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# Fort Jackson inducts 15 Soldiers into NCO Corps

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson welcomed 15 Soldiers into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps during a ceremony held Nov. 21 at the Post Theater.

The NCO Corps is backbone of the Army and provides direct leadership and mentorship to the lowest ranking Soldiers. It also helped sustain the Continental Army through severe hardships during the Revolutionary War.

The 15 Soldiers had demonstrated a desire to lead and the potential for greater service to the mission and earned recommendations from their leaders to become NCOs.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles S. Cook, who the Moncrief Army Health Clinic's Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Wall said had "a deep commitment to the Soldiers under his charge," spoke to the NCOs about what it means to be a part of the Corps.

"Now you are becoming a leader, a supervisor, an NCO in the U.S. Army," said Cook, who retired in 2015 with 33 years of service.

He called on them to remain fixed on being the best leaders possible and not following the traits of bad leaders.

"If you made a pact that you would never do that – don't break it," he said. "Things are different now and you are entering the most difficult ... duty position in the Army and in the military – the first line leader."

It will be difficult because the NCO is charged to "uphold the standards and get the mission accomplished."

The Soldiers inducted into the Corps were:

## Medical Activity -Fort Jackson

Sgt. Christian Helm  
Sgt. Alyssa Jasinowski  
Sgt. Heloysa Pordeus-Toole  
Sgt. Marshall Scott  
Cpl. Angelina LaPlante

## 165th Infantry Brigade

Sgt. Thomas Naugle



Photos by **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**

**Above: Cpl. Fenji Francois, with the 165th Infantry Brigade, walks under crossed sabers and into the Corps of the Noncommissioned Officer during a Nov. 21 ceremony at the Post Theater. Below: Fifteen Soldiers raise their right hands as they recite the Charge of the NCO.**

Cpl. Fenji Francois  
Cpl. Zyanna Jones  
Cpl. Londieu Pierre Louis  
**193rd Infantry Brigade**  
Sgt. Kevin Harley  
Cpl. Christopher Cespedes  
Cpl. Ebony Cooper-Murray  
Cpl. Xzaviera Robinson  
**Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion**  
Sgt. Dylan Goodson  
Sgt. Nicholas Phillips



## ON THE COVER

Cocky, the University of South Carolina mascot, tries on a drill sergeant hat during the school's annual salute to service football game held Nov. 22 in Columbia, S.C.



Courtesy photo

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# Religious Institute welcomes Montgomery

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

The U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership welcomed a new senior enlisted leader during a ceremony held Nov. 21 in the school's Zimmerman Auditorium.

Command Sgt. Maj. Varian T. Montgomery assumed responsibility for the institute from Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Roldan Jr. during the ceremony.

The ceremony is steeped in military tradition and includes the passing of the unit's colors. The passing of the unit colors from one senior non-commissioned officer to another recognizes the transfer of responsibility of the unit's Soldiers and equipment. It is also the ceremonial welcome of a new senior enlisted leader.

"Our Army and our leaders continue to get better and better," Helms said about Montgomery during the ceremony. He shared fond memories of working with both senior NCOs during his career before taking the IRL helm.

"It's not about the past, it's about the future," he said to Montgomery. "We're always moving ministry down the field. You are a proven and experienced leader, who already has an exceptional reputation across the Army ... It will be great fun to serve alongside you as we enable ministry in the Chaplain Corps."

When Montgomery received the unit colors from the IRL Commandant Chaplain (Col.) Thomas Helms he became the institute's top enlisted Soldier.

A unit's command sergeant major advises and makes recommendations to the commander and staff on all matters pertaining to training, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. He is the keeper of the colors and the standard bearer of the unit.

Helms also spoke glowingly of Roldan.

"I want you to know that I truly believe that Command Sgt. Maj. Roldan is a top 1% Soldier," said the IRL commandant. He spoke their shared experiences earlier in their careers, and how impressed he is with his character — especially in regard to physical fitness.

"When I reflect on this part of my life, I'll feel a sense of pride knowing that we train and educate nearly 5,000 religious support professionals and our cadre have earned numerous promotions and received a multitude of accolades," Roldan said in his final words to the institute.

He said the IRL is "gaining a tough, determined, intel-



**Command Sgt. Maj. Varian T. Montgomery, U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership senior enlisted leader, receives the colors from Chaplain (Col.) Thomas Helms, institute commandant during a change of responsibility ceremony, Nov. 21. Montgomery assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Roldan Jr.**

ligent and solid leader," Roldan said. "I know he will do great, and I will be his biggest supporter."

Montgomery, who completed Initial Entry Training at Fort Jackson in 1998, is a 56M-Religious Affairs Specialist who has held multiple leadership positions. His previous assignments include serving as the senior enlisted leader Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. He also was the Chief Religious Affairs NCO for V Corps at Fort Knox where he met Helms who was the XVIII Airborne Corps chaplain.

"I am profoundly honored to be selected as a command sergeant major and returning back to Fort Jackson where my career began 26 years ago," Montgomery said. "It really feels like coming back home from serving as a battalion command sergeant major."

"I am eagerly anticipating working alongside each of you off the next few years that will continue to transform civilians into Soldiers through advanced individual training, develop adaptive leaders of character,



**Montgomery, U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership senior enlisted leader, speaks during the ceremony.**

shape the Chaplain Corps doctrine and religious support operational training, and modernize religious support capabilities to meet tomorrow's difficult challenges."



# Community Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Death Notice

This notice serves as a death notice advisory for all those in possession of the property of Sgt. Dillon J. Hansen, as well as those whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact 1st Lt. Emma R. Hampel, Summary Courts Martial Officer, with questions or concerns at (631)-358-1898 or via email at [emma.r.hampel.mil@army.mil](mailto:emma.r.hampel.mil@army.mil).

### Gate 4 Closure

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

### Holiday Closures and Hours

The Directorate of Human Resources will be closed on the following holidays and training holidays:

Thanksgiving Day	Tomorrow
Thanksgiving Training Holiday	Friday
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24
Christmas	Dec. 25
New Year's Day	Jan. 1

The Gate 2 Express will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. The Exchange will be closed tomorrow, but opens at 8 a.m., Friday.

### Commissary Holiday Hours

Commissary hours for the Thanksgiving weekend are:

Today: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Tomorrow: CLOSED  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Cosmic Bowling Saturdays

5-8 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center. Come out and bowl for \$10 per person

THANKSGIVING MEAL SCHEDULE				
UNIT	BLDG.	MEAL	DATE	TIME
1-61ST	11900	DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
3-34TH		DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
3-39TH	11500	DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
1-34TH		DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
4-39TH	10540	LUNCH	NOV. 27	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
2-39TH	10401	LUNCH	NOV. 26	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
1-13TH	5455	LUNCH	NOV. 26	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
2-13TH	4270	LUNCH	NOV. 24	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
3-13TH	5454	DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
2-60TH		DINNER	NOV. 26	3:30-6:30 P.M.
120TH	1869	LUNCH	NOV. 26	NOON TO 2 P.M.
369TH	2302	LUNCH	NOV. 26	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
DSA	9572	LUNCH	NOV. 26	11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
USA-IRL		LUNCH	NOV. 26	11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

\*THE 4-39TH DINING FACILITY (BLDG 10540) WILL BE SERVING A THANKSGIVING MENU NOVEMBER 27 FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. ON THANKSGIVING DAY FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS, RETIREES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

2025 HOLIDAY MEAL RATES

November 26: \$11.55  
November 27: \$7.10

for shoes and two hours of bowling every Saturday. College and professional football games are shown every weekend as well. For more information, call (803) 751-6138.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### DEC. 3

#### Community Lunch

Noon to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel Fellowship Hall. The Fort Jackson community invited to attend a lunch with food, fellowship, fun and a brief inspirational message. The lunch is held the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call (803) 751-3979.

### DEC. 4

#### Training Stand-Up Day

Fort Jackson is holding a Training Stand-

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

### DEC. 5

#### Holiday Tree Lighting

5-8 p.m., Patriots Park. Fort Jackson will be holding its annual tree lighting event at Patriot Park.

### DEC. 6

#### Fires on the Shore

5-8 p.m., Weston Lake. Enjoy the beach with family and friends while making s'mores and listening to live music with the 282nd Rock Band. There will be free s'mores, Irish hot chocolate, concessions and rentals. For more information, call

## Fort Jackson

## Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

### TODAY, NOV. 26

■ Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere (PG-13)

### SATURDAY, NOV. 29

■ Zootopia 2 (PG)

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

■ Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere (PG-13)

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

(803) 751-5253.

### DEC. 10

#### 282d Army Band Holiday Concert

5-7 p.m., Shandon Baptist Church. Come out and enjoy the 282d Army Band's Holiday Concert.

### DEC. 13

#### 2025 Jingle Bell Fitness 5K Run

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

### Southern Stomp

3-6 p.m., MWR Central. Come join in

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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.



## Students bring parade spirit to Fort Jackson

By **DR. LORRAINE EMORY**  
Pierce Terrace Elementary School

Pierce Terrace Elementary School's Universal Pre-Kindergarten students brought the magic of a major Thanksgiving Day parade right into the hallways last week, thanks to the creativity and guidance of their teacher, Audrey Jumper.

Blending seasonal traditions with dynamic hands-on learning, Jumper's class celebrated Thanksgiving by marching through the school in individually designed turkey vests, handmade headbands, and colorful, decorated balloons—complete with Broadway music echoing behind them.

In the days leading up to their parade, students immersed themselves in lessons on Broadway musicals and learned how the famous parade balloons in New York City are created.

Their excitement grew after Jumper read *Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet, the true story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, the visionary who engineered the iconic floating balloons that remain an American tradition each Thanksgiving.

The story set the stage for a rich learning experience inspired by creativity, exploration, and joyful celebration.

Jumper intentionally structured the lesson to align with the Department of Defense Education Activity's Universal Pre-K Creative Curriculum standards, incorporating literacy, music, science, math, fine-motor development, and social studies.

Students listened closely to the story, retelling details and building vocabulary with new words such as "helium" and "parade." Using markers to decorate their balloons, they practiced emergent writing, created patterns, explored shapes, and strengthened their hand coordination by cutting, coloring, and assembling their turkey costumes. The hands-on activities also introduced early science concepts, including how parade balloons float and what makes them rise.

As Broadway music filled the classroom and later the hallways, students demon-

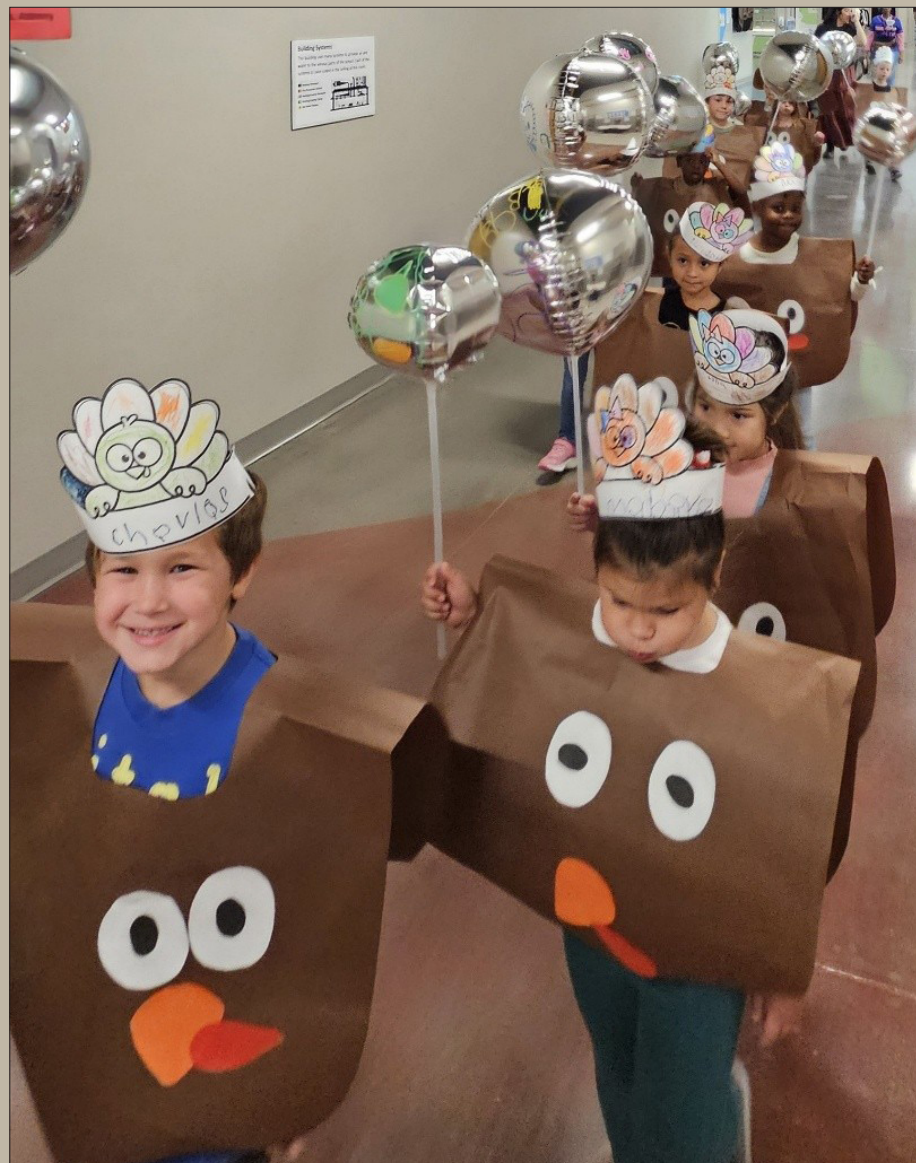


Photo by QUEENA WALTEROS

**Pierce Terrace Pre-K students parade through the halls with homemade turkey costumes and balloons in hand to spread Thanksgiving cheer.**

strated their understanding of rhythm, movement, and musical expression—key components of the class's current study of music.

When parade time arrived, the young learners proudly marched through the school, sharing their creations and spreading joy to staff and students throughout the building.

Their enthusiasm was unmistakable. With smiles wide and balloons held high, they showcased not only their handmade

projects but also their growing confidence and positive approach to learning.

The classroom parade served as a celebration of Thanksgiving, creativity, and community—giving PTES's youngest learners a meaningful way to experience tradition, culture, and the arts.

For Jumper's Pre-K students, it was more than just a parade; it was a magical moment where imagination and education met, bringing the spirit of Broadway to Fort Jackson.

## Military inspired innovations

By **KATIE LANGE**  
Pentagon News

Every morning, many of us scour the Internet on our phones for a bit before popping some breakfast item into the microwave. Then we head to work using GPS and flip on our sunglasses if it's too bright out.

A lot of us likely didn't realize that all those commonplace conveniences were once innovations developed by or for the military.

In the past century, several inventions created by the War Department for warfighter use have become a part of everyday life for civilians. Below are some that you may or may not have known about.

### The Wristwatch

Prior to World War I, most men carried pocket watches as their time pieces — the few wristwatches that were available were mostly worn by women as jewelry. But as the U.S. joined the war effort, it became apparent that the wristwatch — initially called the "trench watch" — was more practical for soldiers to keep time on the battlefield, where synchronization was crucial for infantrymen and artillery gunners.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps' Engineering & Research Division oversaw the testing of timepieces and the purchasing of wristwatches, which were distributed to soldiers by the Army Quartermaster Corps. Similar versions were distributed to Navy sailors.

Eventually, the civilian world caught on to the convenience. By the end of the 1920s, the wristwatch was outselling the pocket watch by a substantial margin, according to the National World War

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# Thank you for your service

The University of South Carolina saluted the service of military members at Fort Jackson and throughout the Palmetto State during a football game against Coastal Carolina, Nov. 22.

The 282nd Army Band played with the school's musicians, while a color guard from Medical Activity — Fort Jackson presented the colors during a half-time celebration that featured Soldiers holding giant American flags, fireworks and a salute from a rifle squad.

Seeing the support from the school, "really

means a lot to me because I have family in the military," said Pvt. Evan Hill as he prepared to enter the field for the halftime show. "I really like seeing the military supported."

For one musician with the 282nd, the event was a way to get the Army out in the public eye.

This is a great way for "people to see what we do," said Sgt. Cary Anderson, a drummer with the band.

South Carolina would go on to beat Coastal Carolina, 51-7.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE



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II Museum.

## The EpiPen

While this well-known device for treating anaphylaxis wasn't exactly created by the U.S. military, the technology to do so was.

In 1973, during the Vietnam War, the Army began looking for a way to quickly treat combat troops who were exposed to chemical warfare. The service got a researcher to create an easy-to-use device called an auto-injector — a prefilled, spring-loaded syringe or cartridge that could quickly deliver lifesaving antidotes under the skin in high-stress situations when troops encountered weaponized gases.

Soon after, medical experts took note and realized that if they filled these devices with epinephrine, civilians with life-threatening allergies could carry them to quickly treat themselves if they had an allergic reaction.

The epinephrine auto-injector, which became known by its patented name, EpiPen, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1987. Since then, many other medications and treatments now use auto-injector technology for quick and easy use by civilians.

## Bug Spray

During World War II, U.S. troops serving in the jungles of the Pacific Theater got eaten alive by mosquitoes and other insects, many of which carried diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. According to the National Institutes of Health, in 1942 alone, the Army reported that about 1.2 million warfighters suffered from one or both of those diseases.

Conventional treatment methods of the time weren't doing enough to keep the bites away, so in 1944, the War Department collaborated with the Agriculture Department to open a research lab in



Florida to develop a new treatment that would better protect troops. It was there in 1946 that the chemical N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide — better known as DEET — was created as an insecticide.

By 1957, DEET had been registered for use by the general public. Since then, it's become the world's most effective and widely used active ingredient in mosquito repellents.

## Radar

In 1922, Navy radio engineers Albert Taylor and Leo Young started looking for new radio frequencies for communications, so they tested a new, high-frequency transmitter and receiver that they set up across the Potomac River from their office at the Naval Air-

craft Radio Laboratory in Washington. During the tests, Taylor and Young noticed that a steamer ship cruising the river pinged on their equipment more strongly as it got closer, then diminished as it moved away.

The pair wanted to develop the technology further to help detect enemy warships in battle, but unfortunately, their superiors weren't interested, so the project was shelved. Years later, in 1930, Young noticed similar effects while testing aircraft communications capabilities. He recruited Taylor and a new engineer, Lawrence Hyland, to continue their experiments after finally getting the Naval Research Laboratory's consent.

In late 1934, when other labs

were trying to create similar technology, the trio applied for and received a patent for what they called "radio detecting and ranging" — radar, for short. By the spring of 1936, it became a high priority for shipboard use.

In December 1938, the battleship USS New York was the first to be equipped with the latest in radar, which could identify aircraft nearly 50 miles away. Radar had finally come into its own, and it went on to become a major factor in many naval victories during World War II, including in the battles of Coral Sea, Midway and Guadalcanal.

In the decades since, radar has spread into all factors of civilian life as well, from tracking weather and monitoring traffic speed to operating automatic doors and clocking pitches in baseball.

## Duct Tape

While duct tape wasn't exactly created by the military, it was created for the military.

During World War II, Vesta Stoudt, a mother of two Navy sailors, worked in a factory packing munitions for the war effort. The paper-and-wax seals they used on the boxes weren't very efficient, so she thought it might be better to use a new type of cloth-based tape instead. The product was nicknamed "duck tape" because of its water-resistant properties and the fact that it was made from cotton duck cloth, a type of canvas fabric.

Stoudt's supervisors and government inspectors liked her idea, but they never followed through with its implementation. So, Stoudt wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt detailing her idea in the hopes that he would like it. He did like the idea, so he passed it along to the War Production Board, which set the ball in motion to get the product rolled out. Warfighters ended up loving the tape and used it for much more than boxes — they even used it to bandage wounds.

The product eventually became

known as "duct tape" when it hit the civilian market because it was often used to patch up heat ducts.

## Penicillin

Penicillin was the first commercialized antibiotic to treat infections from surgeries and wounds during World War II. While the British are credited with discovering its potential, the U.S. military is the one that realized it would be critical to saving warfighters' lives.

During the war, the War Department mobilized resources for the large-scale production that was necessary to get penicillin to the masses, including funding research, coordinating efforts with pharmaceutical companies and facilitating clinical trials. That effort made it possible to make a widely available treatment that reduced battlefield deaths from infections.

Nowadays, penicillin is used to treat commonplace bacterial infections such as strep throat, pneumonia, ear infections, staph infections, Lyme disease and more.

## Sanitary Pads

They might be a sensitive topic for some, but sanitary pads have become an essential part of life for women. However, they weren't always. Prior to World War I, most women on their menstrual cycle relied on homemade cloth pads, which were inconvenient and messy.

Cotton shortages during the war led a manufacturing company to develop a new product called Cellucotton, which was made of wood pulp and was five times more absorbent than cotton. It was also cheaper. When U.S. troops went to war in Europe, they began using Cellucotton to treat wounds, but nurses there also began using it as sanitary napkins.

After the war, the company learned what the nurses were doing, and they decided to redistribute Cellucotton into a commercial product for women everywhere. Sanitary pads were introduced to

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## Tips to reduce financial stress during the holidays

### Financial Readiness Program

Reducing holiday financial stress requires planning, setting realistic expectations, and a focus on what is truly important. With a thoughtful budget, low-cost traditions, and mindful spending, you can navigate the season without overwhelming your finances. The holidays often bring a mix of joy and anxiety as expenses for gifts, travel, and entertaining quickly add up. Strategizing your spending can protect your wallet and your peace of mind.

Creating a holiday budget early is the first step. Even if you are starting late, a budget can still be useful. Make a clear shopping list, with estimated cost, and stick to it. This helps reduce last-minute temptations.

Focusing on meaningful, low-cost traditions creates lasting memories without draining your bank account. Activities like baking cookies, doing holiday art projects, watching holiday movies, or volunteering foster a sense of togetherness. Consider thoughtful gift alternatives such as homemade items, shared experiences, or a Secret Santa exchange.

Open and honest communication with family and friends about financial boundaries is also vital to prevent misunderstandings and align everyone's expectations.

Mindful spending techniques can align purchases with your values and help reduce anxiety. Pausing before making a purchase to reflect on its true value is a useful practice. Much stress comes from the pressure to create a "perfect" holiday.

Instead, focus on gratitude and connection, remembering the season is more than material possessions. Gifts made from photos are inexpensive and meaningful. Financial stress impacts mental health. Simple self-care, like short walks and practicing gratitude, helps you stay grounded. By prioritizing what genuinely matters, you discover these are the season's greatest gifts.

For other tips, contact Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program at (803) 751-5256, option 3.



File photo

**The holiday season can bring joy, but it can also bring stress caused by financial obligations.**



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

## Thank you for your service

Fort Jackson honored the service of Maj. Tyrone W. Norman, with 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment; and Sgt. 1st Class Shan-Tae R. Jenkins, from 919th Contracting Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas, during the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment Basic Combat Training graduation, Nov. 20.

## SALUTING THIS CYCLE'S HONOREES

### 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

#### DRILL SERGEANT OF THE CYCLE

Sgt. 1st Class Zachary Clason

#### ALPHA COMPANY SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Victoria P. Oliveira

#### SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Ibrahim R. Jaber

#### BRAVO COMPANY SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Corey M. Hall

#### SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Truman J. Teduits

#### CHARLIE COMPANY SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Alana Herczeg

#### SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Jason Dunn

#### DELTA COMPANY SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Tristan E. Parkes

#### SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Sophia Tubridy

#### ECHO COMPANY SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Olga Gutierrez

#### SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Tiana Cathcart



# Events

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

## Breakfast with Santa

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

## DEC. 18 Chanukah Menorah Lighting

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

## DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Service

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

## JAN. 31 Magician/Comedian Show

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

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the public in October 1920 and became hugely popular, making them one of the biggest consumer success stories in America.

## GPS

At this point in time, very few people would know how to get around without using the satellite-based navigation called Global Positioning System — commonly known as GPS. It's now an everyday thing thanks to the military.

In 1973, the War Department tasked the Air Force with finding a reliable, accurate means of electronic navigation to upgrade warfighters who were using paper maps and specialized tools like sextants and chronometers. Experts decided they could do this with a grouping of satellites.

The first satellite was launched in 1978 for a constellation known as Navigation System with Timing and Ranging — NAVSTAR. The system was initially limited to only the U.S. military and select allies, but that changed in 1983 when President Ronald Reagan decided to release it to the public following an incident

in which a South Korean airliner was accidentally shot down by Soviet fighters when it strayed off course. Investigators determined the tragedy could have been avoided had the pilots had better navigation tools.

GPS was first used by the military in combat during the Gulf War in 1990. It took until the mid-1990s for the NAVSTAR constellation to be fully operational with 24 satellites orbiting Earth.

## The Internet

The Internet was initially known as ARPANET — the acronym for the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network that created it in 1969. Military scientists started it to link up with U.S. universities, government agencies and defense contractors during the Cold War. It was a time when the U.S. wanted to build on information sharing and shared computing power, but it wanted to do so without a central command hub that adversaries could potentially target.

The first message conveyed through ARPANET was sent from a University of California, Los Angeles computer to Stanford University that same year. In 1973, the name ARPANET was changed when it was connected to U.S. allies in Europe.

# 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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Soldiers speak with prospective employers and educational institutions during at a Fort Jackson Education and Career Fair.

Dashboard provides career insight

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Transition Assistance  
Program

The commander dashboard in the Transition Soldier Career Readiness Standards system is a powerful tool designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the transition process for Soldiers. By providing commanders with real-time access to critical data and insights, the dashboard empowers leadership to make informed decisions and ensure Soldiers meet their transition requirements on time.

One of the key benefits of the commander dashboard is its ability to centralize comprehensive information.

Commanders can view detailed metrics on Soldiers’ progress through the Transition Assistance Program, including completion of mandatory transition tasks, attendance records, timeliness indicators, and overall readiness assessments.

This centralized view provides a complete picture of each Soldier’s transition journey, eliminating the need for manual tracking across multiple systems and reducing administrative burdens. Consequently, commanders can redirect their focus from data collection to strategic oversight and mentorship.

The dashboard also promotes accountability and transparency

through its robust reporting capabilities.

By providing clear visual representations of unit-level and individual Soldier data through charts, graphs, and status indicators, commanders can quickly identify gaps in compliance and address them proactively.

This visibility enables early intervention when Soldiers fall behind schedule, ensuring they are adequately prepared for their transition to civilian life while reducing the risk of missed requirements or costly delays. Additionally, the commander dashboard supports enhanced collaboration across units and installations. With its user-friendly interface and customizable reporting features, commanders can generate tailored reports and share critical insights with other leaders, fostering a coordinated approach to transition management.

This collaboration enhances the overall effectiveness of the TAP program and ensures consistent, standardized support for all transitioning Soldiers.

In summary, the commander dashboard in TSCRS is an invaluable resource for commanders, offering centralized data management, improved accountability mechanisms, and enhanced collaborative capabilities. By leveraging this tool, leadership can streamline the transition process.

## Family and MWR 2025-26 Holiday Hours of Operation Directory

### MWR CENTRAL

6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd

- Outdoor Recreation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SCHOOL AGE CENTERS

- Scouts Out SAC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fort Jackson Dog Park

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

### SPORTS OFFICE

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

### POOLS

**Knight Indoor Pool**

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

### VICTORY TRAVEL CENTER

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

### THOMAS LEE HALL LIBRARY

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

### VICTORY BINGO

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

### VIDEORAMA

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

### RECYCLE CENTER

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

### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

### AUTO CRAFT SHOP

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

### CENTURY LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

### CHILD YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES

**Parent Central Services**

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

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

- Scouts Out CDC**

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

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

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

### CLUBS

- 1917 CLUB**

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

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

Fort Jackson Golf Club-

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

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

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

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



# VICTORY... STARTS RE



Staff Sgt. Amy Reisenberg, Occupational Therapy Noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge at Moncrief Army Health Clinic, lights a white candle representing the purity, honesty and integrity of an NCO during a ceremony where 15 Soldiers were inducted into the NCO Corps, Nov. 21.

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