 Fall Education and Career Fair. Attendees can visit with more than

60 educational institutions and prospective employers. For more information, call 751-5341 for educational questions; 751-4109 for transition assistance program; and 751-5256 for Army Community Services. The event is free and open to the Fort Jackson community.

Meals in Minutes & Your Budget
1:30-2:30 p.m., 9810 Lee Road. Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program, in partnership with the Fort Jackson Armed Forces Wellness Center will host Meals in Minutes. Learn how to save calories while also optimizing your budget. AFWC and ACS provides programs and services to improve and/or maintain readiness of the military community. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6749.

NOV. 14
Love & Money Matters
10 a.m. to noon, 5460 Marion Ave (Chaplain Family Life Center). 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, call 751-5256.

NOV. 16-17

The Army Continuing Education System, Army Community Services and the Transition Assistance Program present...

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5700 Lee Road

For more Information, call (803) 751-5341 (Education), (803) 751-4109 (TAP) or Army Community Services (ACS), (803) 751-5256, Option 3.
You may also stop by the Education Center, Bldg. 4600, Strom Thurmond Blvd or ACS at 9810 Lee Road.

Resiliency Stand-To
Fort Jackson will conduct a two-day Resiliency Stand-To Nov. 16-17. Day one includes opening remarks, an overview of services, breakout sessions and vendors inside the Solomon Center. On day two there will tours of post activities; a panel will speak on resiliency from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the NCO Club Ballroom; and a livestreamed talk by retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin at 3 p.m. For more

information, visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/resiliency-fair>. Register for the Resiliency Stand-To guest speakers luncheon at the NCO Club. For access to the buffet, it will be \$15 at the door (cash or card). If you would like to attend, but not purchase food, please still RSVP to ensure adequate seating is provided. RSVP no later than Nov. 10 via email at usarmy.jackson.army-tng-ctr.mbx.fj-resiliency-lead-planners@army.mil.

DID YOU KNOW: You can find information about the Army safety program at: <https://safety.army.mil/?>

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.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
	GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	9-10 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	THE BRIDGE (PROTESTANT)	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	ANDERSON CHAPEL
	CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
	HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
	ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
	JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
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Not all was peaceful and quiet, however, he said. "Each day began with gunfire and exploding artillery rounds," Evans recalled, adding that pattern continued over the course of the Marines' stay there.

Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff and Father George Pucciarelli, both Navy chaplains, survived the blast.

"The giant, four-story building that I expected to see was so demolished that it seemed as if it had just disappeared. Through the smoke and the air filled with dust, I could see the rubble and, worst of all, the pieces of bodies strewn throughout the area," said Resnicoff.

Both chaplains, side-by-side, immediately sprang into action, tending to the wounded.

Retired Marine Corps Master Sgt. Steve Reuss landed in Beirut with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit in February 1983 and returned stateside before the bombing.

On the day of the bombing, Reuss' first child was born. "The doctor who delivered her knew I was a Marine, and he said, 'Aren't you glad you're not in Beirut.' I didn't know what he was talking about because I hadn't yet heard the news," Reuss recalled.

Gina Marie Reuss Ward, whose birthday falls on the anniversary of the bombing, said she's proud of her father's service and realizes the sacrifice so many Marines made on the day she was born and throughout the history of the Marine Corps.

A Beirut Memorial was created at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where annual memorial services are held.

Arlington National Cemetery has a marker in Section 59, which was dedicated Oct. 23, 1984, honoring those killed in Beirut. Twenty-one service members killed during the bombing are buried near the marker.

Other memorials have been erected in various locations in the United States, including at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, in Quantico, Virginia.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

How to get treats not tricks

Leader Staff Reports

It's getting close to that time again, when ghouls and goblins, princesses and superheroes dash from door to door seeking goodies from their neighbors. While it is a time for fun, a few simple steps can keep the treats from turning into tricks.

Trick-or-treating should be a time of fun and dressing up safely. Here are some tips to keep your holiday time safe.

General Safety

- Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by parents or an authorized adult chaperone.
- Children should never go into homes. Stay on the porch when asking for treats.
- Children should avoid homes that don't have their outside lights turned on.
- Children should never talk to strangers or get into strangers' cars.
- Children should bring home any treats before eating them so parents can

inspect them. When children get home, parents should inspect all candy and other treats before they are eaten.

- Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy or fruit.
- Parents should cut into fruit, such as apples, to make sure they do not contain foreign objects.

Costumes

- Wear bright, reflective clothing to be easily visible on streets and sidewalks.
- Wear sneakers or comfortable walking shoes.
- Avoid wearing floppy hats or wigs that can fall over the eyes.
- If wearing a face mask, ensure it does not obstruct vision.
- Try to avoid toy weapons. If desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- Avoid any unknown animals. They may easily become frightened.

Pedestrians

- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings. Parents should establish a route for children.

- Use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Cross the street at corners/crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Motorists should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.

Health Precautions

- Avoid physical contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for children to take, if possible.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.
- Use sanitizer if needed, but only when supervised by an adult.

(Note: Fort Jackson MPs will check candy for families as needed.)

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Lt. Col. Thaddeus Clark, Task Force Marshall commander, stands before the unit prior to the encasing of its colors, Oct. 20 at McCrady Training Center.

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