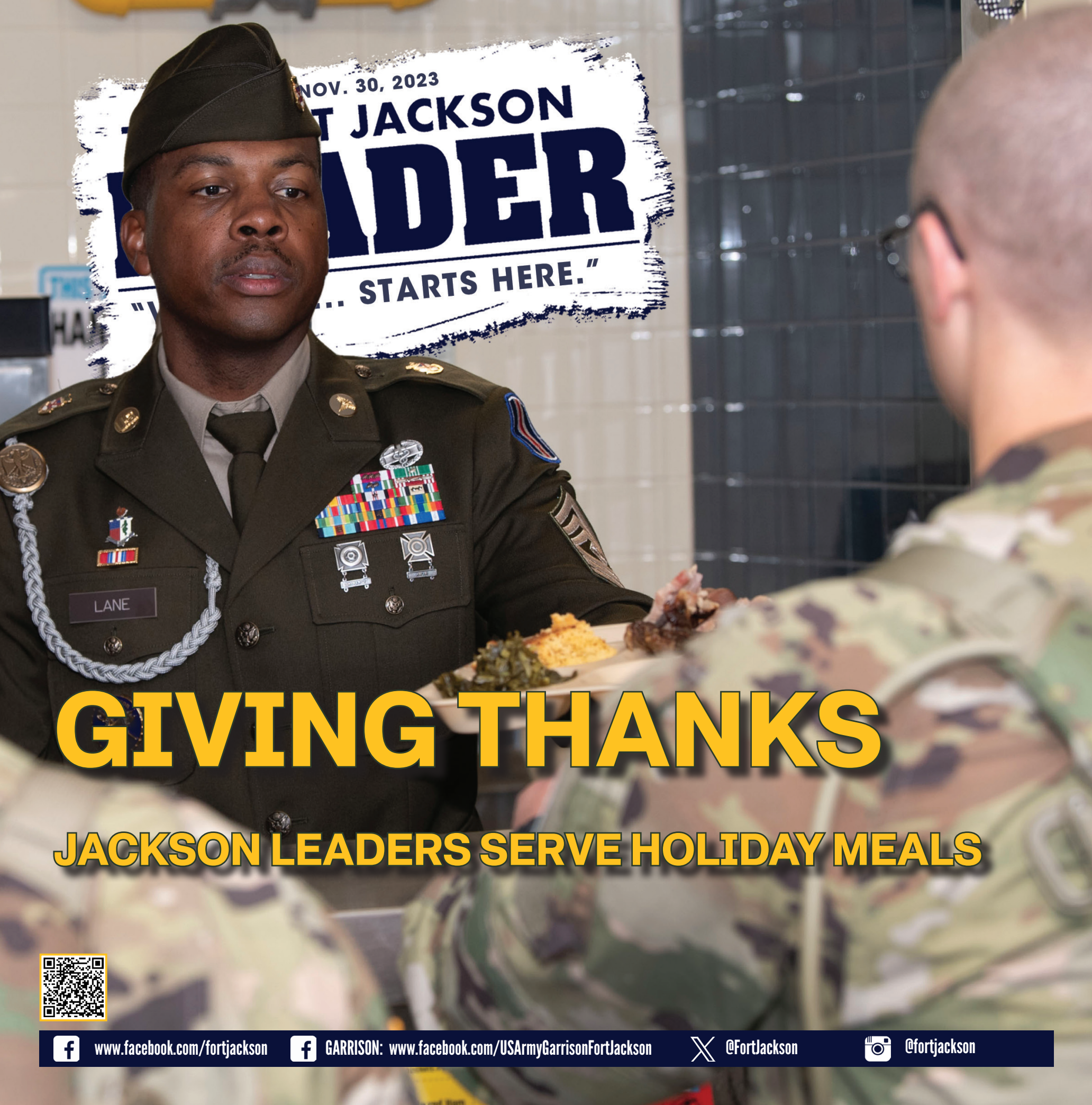




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Manual dedicated to information published

By **RANDI STETSON**
Combined Arms Center

The Army has released its first doctrinal publication dedicated to the topic of information and its role in multidomain operations on the Army Publishing Directorate website, Nov. 27.

Army Doctrine Publication 3-13, Information, codifies the Army's approach to the military uses of data and information, and recognizes all activities generate informational effects that can contribute to, or hamper, achieving objectives.

"Information is central to everything we do. It is the basis of intelligence, a fundamental component of command and control, and the foundation for communicating thoughts, opinions and ideas," said Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle, Jr., commanding general, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth. "As a dynamic of combat power, Army forces fight for, defend, and fight with information to create and exploit information advantages — the use, protection, and exploitation of information to achieve objectives more effectively than enemies and adversaries."

Authors from CAC's Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, the organization charged with writing the new manual, acknowledge that changes in the security envi-



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Trainees learn how to operate Army radioes during recent training. The Army recently released a new regulation aimed at leveraging the power of information during operations.

ronment necessitated an update to doctrine. Adversaries are already using informational power to try

to gain regional influence and control well ahead of potential armed conflict. These actions make the

competition for information and ideas continuous and persistent.

Key to achieving objectives in a contested environment like this means gaining an information advantage, a new term now defined in doctrine. An information advantage is "a condition when a force holds the initiative in terms of situational understanding, decision making, and relevant actor behavior."

"Our new doctrine makes it clear that everyone plays some role in achieving information advantage," said retired Army colonel and CADD Director Richard Creed. "And similarly, commanders need to consider information from a combined arms perspective because all Army capabilities create effects in the information dimension of our operational environment. We can't make it the sole purview of a single staff section or certain specialties and expect success during operations. Operations now require leaders to consider how information enables operations, how to protect friendly information, how to employ information against an enemy or adversary, and how to attack the enemy's ability to use information effectively."

To facilitate that process, ADP 3-13 gives leaders a framework for developing information advantages during operations and at home

station. It also spells out how commanders can leverage aspects of information that enable command and control; protect data, information, and networks; inform audiences; influence threats and foreign relevant actors; and attack the threat's ability to use information.

The publication of ADP 3-13 is just the start of a sustained education campaign from CAC. As with the release of FM 3-0, CADD is developing a series of products to help Soldiers understand the new doctrine. Articles, videos and podcasts devoted to ADP 3-13 are in the works and will be announced via CADD's social media channels. The team will also work closely with the Centers of Excellence, Army University and the combat training centers to ensure this information is incorporated into professional military education and training. In addition, mobile training teams will visit select installations and organizations to further integrate the ideas outlined in the manual.

"ADP 3-13 provides the intellectual underpinnings that describe how Army forces will gain, protect, and exploit information advantages; however, doctrine is only the beginning. The hard work starts when we begin to internalize these ideas into leader development, education, and training," Beagle said.

ON THE COVER

First Sgt. Christopher D. Lane, with Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, hands a plate of food to a trainee during the unit's Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 22.
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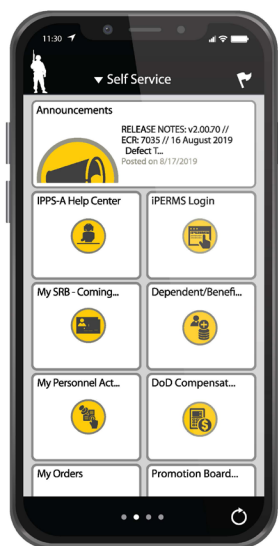
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The Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army has a mobile application that helps Soldiers update such things as awards, personnel actions, finance and personal accountability and more. Eugene Serrano, Fort Jackson's IPPS-A manager, said the service has reduced the time it takes to process personnel actions. Soldiers having trouble with IPPS-A can access frequently asked questions by visiting the Fort Jackson website and clicking the IPPS-A image.

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

If you've ever gone to administration or the S1 shop to check on your leave packet just to be told they have no idea what you're talking about and it's likely your packet is lost, you're not alone. This is a common woe and nightmare other Soldiers have experienced throughout the Army. The Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army is here to change that.

"IPPS-A is the Army's new interactive Human Resources system for processing and handling a myriad of HR subjects," said Fort Jackson IPPS-A Manager, Eugene Serrano. "It can process things like awards, strength management, personnel actions and requests, finance, personal accountability and more."

IPPS-A has been rolled out in stages, called releases, and is currently on Release three.

"It is being introduced in increments and the National Guard was the first to use it during Release Two, because they're managed by the state," explained Serrano. "So, it was easy to stand up IPPS-A one state at a time."

Release Two was live in all 50 states and 6 territories in March 2020. In Jan. 2023, Release Three was opened to more than 1.1 million Soldiers and provides capabilities for all three components of the Army.

"R-Three of IPPS-A incorporated actioning personnel action requests, or PARS, which included financial transactions being submitted to the Defense Finance Accounting Service," Serrano said. "However, it does not process transactions from them, but that's to be expected with Release Four."

Serrano elaborated that R4 is expected to allow HR professionals to do more with financial transac-

tions, such as submitting pay inquiries, Basic Allowance for Housing requests, divorce and marriage actions, birth of a child, and so on.

According to the IPPS-A website, at full deployment, IPPS-A will provide complete visibility of the total force in one human resource system; enable the Army to better manage the talents of all Soldiers based on their knowledge, skills and behaviors; and better the lives of all Soldiers by reducing pay and personnel errors while providing full transparency of actions just to name a few.

"It has reduced the time it takes for processing an action as well as the amount of paperwork that's involved with that action," Serrano said.

Statistics on how much time and waste have been reduced aren't available yet, as the program is still in its infancy. However, Serrano said the Army reviewed numbers earlier this year and discovered more leave has been charged in the Army than ever before, because it's being processed much quicker and paperwork isn't being lost along the way.

"Some Soldiers are still reluctant and not positive with the new system, but others love it," he said. "They love it because they can be at home on the weekend or after work and check on their actions or absence requests."

Not only has IPPS-A reduced waste and processing time, but it's also helped to decrease the time a Soldier takes away from training or their job to figure out where their actions are, because they can simply check them anytime from their phone or personal computer.

"IPPS-A is a work in progress, but it's moving forward and is taking better care of the Soldier," Serrano said. "It's not just an HR thing or an S1 thing. It's a Soldier thing. It's for the everyday Soldier."

Community Updates

HOLIDAY HOURS

Holiday Gate hours

Gate 1

CLOSED: Dec. 20 - Jan. 1

When Open

5:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (M-F)

Gate 2

Open 24/7

Gate 4

CLOSED Dec. 23-26

4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (M-F) When Open

Gate 5

6-8 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. (M-F) When Open

All lanes are open Dec. 18-19

Visitor Control Center (VCC): Monday-Sunday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed Dec. 25)

Commercial Traffic will utilize Gate 2 when Gate 4 is closed (No change)

All Gates will resume normal operations Jan. 2, 2024

Directorate of Human Resources

The Directorate of Human Resources will be closed on the following days:

Christmas Day – Dec. 25

Training holiday – Dec. 26

For more holiday closures visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/my-fort/facility-hours-2>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ammunition Amnesty Days

Fort Jackson will be holding Ammunition and Explosives Amnesty Days from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 6-7. The purpose of the event is to allow personnel and units to turn in unauthorized military small arms ammunition and training simulators that could lead to a serious incident without fear of reprisal. The Amnesty Program is not designed to circumvent the normal turn in procedures. On Dec. 6, Department of Defense identification

card holders can turn in military small arms ammunition and training simulators on Warehouse Row near the corner of Marion Avenue and Washington Street. On Dec. 7, Fort Jackson units can turn in military small arms ammunition, training simulators, and other ordnance at the Ammunition Supply Point. For more information, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 751-8067.

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-renaming>.



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 briefings 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-bde.mbx.dhr-jacksonedcenter@army.mil. Walk-ins are welcome.

Coffee, Donuts and Purpose

Coffee, Donuts, and Purpose allows retir-

ees 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.

Yoga and Stretching Classes

DS Timothy Kay Soldier Performance Readiness Center, 12650 Jackson Blvd. Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family members and veterans are welcome to take free yoga and stretching classes. The schedule of classes is: Mondays - Movement & Mobility - 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Power 30 - Tuesdays from 7:30-8 a.m.; Wednesdays - Power Flow from 6-7 a.m. and Mindful Movement and Meditation from 12:15-1 p.m.; and Thursdays - Plyometrics & Deep Stretch from 7:30-8 a.m. and Power Flow from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information, email nicole.a.topakas.civ@army.mil.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY

Holiday Tree Lighting

5 p.m., Patriots Park. Join Fort Jackson as children help Brig. Gen. Jason Kelly light the tree. There will be food trucks, a live ice sculptor, selfie stations, live music and the winners of the gingerbread competition will be announced. The Clausess will also stop by for photographs.

SATURDAY

Go Shopping with Outdoor Rec

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marion Street Station. Cost is \$20 per attendee. For more information, call 751-3484.



Fort Jackson

Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

DEC. 1

■ Saw X (R) 6 p.m.

DEC. 2

■ WISH (PG) 2 p.m.

DEC. 6

■ Five Nights at Freddy's (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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SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO

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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.

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Female Vietnam vet reflects on experience

By SHANNON COLLINS
Army News Service

Growing up in a newspaper and military family, Karen King-Johnson wanted to serve her country.

In 1965, as the Vietnam War escalated, she attended Officer Candidate School and commissioned into the Army as a public affairs officer.

She said she was inspired to join the Army by her father, a World War II infantry officer who fought with Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army before being killed by a mortar blast Nov. 11, 1944.

While in Vietnam, King-Johnson served as the command information officer for the U.S. Army Vietnam in Long Binh and circulation manager for the Stars and Stripes newspaper, publishing 100,000 copies each day. She led a team of 43 enlisted photographers and combat correspondents.

She led a team that distributed the publication in five shops in Vietnam. King-Johnson and her staff also produced another publication, "The Army Reporter." If a pallet didn't get delivered, she and her team personally delivered it via a helicopter.

"We were in the field every day, taking pictures and riding with the units," she said. "Two of my guys are on the Vietnam Wall (Memorial)."

King-Johnson and her staff often embedded with U.S. troops in the field and worked with civilian media. They escorted dozens of media, including legendary American reporter Walter Cronkite.

"We flew almost everywhere we went, and I had a jeep with a (.50-caliber) machine gun," she said. "There were 754 correspondents in Vietnam. Our job was to escort them safely in and out. We were out in the field, delivering papers. If troops were moving, we were moving."



Retired Maj. Karen King-Johnson (center) graduates from the Defense Information School in 1968. She recently shared her experiences in Vietnam.

Courtesy photo

They also dealt with logistical challenges in the field. King-Johnson and her staff wore 75-pound wet cell pack radios on their backs that weighed 75 pounds to sustain battery life.

"The radio had to have a 10-foot antenna on it," she said. "I had a clip on the back of my helmet so it wouldn't hit me in the head. The young guys would climb the trees and get the antennas up higher so we could communicate with the Air Force. We didn't want (enemy forces) dropping bombs on us."

She said they had to "shoot, scoot and communicate."

"Our job was to make sure everybody back home knew what the guys were doing over there and tell

their stories, to make sure no one was forgotten," she said.

She served in Vietnam with back-to-back tours from 1970 to 1972.

"The (Viet Cong) would try to come over the wires at night. They'd turn our ammo around against us, the mortars we had on the outer fence. If we ran out, then they blow back on us. We had to get smart about that," she said. "They attacked at night."

Her cousin was a medical evacuation helicopter pilot who flew night and day. He was shot down in 1968. The POW/MIA team is still looking for his remains.

From medical evacuation pilots to nurses to infantrymen, every-

one loved the newspapers. If people didn't get the paper, she heard about it from the three-star general down.

"Everybody loved us," she said. "We were their favorite thing. They liked us better than food trucks with hot meals. We always gave them extra film. We were using 35-millimeter. My guys would take pictures, and they'd send the extra photos home to their parents. They thought we were great."

When she returned from Vietnam, she served at Army Recruiting Command and then at Army Training and Doctrine Command, writing field manuals like her father.

King-Johnson, who retired as

a major, said she highly recommends serving in the military to the next generation. She said the military provides unique professional training experiences.

"Name a commercial pilot that didn't get their training in the military," she said. "You can get so much on-the-job training for free. There are so many different career fields. They're doing sub training; you're not going to do that anywhere else in the world. I'm amazed that the American people don't know what their military does. The military is decades ahead in planning. They knew they were going into the Middle East back when I was in Vietnam."

Giving Thanks

Leaders serve holiday meals

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Warrior restaurants around Fort Jackson were a sight to behold Nov. 22-23 as leaders from each unit served the Soldiers hearty meals for Thanksgiving.

“It’s a time-honored Army tradition where leaders come out and serve Soldiers to model servant leadership,” said Col. Mark Huhtanen, Fort Jackson deputy commanding officer. “People are so far away from home and we’re showing them that we care and that the Army is one big Family.”

Soldiers were greeted with themed decorations that varied at each facility as well as dining options they’ve never seen before in Initial Entry Training. Menu items ranged from more eccentric options such as shrimp cocktail and barbecue ribs to the more traditional Thanksgiving foods like turkey, macaroni and cheese and dressing.

“I’m most excited about having real food today,” said Pfc. Addison Smith, a native of Somerset, Ohio, who’s celebrating a bittersweet first Thanksgiving away from home.

“It hasn’t bothered me a lot, but when I walked in here and realized it’s Thanksgiving, it hit me a lot,” she said. “Walking in here, I thought, ‘my family is all going to be together tomorrow and for the first time, I’m not going to be there,’ so it’s hitting me pretty hard.”

Like thousands of other trainees and Soldiers, Smith is doing her best

to remain positive and grateful for the opportunities and the new Family the Army has given her. Having her leadership serve her lunch made her even more grateful.

“It makes me feel like they consider us their Family too. We’re all Soldiers. We’re all one team,” she continued. “They’re not seeing us as privates right now. They’re seeing us as Soldiers away from home and they’re trying to

make it better, because they were in our shoes once too.”

Those thoughts and feelings were exactly what Fort Jackson commander Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly had in mind for Soldiers at Fort Jackson.

“When I think about Family, I think about love. I think about support and the Army has provided that for me my entire adult life,” Kelly said. “And we’re doing the same for these trainees and Soldiers who are away from Family today. I want them to know they’ve joined a Family. I want them to know they’re loved, respected, honored and understood.”

Not only was leadership across Fort Jackson committed to ensuring trainees and Soldiers felt like part of their new Family, but the dining facility employees were dedicated to the same mission. Feeding Soldiers is part of their everyday mission, but for these two days, they wanted to give them more than usual.

“We’re making sure the Soldiers are well fed and that they’re having a good time,” said Anna Lloyd, manager of 369th Adjutant General Battalion’s

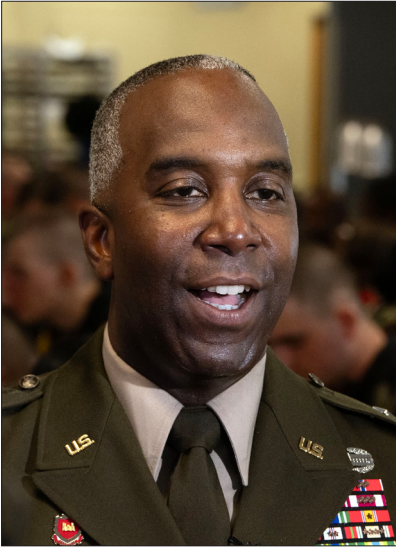


Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, talks about the importance of serving Thanksgiving meals.

warrior restaurant. “We can’t bring home to them, so we’re doing what we can to make them feel like they’re at home. It’s all about them.”

Each dining facility was also decorated with a different theme to compete for the Best Dining Facility Competition.

“We’re having a little friendly competition between the different dining facilities to see who can turn on the holiday cheer the best,” Huhtanen said. “Each one will be graded and judged on decorations, atmosphere, and the food they’re serving. From that, we’ll get our number one DFAC for the next year.”

The winners of the competition will be announced soon, but for the Soldiers at Fort Jackson, the real prize was having a meal with their Army Family.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN
A unit leader hands a tray full of turkey, dressing and cornbread to a Soldier at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion dining facility.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE



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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
Trainees put holiday fixings on their trays.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN
A Soldier and her Family enjoys their meals and all the fixings.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
Leaders hand trainees their first Thanksgiving meals.

WHY I SERVE

2ND BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. ANNA DAVIS, 20

Olmsted Township, Ohio

"My father retired from the Army and always taught me the importance of serving our country and I wanted to serve alongside my brother and sister."

"Learning how to get along and mesh with a lot of different personalities and learning to work together as a team" was the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training.

"Advice I would give a new trainee is to come with the mindset that the pain has to end eventually and this training is nowhere near as hard as real combat will be."

"My MOS is 15Q-Air Traffic Control Operator. I chose this MOS because I've always wanted to pursue becoming a pilot and this can help me achieve my goal."



SPC. TYLER KWAAK, 26

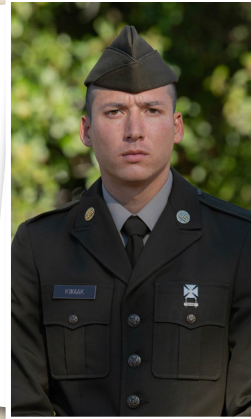
Hillsborough, New Jersey

"My grandfather influenced me to enlist in the Army. When he passed away, it drove me to follow in his footsteps. Given the current political situation, I was compelled to enlist and do my duty to my country."

"I thought Basic Combat Training was going to be hard, both physically and mentally."

"The most challenging part of BCT was learning how to coexist and work together with individuals who joined the Army for different reasons and motivations."

"My MOS is 68W-Combat Medic Specialist. I chose this MOS because of my background in medicine and my desire to be on the ground with our troops. I hope to one day be a paramedic."



PVT. JOEL CHAVARIN, 31

Rio Grande Valley, Texas

"My older brother influenced me join the military. He is a retired Marine. The camaraderie that all veterans share is also another reason I joined the Army."

"I thought Basic Combat Training was going to be more intense."

"The most challenging part of BCT was being away from my beautiful wife and children."

"My MOS is 25B-Information Technology Specialist. I chose this MOS because I'm fascinated by software and it will continue to be around in the future."



PVT. RILEY PLICHTA, 18

Las Vegas

"My father influenced me to join the Army. He's been an inspiration to me my whole life. He's so strong physically and mentally and he keeps me motivated every day."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training is being away from home. It's all based on how you deal with it mentally."

"Advice I would give a trainee that just started BCT would be to listen to your drill sergeants."

"My MOS is 14T-Patriot Launching Station Enhanced Operator/Maintainer. I chose this MOS because when I learned I would be shooting missiles, I thought it sounded interesting. So, I decided to pursue a career in it."



SPC. MARY HELEN WEATHERBY, 20

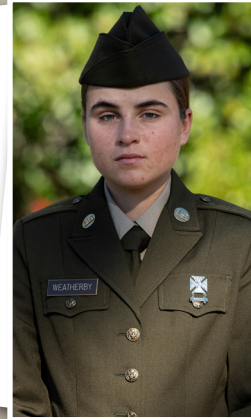
Daphne, Alabama

"I influenced myself to join the Army because growing up, I did not have the most stability and I wanted that in my future. I also wanted to do something rewarding and exciting."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be challenging and strict, because that's what is portrayed in movies and from people."

"I would encourage people joining to put in 100% effort every day."

"My MOS is 68W-Combat Medic Specialist. I chose this MOS because I would like to help those who are in need while making sacrifices for others. I also wanted a job that's fast paced and different day to day."



SPC. MARK JOHN, 24

Georgetown, Guyana

"Growing up outside of America and seeing documentaries and news articles about men and women that sacrificed to save or help others in the military started me on this journey."

"I expected Basic Combat Training to be hard and extremely challenging."

"My MOS is 92A-Automated Logistics Specialist. I chose this MOS due to the many uses in the civilian world. Maryland, the state I live in, is a big logistics hub and I want to commission as an officer and this MOS seemed like a better path towards that goal."



To read more why Soldiers serve visit: home.army.mil/jackson



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Happy Retirement

Fort Jackson honored the service of Sgt. 1st Class Michael Commander, with the Columbia Recruiting Battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class Warren J. Murdock, Jr., with the 508th Training Detachment from Fort Gregg-Adams, Va., Nov. 22.

SALUTING THIS BCT CYCLE'S HONOREES 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

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Pvt. Mary Helen Weatherby

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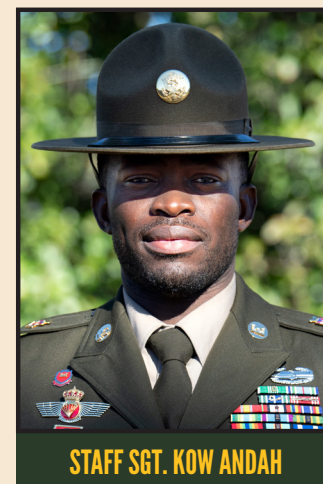
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Pvt. Anna Davis



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**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**

Army launches 15-year modernization plan

By **MEGAN GULLY**

Army Material Command

After more than two years of strategic planning, the Army's Organic Industrial Base finds itself at the forefront of modernization as it begins execution of its 15-year Modernization Implementation Plan.

Following the fiscal year 2024 kickoff, a biannual war game held Nov. 14-16 at Redstone Arsenal including leaders around the Army underlined the importance of execution across the OIB.

"The Army is driving the OIB Modernization plan," Army Materiel Command's top civilian Marion Whicker said about the OIB MIP which will modernize facilities, processes and the workforce to bring the OIB into the 21st century. "Success comes from honoring your commitments; we had this plan approved very quickly because the Army put forth a developed strategy and we honored

our commitments."

The OIB is the backbone of the Army's sustainment capabilities, responsible for maintaining, repairing and overhauling equipment critical to mission success. Some modernization projects started ahead of the planned FY24 start due to additional funding the Army received connected to ammunition production, including efforts to accelerate 155 mm production. With that money, the Army's artillery production doubled in the last year with the service currently producing 28,000 155-millimeter howitzer rounds a month.

"Last year we had requests asking what money do you need, and because we were ready to execute, we received that additional money," Whicker said. "That is because we had a plan. We were able to execute quickly, and the Army was able to tell Congress what output we were creating."

Throughout this year, the

Army expanded production at these facilities including Scranton Army Ammunition Plant, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Radford Army Ammunition Plant and the Holston Army Ammunition Plant. By constructing new buildings, installing new equipment and improving automation, these upgrades helped double the Army's artillery production rate.

"It is important that we do this meeting twice a year so we don't lose focus and because the world changes that quickly," said Whicker who underlined that the sites are ready to execute when they receive funding. "AMC's OIB Modernization Task Force are the integrators of this plan. You — the LCMCs — are the executors, and there needs to be no daylight between the two."

The war game was the sixth hosted by AMC and the largest group to attend the discussion, said Stephanie Hoaglin, AMC



Photo by MEGAN GULLY

Marion Whicker, Army Materiel Command executive deputy to the commanding general, provides remarks during a bi-annual war game at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, Nov. 14-16, 2023. The war game included leaders around the Army and underlined the importance of execution across the Organic Industrial Base.

OIB Modernization Task Force director.

"The visibility of what we are doing here continues to grow and

we continue to find additional stakeholders that we need to involve in our planning process as well," Hoaglin said.

Events

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DEC. 7
Baby Basics
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Army Community Service Bldg. Interactive class providing all the information new and expectant parents need to feel confident in caring for their newborn baby. The class is free, but lunch is not provided. Registration is encouraged. For more information, call 751-5256.

DEC. 9
Jingle Bell Fitness Run
8-10 a.m., This free family event is open to all ages. This run will be a 3.1 mile walk/run featuring fitness activates along the route. Come kick off the holiday season with the Fort Jackson community.

DEC. 10
Hannukah Celebration
5-7 p.m., Lightning Chapel. All Jewish personnel, Families, trainees and students are invited. To RSVP email jajacobs79@gmail.com.

DEC. 13
282nd Army Band Concert
7 p.m., Koger Center for the Arts, 1051 Greet Street, in Columbia. Join the 282nd Army Band for its annual holiday concert. The event is free and open to the public.

DEC. 15
Holiday Paint & Sip
5:30-7:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Create a holiday masterpiece for \$30 per person. For those 10 years or older. Registration required by Dec 13. For more information call 751-4056.

Mommy & Me Yoga
10:15-11 a.m., Army Community Service Bldg. Certified yoga instructor will walk you and your little one through basic yoga poses while providing mindful meditation and relaxation techniques. The class is free. Call 751-5256 to register.

Peaceful Parenting for 1- 3- year-olds
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Army Community Service Bldg. Learn Strategies and information for handling common toddler and preschooler issues: tantrums, bedtime, picky eaters, potty-training, and more! Registration is encouraged, call 751-5256.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Planning for the future

Kathryn McNeely, interim director of the the Installation Management Command - Training directorate speaks to Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, during the Installation Planning Board held Nov. 28. The planning board helps the installation prioritize where it earmarks money spent to update the post infrastructure. Some of those places include the 120th Adjutant General Battalion and updates to troop barracks.

DID YOU KNOW: Carbon-monoxide is deadly. It is an odorless, colorless gas produced by burning any type of fuel (gas, oil, kerosene, wood, charcoal). Ensure proper ventilation when burning fuels.

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
	REVIVE SERVICE	SUNDAY	5 P.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
	CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
	HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	POST THEATER
	ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
	JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M. - NOON	ANDERSON CHAPEL

DOD airlifts humanitarian supplies to Gaza

By SHANNON COLLINS
Army News Service

The United States airlifted more than 54,000 pounds of United Nations humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza on Nov. 28, Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said at a Pentagon news conference.

The aid includes vitally needed medical supplies, warm clothing, food and nutrition assistance. At the request of U.S. Agency for International Development, the supplies were transported via Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft and arrived in Al-Arish, Egypt, where they will be transported via ground transportation to Gaza and distributed by U.N. agencies, Ryder said.

Additional flights are expected in the coming days, he added.

This aid is in addition to the more than 500,000 pounds of food assistance delivered by the United States last week by USAID-contracted aircraft to Al-Arish, for onward travel to Gaza, he said.

"With 1.7 million people internally displaced and 2.2 million in need of humanitarian assistance (in Gaza), increased humanitarian supplies are essential to saving lives and alleviating suffering for the most vulnerable," according to a US-AID news release.

The United States has mobilized \$100 million in humanitarian assistance to help civilians affected by the conflict. The aid is meant to help thousands of people during a humanitarian pause in hostilities intended to further a surge of lifesaving assistance to Palestinian civilians, said a USAID statement.

The United States will continue to lead the humanitarian response in Gaza to further support those in desperate need. The United States is by far the largest donor to the U.N.'s humanitarian efforts in Gaza, according to USAID.

"We are grateful for the additional contributions from a number of donor partners who have already pledged significant funding, and we continue to advocate for others to do the same.

"The U.N.'s global appeal in response to the crisis remains woefully underfunded with only 21% funded, and we call on the international community to urgently step-up their support and deliver on commitments pledged," the statement said.



Army Community Service

Dec. 22,25Closed
Dec. 29, Jan. 1.....Closed
Jan.2 Normal Hours

Auto Craft Shop - Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 Block leave hrs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 22,25Closed
Dec. 29, Jan. 1.....Closed
Jan. 4Normal Hours

Century Lanes Bowling Ctr

Dec. 19-21.....Closed
Dec. 225-10 p.m.
Dec. 2312-8 p.m.
Dec. 24-28Closed
Dec. 295-10 p.m.
Dec. 3012-8 p.m.
Dec. 31, Jan. 112-6 p.m.
Jan. 5Normal Hours

Child Youth Services CDCs and SACs

Dec. 21-296 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25, Jan. 1.....Closed
CDCs combined at Scales
(4581 Scales Ave)
SACs combined at Hood St
(5614 Hood St)

Youth Center

Dec. 20-296 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25, Jan. 1Closed

Parent Central Services

Dec. 25-29Closed
Jan. 1Closed

Lee Rd Extended Care Ctr

Dec. 20 to Jan. 2Closed

NCO Club

Dec. 18 - Jan. 8Closed
Jan. 9-11 .. Lunch Open .. short
order only

Down Range Bar

Dec. 18 to Jan. 16Closed
Jan. 17Normal Hours

Palmetto Greens, 512 Trolley

Open Family Days Only
*Solomon Center, Palmetto Greens
512 Trolley will be open to
accommodate any VBL activities.

Solomon Center

Dec. 20 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Fort Jackson Golf Club

Dec. 25Closed

Marion Street Station

Dec. 18-2211 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 23-25Closed
Dec. 26-2911 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 31 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Aachen Range

Dec. 26Closed
Jan. 2Closed

Victory Bingo

Dec. 24,25Closed
Dec. 31 to Jan. 1Closed

Victory Travel Center

Dec. 18-229 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dec. 25,26,29Closed
Dec. 27-289 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Perez Fitness Center

Dec. 20-22 ..6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 23,24 ..9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25Closed
Dec.26-29 ..6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 30-31 .9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Vanguard Gym

Dec. 20 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Coleman Gym-Open 24 hrs

Dec. 18 - Jan. 1....Unstaffed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Thomas Lee Hall Library

Dec. 23-25Closed
Dec. 30 - Jan.1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Knight Pool

Dec. 20 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Weston Lake

Dec. 3010 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 31 - Jan.1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Recycle Center

Dec. 25Closed
Jan. 1Closed
Jan.2Normal Hours

Videorama

Dec. 19 - Jan.2Closed

Fitness Classes

Dec. 19(last class
4 p.m. at Vanguard)
Dec. 20 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2 Normal Hours

(Current as of Nov. 28, 2023)

VICTORY... STARTS HERE



Trainees sit and enjoy their Thanksgiving meals, Nov. 22. Fort Jackson served trainees meals that included a choice of turkey, ham, shrimp, prime rib and barbecue ribs.

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