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Army retires legacy equipment in modernization push

By **SGT. 1ST CLASS RAY ROBINSON III**
Army News Service

In a sweeping modernization effort, the Army issued new guidance on the removal and disposal of legacy Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment, or OCIE items deemed to have no economic value, as outlined in previous guidance.

Soldiers across all components will see legacy OCIE automatically cleared from their records and given clear procedures for responsibility disposing of outdated gear.

The directive, released by the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, signals a pivotal shift in Army property accountability said John Cisney, OCIE policy lead, DCS, G-4.

It streamlines the end-of-life process for aging OCIE while laying the groundwork for future transition to the Soldier Equipment and Asset Management, or SEAM, system, which will automate the removal of obsolete items from a Soldier's record.

This initiative is part of a broader Army push to modernize logistics, reduce supply chain waste and maintain operational readiness.

By removing outdated equipment from Soldier records and defining clear paths for disposal or return, the Army is ensuring that accountability and modernization efforts move forward together.

"This guidance provides clarity and consistency across the Army," Cisney said. "We are reducing the administrative burden and ensuring Soldiers and units aren't held responsible for items that no longer serve a purpose."

Under the new policy, central issue facilities, known as CIFs, are authorized to remove low value items listed in previous Army guidance from the Soldier's records during any CIF in-

teraction. These removals, once manual, will eventually be automated through SEAM implementation.

Until then, CIFs will conduct in-person record updates, coordinating with unit supply personnel to ensure proper documentation and accountability.

For items labeled "OCIE Dispose," such as black, cold-weather boots, silk-weight base layer and various woodland or desert camouflage garments, Soldiers are authorized to dispose of the gear at their discretion. However, the directive specifies that all unit identifiers — including patches, name tapes and infrared tabs — must be removed or destroyed prior to disposal.

This flexibility empowers Soldiers while protecting operational security and upholding Army branding and identity standards.

Other legacy items, particularly ballistic vests and protective equipment, fall under the "OCIE Return" category and must be turned in for demilitarization. Soldiers without access to a local CIF will use the Army's direct ordering return system.

The U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command Central Management Office is providing detailed instructions to CIFs for collecting these returns.

As the Army rolls out SEAM in the coming months, the system will introduce automated inventory tracking and record management, reducing reliance on manual CIF interactions to reflect this new end-of-life OCIE process.

The ALARACT remains in effect until May 9, 2026.

For more information, Soldiers should refer to the full text ALARACT 056/2025 and coordinate with their local CIF.



Photo by NUTAN CHANDA

A paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division picks up part of his individual equipment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

ON THE COVER

First responders arrive to Pierce Terrace Elementary School during an Installation Protection Exercise held July 16. The exercise tested the post's emergency response.

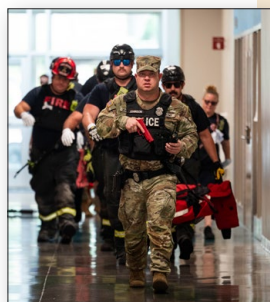


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SSI celebrates 'exceptional' year

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By COL. JASON EDWARDS
Soldier Support Insitute

The Soldier Support Institute recently celebrated an exceptionally successful year of community engagements with its school partnership program.

While investment into our local community is a total SSI team effort, five individuals are recognized for spearheading this year's success: 1st Lt. Shannel Cox, Lt. Col. Andres Leon, Capt. Hans Mueller, Sgt. 1st Class Terry Johnson, and Lt. Col. Julianne Apodaca.

Their creativity and genuine dedication fostered strong mutual trust and rapport with three Richland District 1 Partner Schools - Bookman Elementary, Crayton Middle School, and Forest Lake Elementary.

These weren't just partnerships; they were vibrant collaborations that sparked a multitude of enriching engagements such as mentorship programs, interactive events, "Lunch Buddies," energetic "High Fives," "Dance a Thons," innovative STEAM support, and the monumental accomplishment of Crayton Middle School students conquering "Victory Tower."

This was an unforgettable experience, and the spirit of teamwork was palpable.

Reflecting on the challenge, one student exclaimed with a beaming smile, "It was scary at first, but we worked together and helped each other get to the top - it felt amazing!"

This incredible collaborative effort didn't just benefit the students; it powerfully projected the Army's positive image within the community and ignited a spark of inspiration in the next generation of leaders.

SSI is composed of the Adjutant General, Financial Management Schools, the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, the Army School of Music, and the 369th Adjutant General Battalion.

As an essential and contributing member of the Army's sustainment community, SSI stands ready to develop the human resource management and financial management capabilities that enable our Army to deploy anytime and anywhere in its service to the country and the people it is sworn to defend



Courtesy photos

Soldier Support Institute has fostered engagements with elementary schools from Richland School District 1 .



Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATC Change of Responsibility

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs will transfer responsibility for Army Training Center and Fort Jackson to Command Sgt. Maj. William M. Shoaf in a ceremony held on Victory Field at 9 a.m. Aug. 15.

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.

■ Advance Riders Cours: Aug. 5, (4 seats open); Sept. 9 (6 seats open)
■ Basic Riders Course: July 29-31 (0 seats open); Aug. 19-21 (0 seats open); Sept. 29-Oct. 1 (3 seats open)*

■ Intermediate Drivers Course: Aug. 15 (7 seats open); Sept. 18 (25 seats open)

■ Local Hazards Course: Every Monday at 10 a.m. (except holidays)

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

Additional training not associated with the link above:

■ Unit Safety Officer Course: Aug. 5-6 (20 seats open); Aug. 5-6 (20 seats open); Oct. 7-8 (20 seats open)— send your designated Safety Officer an email to register

■ Heat Illness Prevention Training: Every Monday at 1 p.m. (except holidays) at Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 207.

* Safety officials encourage those wish-

ing to attend in case of no shows.

Victory Fresh

Victory Fresh offers healthy alternatives to fast food. Victory Fresh offers Grab and Go entrees, a Build Your Own Power Bowl station, Hot BBQ bar, and brick oven pizzas during lunch hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, Grab and Go items are available during extended hours and breakfast is available from 7-9:30 a.m. Victory Fresh helps patrons manage fueling their bodies in a healthy way, within the time constraints of an on-the-go lifestyle.

First Friday Golf

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UNTIL - AUG. 8

Youth Sports Registration

Registration for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, soccer and cross country begins. For more information and costs to register, call (803) 751-7451.

TUESDAY-AUG. 28

Intramural Basketball

The games are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 and 7 p.m.. For more information, call (803) 751-3096.

TODAY

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

6 p.m., Hilton Field Sports Complex. Games begin July 24 and letters of intent are due July 23. For more information, call (803) 751-3096.

SUNDAY

Special Worship Service

9:30 and 11 a.m., Solomon Center. The Religious Support Office is hosting a special worship service with a special message by Will Graham, of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Worship music will be played by the Afters. For more information, call (803) 751-3121.

JULY 27-31

Club Beyond

Club Beyond, an approved ministry partner here at Fort Jackson is taking high schoolers and middle schoolers to overnight camps this summer to Rockbridge Young Life Camp in VA. The is for military teens who have just completed 6th to 8th grades. If you are interested in participating, register at cb114.younglife.events/2025-rockbridge-wk-11-cb114ms. For more information, call the Club Beyond Fort Jackson Community Director at (256) 794-2623.

AUG. 2

Back to School Color Run

Youth Sports Complex. Come out and celebrate the beginning of the new school year with the annual color run. The

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

SATURDAY, JULY 26

■ No Showing

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

■ Fantastic Four: The First Steps (PG)

- 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.

first 100 youths registered receive a free t-shirt. For more information, call (803) 751-7451.

AUG. 5

National Night Out

6-8 p.m., 6532 Marion Ave. Come out and learn more about the Fort Jackson Police Department during the National Night Out event that brings law enforcement and the community together. There will be food, games, a dunk tank, K9 demonstration and more.

AUG. 9

Outdoor Fishing Trip

5 a.m., Marion Street Station. Travel to Hilton Head, S.C. with Outdoor Recrea-

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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.

Ground forces remain critical: U.S. commander

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

As the Army moves forward with its efforts to transform the force, one aspect of war remains constant: the importance of putting Soldiers on the ground, an Army leader said.

Gen. Christopher Donahue, commander of U.S. Army Europe and Africa, stressed the importance of troops in the trenches and deterrence during a recent Association of the U.S. Army discussion in Washington. Each Soldier will play a critical role, not only in the defense of partner nations but any location worldwide.

"When you look at the Army transformation initiative, this epitomizes everything that we have to do as an Army," Donahue said. "It's our job to make sure that we have ground deterrence in Europe. We're a global Army; we have to be able to take this capability anywhere in the world."

Donahue cited the 1963 book, "This Kind of War: The Classic Korean War History," by historian T.R. Fehrenbach on the importance of ground forces.

"Nobody can replace Roman legions," he said. "If you want to win, you have to put people on the ground. That will not change. You have to have brigade combat teams, and they have to be incredibly well trained."

Donahue stressed that the service must operate as a global Army and continually bolster interoperability with other branches and international allies.

Donahue said that strategic competitors reside in some of the most challenging Anti-Access/Area Denial or A2/AD region in the world, particularly in Belarus and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Nations will use defense systems and



U.S. Army photo

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division man an M1A2 tank. The top U.S. commander in Europe recently reiterated the importance of ground forces, saying they are a deterrence.

long-range weapons to deter or limit U.S. forces from entering or operating within a specific area or region. The strategy prevents an attacker from entering a contested region and operating freely and maximizing its power.

"That umbrella allows Russia to build a mass and momentum problem and enormous amount of capability," he said. "You have these (Anti-Access/Area Denial) abilities that let them get underneath and deny you the ability to bring everything that you need to bear from a joint perspective. They have mass and momentum on you," he said. "You have very limited space to maneuver. So how do you destroy that? How do you get to deterrence?"

Donahue said U.S. forces have laid the blueprint to achieve that capability and recently presented it to Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff, the U.S. Army European Command leader and industry partners.

Donahue said that they have the blueprint and technology but must now share data and build the capability.

"You have a coalition effort, which means you now have to have interoperability, you have to communicate, and you have to do it at a speed that we've never had to do," he added.

To prepare for large scale, multi-domain ground combat, the Army has merged the 56th Artillery Command in Wiesbaden, Germany with the 2nd Multi-Domain Task Force to combine long range fires capabilities with multi-domain assets. The Army has tested its multi-domain capabilities with the units in exercises that included Arcane Thunder 25.

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Trading howitzers for HIMARS

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

The Army will bolster its lethality in the Pacific region, where the 25th Infantry Division has started the transition from howitzer battalions to smaller, more agile High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, units.

Division leaders announced July 15 that 73 13B cannoneer Soldiers volunteered to become 13M multiple launch rocket system crewmembers or rocketeers.

Three HIMARS units arrived in Hawaii recently as part of the unit's six-month transition to replace eight 105 mm and six 155mm howitzers with 16 total HIMARS units. Transition to the long-range platform will result in a net-reduction of 119 Soldiers from Howitzer battalions to HIMARS.

HIMARS, a mounted, multiple rocket launcher, gives Army formations a flexible and mobile, long-range option on the battlefield.

"It's clear that the HIMARS weapon system will make us more lethal at the end of the day," 25th ID commander Maj. Gen. Marcus Evans told reporters July 15. "It extends the range of long-range precision fires, while still retaining the capability to win in the close fight with the mobile brigades with the cannon artillery."

Of the 73 who volunteered, 27 Soldiers needed to complete three-week transition courses coordinated by members of the Army National Guard.

During the lessons, Soldiers learned to operate the multiple launch system and will later begin a training regimen in preparation

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Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS DANA CLARKE

Above: A law enforcement officer from the Directorate of Emergency Services gestures down the hallway at Pierce Terrace Elementary School during an installation protection exercise held July 16, 2025.

Middle top: A hostage negotiator speaks to a hostage taker during the exercise held on post to get him to release his hostage.

Far right: Military policemen and Fort Jackson police officers detain a suspect during an incident at an access control point during the exercise.

Right: A Fort Jackson firefighter arrives on scene. The exercise tested Fort Jackson's ability to respond to emergency situations.



Jackson tests its emergency response

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson first responders swarmed to Pierce Terrace Elementary School July 16. They were responding to reports of gunmen at the school.

Don't worry, it wasn't real and no children were in school. It was part of an installation protection

exercise held to test the post's reactions to various emergency situations.

Mark Smith, protection chief with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said the exercise is aimed at testing the abilities of "the installation's first responders, communication capabilities and other installation resources."

Smith said it took years of planning to pull off. "We started the planning over three years ago, using the Crawl, Walk and Run approach the train the installation on a coordinated respond to any emergency," he said.

The exercise also included other incidents at places including at an access control point.



Medal of Honor recipient endures Nazi, Chinese captivity

By **KATIE LANGE**
DOD News

Few, if any, Medal of Honor recipients endured what Army Cpl. Tibor Rubin did.

As a young Jewish man in Europe during World War II, Rubin survived the Holocaust before moving to the U.S. in the hopes of joining the Army to pay back the country that gave him freedom. He served valiantly during the Korean War only to be taken prisoner again.

In 30 months of captivity, Rubin's leadership, spirit and actions were credited with saving the lives of dozens of fellow prisoners, all of whom said they wouldn't have survived without him.

Rubin is the only Holocaust survivor to receive the nation's highest medal for valor.

A Shattered Childhood

Rubin was born June 18, 1929, in Paszto, Hungary.

His father, Ferenc, served with distinction in the Hungarian army during World War I, including as a Russian prisoner of war for six years, before working as a shoemaker. Rubin's mother died of cancer when he was young, so he was raised by his stepmother, Rosa, alongside his two brothers and three sisters.

When the Nazis rose to power in Germany, the family fell victim to the horrors that all European Jews experienced during World War II. Rubin's stepmother and sister, Elonja, died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. His father was also sent to the infamous concentration camp and died in captivity. Rubin's second sister, Edith, survived the camps, while a third sister, Irene, survived in Budapest, Hungary. Rubin's eldest brother, Miklos, was forced into hard labor. Another brother, Emory, tried to flee before the same could happen to him, but he was caught



Photo by **KATIE LANGE**

Army Cpl. Tibor Rubin, a Holocaust survivor, received the Medal of Honor for his actions as a Soldier and prisoner of war during the Korean War. Rubin's valiant actions are detailed in the new National Medal of Honor Museum, which opened in Arlington, Texas, March 2025.

and sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. He didn't survive.

Rubin was sent by his parents with a group of Jews to try to escape via Switzerland, but they were caught. Rubin was forced into Mauthausen when he was just a teen. Later in life, he said he was lucky to find his brother there, who helped him survive. Otherwise, it was a bleak life.

"There was nothing to look forward (to)," he said in a Library of Congress Veterans History Project interview after receiving the Medal of Honor. "Just (thinking), 'When (am I) going to be next?'"

Rubin spent 14 months in Mauthausen before the camp was liberated May 5, 1945, by the Army's 11th Armored Division. He

credited Army medics with saving many survivors, including himself.

"They picked us up and brought us back to life," Rubin said in a 2005 interview.

A Promise Kept

After the war, Rubin made a vow to pay the United States back for its compassion by serving in its Army. After spending nearly three years in a displaced persons camp in Germany, the young man moved to New York in 1948. Known as Teddy in the U.S., Rubin initially worked as a butcher and a clerk. His surviving siblings — Edith, Irene and Miklos — eventually joined him.

Rubin's first two attempts at passing the Army entrance exam failed because of his poor English. However, after getting some help,

he finally passed on the third try.

Rubin first served as a rifleman with the 29th Infantry Regiment in Okinawa, Japan. As tensions in Korea began to rise, the unit was transferred there in preparation for war. However, Rubin was told he couldn't go because he wasn't a U.S. citizen. Rubin protested, and eventually leadership gave in. On Feb. 13, 1950, he deployed to the conflict zone with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

A few months later, full-fledged war broke out between the north and south.

A Solo Defender

While many Medal of Honor recipients receive the award for one particular action, Rubin was one of the few who earned it for his entire war experience.

In late July 1950, Rubin was with Company I when North Korean troops surged south, forcing his unit to retreat toward the Pusan Perimeter in the southeastern tip of the country. Rubin was ordered to stay behind to keep enemy troops at bay while the rest of his unit withdrew along a vital route.

In the early-morning hours of the ensuing battle, Rubin was the only Soldier defending a hill from assaults by an overwhelming number of enemy troops.

"I figured I was a goner," Rubin said in an Army interview. "But I ran from one foxhole to the next, throwing hand grenades so the North Koreans would think they were fighting more than one person."

During a 24-hour stand, the corporal inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking enemy and single-handedly slowed their advance, allowing his regiment to successfully withdraw from the danger zone.

Prisoner Again

On Oct. 30, 1950, during a massive nighttime assault, Chinese forces attacked Rubin's unit in Unsan, North Korea. For more than a day, the corporal found himself manning his unit's only remaining .30-caliber machine gun after the three previous gunners fell. He eventually ran out of ammunition, but his determination slowed the pace of the enemy's advance, which allowed remnants of his unit to retreat.

Unfortunately, Rubin was severely wounded during the fight. By the battle's end, he and hundreds of other Soldiers were taken prisoner and forced to march to a camp known as "Death Valley." Winter had begun, and the prisoners weren't dressed to handle the freezing temperatures. They

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for a fall validation exercise.

As part of a Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center, the Army will validate the division artillery formation, which will train in the use of HIMARS and certify the 25th ID's second mobile brigade.

In the past year, the service has raised the amount of drones including a short range reconnaissance capability that extends from two to three kilometers to long-range drones, which can see up to 40 km.

In addition, Evans said that the 25th ID's intelligence, information, and electronic warfare battalion, the 125th Military Intelligence Battalion, will transform into a "multi-domain fires battalion" to boost its capability to see and sense father.

"What is occurring over the last year as part of Army transformation: we have got technology into the hands of Soldiers," Evans said.

As part of the Army's modernization efforts Soldiers have used more drones and new technology.

"That allows them to see, sense and strike, protect and sustain at a faster rate, (with) increased operational reach," Evans said. "And then now the Army is aligning long range fires capability with this technology to enhance the lethality and war fighting readiness of the division."

The Army will evaluate and train with its new, long-range equipment at Schofield Barracks in the center of Oahu, at the Pohakuloa training area on the Big Island of Hawaii, and, by February 2026 at a location in the Philippines.

The Army will still retain cannon capability despite the move to HIMARS, said Col. Dan Von Benken, Division Artillery commander.

"What the HIMARS gives us is agility," Evans said. "Oftentimes when you combine (HIMARS) in in terms of flooding the zone, trying to confuse (the) adversary's observation-sensing capability, and then having a piece of equipment that provides increased



U.S. Army photo

High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launchers assigned to the 25th Infantry Division are staged on the flight line, July 14.

mobility like the HIMARS ... you can now operational reach, and you get increased hide in the noise a little bit more, extend your mobility to be able to displace rapidly."

Ground

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The service hosted Arcane Thunder in May at Mainz-Kastel and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The Army recently completed exercises Immediate Response 25 and Defender 25. Immediate response is a large-scale exercise that focuses specifically on cyber defense and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives. With more than 12,000 participants from U.S. forces and eight partner nations, the exercise included a multi-national live fire, a cyber simulation and water crossing.

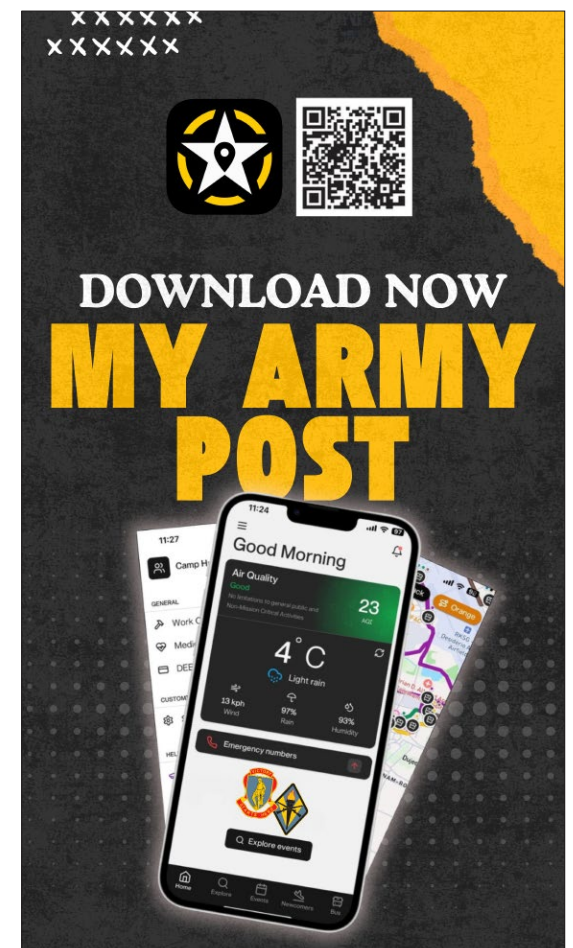
The efforts coincide with the service's larger initiative, "Transformation in Contact" or TiC, where the service rapidly integrates new technology to its formations using cost effective methods. The effort encourages innovation and experimentation.



Photo by VERAN HILL

On to retirement

Fort Jackson honored the service of Sgt. 1st Class Charles B. Johnson, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment; and Staff Sgt. Joshua D. Helm, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, during the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment's Basic Combat Training graduation, July 17.



Events

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tion Team and fish 3-5 miles offshore for black sea bass, mackerel, black drum, red fish, bluefish and maybe even a shark. Climb on board a 70-foot boat for a five-hour fishing trip. The boat offers shaded and seated fishing areas, restrooms, and even has snacks and drinks for sale on board. Transportation and coolers will be provided. Cost (\$95 per adult) covers transportation, license, bait and tackle. Preregistration required at Outdoor Recreation. For registration and more information, call (803) 751-3484.

AUG. 9-10

Dog Days at the Waterpark

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Palmetto Falls Water Park. Bring Fido to Palmetto Falls to wallow in the water. Dogs vaccinations must be current. Season pass holders are allowed one dog per pass. Non-pass holders \$10 per dog. For more information,

call (803) 751-4796.

AUG. 12

Shred Day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recycle Center. Come and shred all types of paper with sensitive information will be accepted, but NO classified documents. Shredding papers with your personal information provides a level of insurance against identity theft and misuse. For more information, call (803)751-4208.

Love & Money Matters

10 a.m. to noon, MS Teams. Army Community Service and the Religious Support Office hold 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 (803) 751-5256 (option 3).



AUG. 16

Edisto River Tubing

7 a.m., Marion Steet Station. Join Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation and enjoy a relaxing trip tubing down the Edisto River. For more information and to register, call (803) 751-3484.

AUG. 19

Thrift Savings Plan Seminar

10-11:30 a.m., 9810 Liberty Division Road, Rm. 119. Do you want to gain a better understanding of the Thrift Savings Plan, and about how the different funds impact your plan for retirement? Learn the differences between Roth and Traditional accounts, avoiding penalties, withdrawals, latest changes and more! Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256 (option 3).



AUG. 20-22

Kickball Tournament

Hilton Field Sports Complex. The “Just

Kicking It” Kickball Tournament. will take place at Hilton Field Sports Complex. Aug. 20 at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Aug. 21 and 5:30 pm. Aug. 22. A Department of Defense ID card is required to register. An interest meeting will be held on Aug. 19 at the Solomon Center. Letters of Intent must be turned in by Aug 19. For more information, call (803) 751-3096.

AUG. 26

Intramural Golf League

Fort Jackson Golf Club. An Intramural “ParTee” Golf League begins Aug. 26 and Department of Defense ID card required to register. The Letter of Intent deadline is Aug.19 and an interest meeting will be held Aug. 25. For more information, call (803) 751-3096.

SEPT. 5

Lunch and Learn with Sew and Heal

11:30 a.m., Bldg. 9810 Liberty Division Road. Join this class to use sewing as a coping skill and make a small craft. This event is part of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
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

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barely got enough food to stay alive, and most suffered from exhaustion, hunger, dysentery, pneumonia and hepatitis. Many died quickly.

When the Chinese learned that Rubin was technically still a citizen of Hungary, which was communist, they offered to send him back. Rubin refused, however, opting to stay in the camp with his fellow soldiers.

During their hardships, the survival skills Rubin had acquired during the Holocaust kicked in. He often sneaked out of the camp in the middle of the night to search for food for his comrades. He would pillage his captors' gardens and storehouses, despite the risk of torture or death if he got caught.

Rubin also did his best to improve morale by giving pep talks and reminding soldiers that their families were waiting for them. He nursed many of the sick and wounded in the camp. An Army account of his actions stated that he knew what weeds had medicinal qualities, and he knew hope was what the men needed to keep fighting for their lives.

"He saved my life when I could have laid in a ditch and died — I was nothing but flesh and bones," Army Sgt. Leo Cormier, a fellow POW, later said. "He saved a lot of GIs' lives. He gave them the courage to go on living when a lot of guys didn't make it."

According to Rubin's MOH citation, his selfless efforts were directly attributed to saving the lives of up to 40 of his fellow prisoners.

Returning Home, Moving On

In the spring of 1953, after 30 months in POW camps, Rubin was sent back to the U.S. in a prisoner exchange. Despite being nominated four times for the Medal of Honor by fellow comrades, he only received the Prisoner of War Medal and two Purple Hearts.

According to the National World War II Museum, several men in Rubin's unit claimed that one of their superiors was

antisemitic. Those men said that on several occasions, that superior denied their Medal of Honor recommendations for Rubin. Rubin himself said the man would use racial slurs toward him and often sent him on dangerous missions.

Life moved on, however, and so did Rubin. He finally became a U.S. citizen on Nov. 27, 1953, and moved to California to manage his brother's liquor store in Los Angeles.

"When I became a citizen, it was one of the happiest days in my life," he said.

In 1963, Rubin married a woman named Yvonne. They had two children; a daughter named Rosie and a son named Frank,

who followed in his father's footsteps by serving in the Air Force.

In the 1980s, for the first time since the war, Rubin met up with some of his fellow POWs from Korea. That meeting seemed to jog the memories of his comrades, who soon after began to petition the Army to recognize Rubin for his bravery during the war.

In the early 2000s, after many efforts, a Congressional review was ordered of Jewish and Hispanic personnel records spanning World War II-Vietnam to see if any service members had been passed up for higher honors because of prejudices. One of those records that was reviewed and approved was Rubin's.

Long-Deserved Recognition

On Sept. 23, 2005, a 76-year-old Rubin received the Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush during a White House ceremony. Bush called it a debt "that time has not diminished," despite the 55 years that passed since Rubin's days in battle.

Rubin, however, was quick to brush off the praise.

"The real heroes are those who never came home. I was just lucky," he said. "This Medal of Honor belongs to all prisoners of war, to all the heroes who died fighting in those wars."

Rubin died Dec. 5, 2015, in Garden Grove, California. He is buried at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles.



Rubin



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From left, U.S. Army Central's Spc. Darian Smith, Spc. Jacob Winter, Sgt. Nikolaus Jones, Noncommissioned officer of the Year; Staff Sgt. James Lane, Spc. Nicholas Burner, Soldier of the Year; Spc. Javaris Dent, and Sgt. Caleb Kramer, are recognized for winning the 2025 Army Futures Command Best Squad Competition at Patton Hall, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

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