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Range comes alive with sound of skeet shooting

Story, photos by **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson's Aachen Range was alive with the sound of gunfire and the smell of gunpowder, on Sept. 9, as Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs worked with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation to host the first installment of Second Friday Range Day.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to get our cadre, drill sergeants, Department of the Army Civilian employees and Family members out here to participate in some outdoor activities," Ochs said. "We're going to start doing this every month."

Aachen Range is the only range on Fort Jackson that is available for privately-owned weapons. It has 28 lanes that extend 200 meters and can be used for both rifle and pistol shooting. The skeet range is only open during special events, such as the second Friday shooting event.

"Sgt. Maj. Ochs and I sat down about two months ago and came up with different ideas of how we can increase patronage and participation here at Aachen Range," said Chris Helie, outdoor recreation manager. "So, we came up with the idea of doing this on every second Friday."

Helie said just like with any

other MWR event, they just want people to be involved and enjoy themselves at one of the treasured MWR facilities on Fort Jackson.

"I'm just excited that we have Aachen Range open again," said Col. Mark Huhtanen, Fort Jackson deputy commanding officer. "I've been shooting trap and skeet for about 20 years now, so having this here on Fort Jackson is awesome and I'm glad the sergeant major was able to get this going."

Staff Sgt. Kevin Stanford was also eager for the opportunity.

"I was pretty excited because I've never had a post sergeant major actually put something on like this before," Stanford said. "I would like to see it become a regular thing and maybe, if we get more participation, they could open this range up more often, so more people can come out here and shoot."

Stanford also said for those who may think it's a command-only event they should not be intimidated.

"Everyone out here is being super friendly. There's no judgement, so just come out and have a good time," he said. "If anything, you might learn something if you've never shot (skeet) before."

For those that didn't have privately-owned weapons, MWR was able to provide shotguns, 25 clay pigeon targets, and ammunition



Sgt. 1st Class Ronny Rivas Jr., takes aim at clay pigeons during the Second Friday Skeet Shoot at Aachen Skeet Range, Sept. 9.

for the weapons for \$25, but they're only available for use on the skeet range.

"We have 12- and 20-gauge shotguns and the ammunition," said Helie. "We do require they use our ammunition if they use our weapons, but it's all included in the price."

To rent the shotguns for the skeet range on second-Friday shooting events, patrons simply need to be ID card holders or accompanied by one.

The next Second Friday Range Day is Oct. 13 from 1-5 p.m. Owners must register all personally-owned firearms with the Pro-

vost Marshal Office and follow all Fort Jackson regulations with transporting personally-owned firearms on post.

For more information about registering or transporting weapons while on post, contact the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office at 751-6019.

ON THE COVER

Col. Kenneth Dwyer, 1st Sgt. Kevin Duquette and Command Sgt. Maj. John A. Otero, salute after placing a wreath during the Fort Jackson Patriot Day event,



Sept. 11. Photo by **ROBERT**

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Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, Col. Mark Huhtanen, deputy commanding officer and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs lead a formation of runners from 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment and 369th Adjutant General Battalion during the Run/Walk for the Fallen 5K, Sept. 9. Runners ran to pay homage to South Carolinians who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Jackson, survivors honor fallen South Carolinians

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Trainees, Soldiers and Survivors gathered on Hilton Field, Sept. 9 to remember the lives of South Carolinians who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to pay homage to their lives and the survivors left behind.

“The Run/Walk for the Fallen is important because it’s a remembrance event,” said Marilynn Bailey, Army Community Services specialist. “We don’t ever want to forget those that have given their life for our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

Runners and walkers alike donned racing bibs with the names of a South Carolinian who has died in the line of duty since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and the Global War on Terrorism that followed the events

of that fateful day.

“I’m representing my daughter, Rosie, that passed away,” said Angela Crespo, mother of Rosangela “Rosie” Crespo.

Martha Rabon, surviving mother of Sgt. Luther W. Rabon, Jr. said, “This event means a lot to us. The Survivor Outreach Services has made us feel like we’re still a part of the military life my son chose.”

Sgt. Rabon died Oct. 1, 2010 in the Orgun district of Paktika province, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 1221st Engineer Clearance Company with the South Carolina National Guard. He is survived by his wife, children and parents.

Martha Rabon has participated in every Run/Walk for the Fallen on Fort Jackson since her son’s passing.

“When my son first died, I felt like I was all by myself, like I was the only one,” Rabon recalled. “I was depressed for quite some time, but then I got in touch with the Survivor Outreach Services and it’s like a second family.”

Survivor Outreach Services strives to embrace and reassure survivors that they are continually linked to the military through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the military Family for as long as they desire.

The next SOS event is the Gold Star Mothers and Families Day, Sept. 30 in Columbia, South Carolina. For more information regarding the SOS program and services, contact Marilynn Bailey at 751-5444 or George Bertsche at (803) 299-1209.



Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander delivers opening remarks before the Run/Walk for the Fallen 5K, Sept. 9.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marion Avenue Closure

The intersection of Marion Avenue and Hampton Parkway will be closed starting Sept. 18 as Army Corps of Engineer contractors begin work on the Victory Fresh parking area adjacent to the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy dining facility. Contractors will begin clearing of trees, excavation and installation of storm drains, and construction of a new parking lot. The closure will affect traffic accessing Marion Avenue from Hampton Parkway. Detour and road closure signs will be present in the area. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 25.

ArmyIgnitED 101

Are you new to tuition assistance or credentialing assistance? Maybe you are looking from some refresher training. The Fort Jackson Army Continuing Education System is holding ArmyIgnitED 101 briefs every second and fourth Mondays and Wednesdays of each month. The briefing are held virtually, starting at 10 a.m. Mondays, and in person at the Education Center (4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd.) beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. To sign up email your attendance request to usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bed.mbx.dhr-jacksoned-center@army.mil. Walk-ins are welcome.

Guest Day at the Fort Jackson Golf Club

Fort Jackson Golf Club members are now permitted to bring up to three guests on guest days. Green fees are waived for a member's guest(s), but each guest must pay cart and user fees. Upcoming Guest Days are: today and Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 14, 20 and 29; Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 26; Dec. 2, 8, 14 and 20.

Alpine Lodge now open

Renovations are complete and this lodge is ready for: birthday, holiday, retirement, promotion parties, even weddings. Par-

ties, get togethers, you decide. Includes: amazing location, pond (no swimming) overlooking loft, outdoor porch. Full size kitchen (no stove) tables and chairs. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 751-3484.

Solomon Center game room

The Solomon Center has a new game room with four pool tables, two table tennis tables, two dart boards and TVs. There is also a small snack concession with tables and chairs to sit and relax out of the South Carolina heat. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The game room is open until 7 p.m. on family days.

Water outage

Some buildings on Fort Jackson will have a temporary loss of heating and hot water until 5 p.m. Sept. 22 as the Directorate of Public Works installs safety measures at a central energy plant on post.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY

DPMAP Refresher - Progress Review for Supervisors

11 a.m. to noon, MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and the Fort Moore Workforce Development Program are partnering to offer DPMAP Refresher- Progress Reviews for Supervisors. This session will cover reminders about DPMAP, how to do a progress review, and helpful tips to help you successfully navigate the progress review season.

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

DPMAP Refresher - Progress Reviews for Employees

11 a.m. to noon, MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and the Fort Moore Workforce Development Program are partnering to offer

DPMAP Refresher- Progress Reviews for Employees. This session will cover reminders about DPMAP, how to do a progress review, and helpful tips to help you successfully navigate the progress review season.

TUESDAY

Command Family Readiness Representative Academy

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., TSC Classroom 2. The Command Family Readiness Representative course is designed to prepare Soldiers who are appointed as CFRRs to assist with the operational, logistical, and administrative aspects of the Soldier Family Readiness Group. The CFRR needs to know the ins and outs of the SFRG and how their role can assist unit commanders with their SFRG. This course includes all the mandatory courses required for CFRRs when it comes to SFRG Informal Funds. Call 751-5256 to reserve a seat

Meals in Minutes & Your Budget

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

WEDNESDAY

Painting with a Twist

5-6:30 p.m., 9810 Lee Road. The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program invites you to a relaxing and fun evening full of colors and creativity. For more information, call 751-5256.

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Fort Jackson

Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

SEPT. 15

■ Oppenheimer (R) 6 p.m.

SEPT. 16

■ Expendables (R) 2 p.m. Distributor Appreciation Screening (Free Admission)

SEPT. 20

■ Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 11 a.m.

■ Barbie (PG-13) 3 p.m.

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Deadline for events to be included in the Community Updates is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following

Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names. All submissions will be edited and published using Associated Press Style

Questions? Call 751-6739.

Army Central squad wins FORSCOM competition

**Story by MICHAEL BEHLIN
and SGT. MAJ. JEREMY
BUNKLEY**
U.S. Army Central

The U.S. Army Central and U.S. Army Forces Command's best squad returned to Shaw Air Force Base Aug. 21, following their win at the FORSCOM Best Squad Competition.

Lt. Gen. Patrick Frank, U.S. Army Central commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. J. Garza, Army Central's senior enlisted leader, along with members of the headquarters and a delegation of international partners, welcomed the squad back and congratulated them on their accomplishment in a small ceremony at the command's headquarters at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina.

"I am extremely proud of our squad and what they've accomplished in both the USARCENT and FORSCOM Best Squad Competitions, competing and winning at multiple levels," Garza said. "They are a true organic squad established at the unit level and have brought to life the Army's This is My Squad objectives and noncommissioned officer Strategy. They exemplify what it means to be a cohesive team that is highly trained, disciplined, and fit, ready to fight and win and they have done just that."

The Army Central best squad is assigned to Company C, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment, 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, of the Idaho Army National Guard. The squad trained together at their home unit, honed their skills during pre-mobilization and mobilization, and served alongside one another during their deployment in both Iraq and Syria. The time spent together allowed the

squad to build their cohesive team while training and growing, simultaneously motivating each other to perform at their fullest potential.

The Army NCO Strategy outlines that the most elite fighting forces in the world are built upon small units and individuals who are experts within their profession. Although the squad was disciplined and focused on building this expertise, they stated that it required substantial effort through incorporating standards-based, performance-oriented, and battle-focused training, while cultivating a "This is My Squad" culture.

"It was definitely a different experience coming from the Idaho National Guard to now representing USARCENT and FORSCOM," said Spc. Evan Skaug, Army Central Best Squad member and FORSCOM Soldier of the Year. "Holding the title of best squad really means a lot, we really put in a lot of hard work to get to this point, and it feels really good to have it pay off and be recognized for it."

After the squad's win at the Army Central Best Squad Competition in May, they returned



Photo by PFC. ELIJAH CAMPBELL

Staff Sgt. Joshua Hutchings, a competitor representing the Idaho Army National Guard assigned to U.S. Army Central, competing in the U.S. Army Forces Command Best Squad Competition 2023, conducts Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction System operations at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Aug. 14,

The FORSCOM Best Squad consists of:

Staff Sgt. Joshua Hutchings, squad leader
Sgt. Douglas Kenz-Woods, FORSCOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year runner up
Spc. Evan Skaug, FORSCOM Soldier of the Year
Spc. David Hann
Spc. Anthony Hill
Spc. Christian Brown

stateside from Kuwait to Shaw Air Force Base in July to prepare for the next level of competition. Army Central expert trainers developed a rigorous six-week training plan pairing tactically and technically proficient NCOs with the squad throughout the entire process. The training plan focused on building and further-

ing squad proficiency through progressive and sequential processes that incorporated training at all levels.

According to Army Central leadership, the intent was to overtrain, allowing the squad to gain as much knowledge and experience as possible,

while re-enforcing the Army's NCO Strategy and further enhancing the squad's discipline, fitness, and cohesion.

During the training, which took place at both Shaw Air Force Base and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, the squad rehearsed and certified daily on

tasks to include physical fitness, land navigation, marksmanship, weapons, medical competency and water survival skills. Overall, the Soldiers saw the training as challenging, but ultimately beneficial.

"The train up was very demanding. We put a lot of effort into each day trying to make sure we maximize every opportunity of training we had available to us," said Spc. Christian Brown. "We made sure that we went into the FORSCOM competition with as little to no weaknesses as we could."

With their win, the squad will now represent FORSCOM in the Army Best Squad Competition Sept. 24 to Oct. 6 at Fort Stewart, Georgia.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE
A Soldier salutes the flag during the post's Patriot Day ceremony held at Centennial Park, Sept. 11. The installation paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks by laying wreathes at the post flag pole.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE
Lt. Andy Wright of the Fort Jackson Fire Department salutes near a fire engine during the Fort Jackson, Patriot Day ceremony, Sept. 11.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
165th Infantry Brigade Commander Col. David Uthlaut, Pfc. Xavian Chamberlain and Command Sgt. Maj. Angelo Fazio, senior enlisted advisor for 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, salute after laying a wreath.

Honoring the Memories

Jackson pays tribute to 9-11 fallen

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

It used to be said that everyone knew where they were when President Kennedy was assassinated, or when Neal Armstrong first stepped onto the lunar surface.

Today, most people can tell you where they were on Sept.

11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

On Monday, Fort Jackson honored those who lost their lives during those attacks with a wreath laying ceremony at Centennial Park on post.

"We do this in honor of memories of the souls who we lost and pay tribute to the pa-

triot and families who sacrificed so much," said Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander. "Today we're honoring the memory of the nearly 3,000 souls lost on Sept. 11, 2001. We're paying tribute to all

patriots and their families who sacrificed their lives for freedom."

Command teams of the active-duty units and Partners in Excellence laid wreathes at the Centennial Park flagpole.

Kelly and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs laid a wreath to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on 9-11 and in the subsequent wars that followed.

The shared experience of the terrorist attacks "links all of us together" and binds the American people together, he added. It is important to remember "lest we forget."

"Most people can think about where they were on that fateful day," said Kelly, who was a captain serving in Kosovo during the attacks.

The day after the attacks the Army would wake up to a different place. At some installations, such as Fort Liberty (formerly known as Fort Bragg), North Carolina, gates would appear where none were before.

"We went from a peacetime Army to an Army at war

virtually overnight," said Col. Kenneth Dwyer, commander of the Leader Training Brigade.

"It certainly changed the course of all our careers and our lives."

Dwyer had already been serving for a couple years when the at-

tacks happened. He was a lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division when his radio telephone operator came into his office asking if he had seen a plane crash into the World Trade Center.

"My first instinct was it was just a small little Cessna or something else," Dwyer said. "And then, you know, you go and watch the TV and, of course, it was so impactful. Then the second plane hit, and the towers came down. It certainly changed all of our lives."

It began 20 years of warfare against terrorism and changed the Army forever.

On Aug. 19, 2006, Dwyer was hit by an enemy rocket propelled grenade during an engagement in Afghanistan. He would lose an eye and his left hand.

"Because I was abroad, I came back to a very different United States," Kelly said after the ceremony.

"Security at the airport was very different. So, I came back to different society and it was very noticeable."

WE DO THIS IN HONOR OF MEMORIES OF THE SOULS WHO WE LOST...

- Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly
Fort Jackson commander



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS
Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, speaks about the need to remember those who were lost during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

WHY I SERVE

**1ST BATTALION,
34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

SPC. BRIANNA DOUGLAS, 25

Springfield, Virginia

"My dad, Gary Douglas, was in the Air Force and my step-dad, Rex Petrey, was in the Marine Corps. They influenced me to join the Army."

"I thought Basic Combat Training would challenge me and help me grow to be a great leader."

"The most challenging part of BCT was working as a team, because in the beginning everyone was an individual. It's incredibly difficult, as a leader and team member, to work together as one when everyone has a different mindset."

"My MOS is 09S - Commissioned Officer Candidate. I chose this MOS because I want to make a positive impact on the Army and my team as a leader."



PVT. SAM ARMSTRONG, 18

Bend, Oregon

"My friends and Family pushed me to follow my own path and pursue what I wanted to do," and that is why I joined the Army."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training would be very difficult and challenging, both mentally and physically. A lot of push-ups, running, and obstacle courses."

"The most challenging part of BCT was being far away from my Family and home, because it was the first time I've been away for this long."

"My MOS is 89D - Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist. I chose this MOS because I enjoy pyrotechnics and explosives are cool to me."



PVT. VANESSA BETANCOURTH, 18

Sioux City, Iowa

"My mother has always influenced me to not just be a part of the Army, but to be in a leadership role as she has led me and my Family."

"I thought Basic Combat Training would've been easier, but I know it has molded me to become stronger mentally and physically."

"The most challenging part about BCT was receiving punishment for one individual, but it taught me that it takes everyone to succeed."

Advice I would give to a new trainee is, "put in all your effort, no matter what the outcome."

"My MOS is 25U - Signal Operations Support Specialist. I chose this MOS because technology is always advancing."



PVT. SETH FOREHAND, 27

Pace, Florida

"I felt called by God to join and also the strong men throughout my life have served."

"I thought Basic Combat Training would be completely miserable, but I made some good friends and had fun along the way."

"The most challenging thing about BCT was being a leader, but it was also the most rewarding."

"Check your ego, stay humble, work hard and don't lose sight of the goal," is advice I would give to a new trainee."

"My MOS is 13J - Fire Control Specialist. I chose this MOS to serve my country on deployment and to learn skills I can use inside and outside of the military."



PFC. XAVIAN CHAMBERLAIN, 20

Pass Christian, Mississippi

"My little brothers and sister influenced me to join the Army."

"I expected Basic Combat Training to be hard and intense and sort of like Call of Duty."

"The most challenging part of BCT was learning how to be a follower and not always a leader."

"Calm down and realize that you can do anything," is advice I would give to someone planning to join the Army."

"My MOS is 25H - Network Communication Systems Specialist. I chose this MOS because I am great with computers."



PFC. JAVAAN JOHNSON, 27

Kingston, Jamaica

"Family legacy is a major influence on my decision to join the Army. Many of my Family members have served in the military before me and I aspire to be a part of something greater than myself."

"I imagined Basic Combat Training to be challenging. I also expected a lot of pressure to be disciplined."

"Being a squad leader was the most challenging part of BCT, because my squad looked to me for guidance, help and motivation."

"My MOS is 68W - Combat Medic Specialist. I chose this MOS so I can help my fellow Soldiers on the front line."



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

50-years at Fort Jackson: 'Penn'ing a path to victory

By **EMILY HILEMAN**

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

When her high school teacher recommended that she take the Civil Service Test in 1973, Peggy Penn had no idea that a simple test would lead to a lifelong career at Fort Jackson. She was recently honored for 50 years of service on post.

A Columbia, South Carolina native, Penn always knew the base was nearby, but hadn't thought of working on the installation.

"I didn't really know what I wanted to do when I grew up," she said. "I knew I was going to do something clerical, but I hadn't thought of civil service."

"Back then we had to take a civil service test to even be able to start working civil service," Penn said. "And one of my teachers in high school ... said 'I think you'd be the perfect fit,' so she set me up to take the test."

Penn took the test shortly before she graduated high school and swore in as a civil servant just 35 days after her high school graduation.

She started her journey as a GS-02 Clerk Typist with the 1st Basic Combat Training Brigade. The 1st BCT Brigade became the 193rd Infantry Brigade after they reactivated at Fort Jackson in 2007 due to a push by Training and Doctrine Command to instill a sense of history and pride in BCT brigades.

Penn remained with the unit as a clerk typist until 1996.

"That's when they started doing away with a lot of positions in the brigades and mine was one of them," she recounted. "So, they offered me a congressional clerk position ... I was there for about a year when the adjutant general secretary (position) opened."

In 2001, the Directorate of Human Resources was created and oversaw both the Adjutant General division as well as the Army Career and Alumni Program, now known as the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program.

"From that point, it started to grow and then my position became the administrative officer," she said.

Although some changes and various situations made her consider positions in the private sector, she ultimately decided to commit to her career as a federal employee.

Over the past 50 years, she's been privileged to see Fort Jackson grow and evolve in to the installation it is today.

"When I first came here, we had train tracks on Marion Street, and that's where all the Soldiers would go to leave for Christmas exodus," she recounted. "... And where (the Directorate of Human Resources) sits now used to be the old hospital. As a matter of fact, the morgue used to be in this exact spot."

Penn said it's interesting to see how many changes the installation has gone through both tangible and non-tangible.

"We used to have a printing plant here on the installation and it fell under the (Adjutant General)," she said. "So, instead of having things sent off post, we'd print them right here."

Although she's enjoyed seeing the Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians on Fort Jackson over the years and she's working in the position that she considers to be the highlight of her career, Penn intends to end her 50-year tenure on a high note and will retire at the end of this year.

Just because she plans to retire, she doesn't have any plans to slow down during her retirement.

"I'm a music director at a local church, so I'll keep that up," she said. "And then I'm planning on doing several projects around the house and some traveling."

For young adults looking to follow a similar trajectory, Penn has some advice.

"Work hard and make sure your work ethics are good," she said. "You've got to be willing to take the initiative to do things on your own and look for the things you can do to help and make things better."

SALUTING THIS BCT CYCLE'S HONOREES 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

ALPHA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Kendrick Craig

Pvt. Sam Armstrong

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Josie Lee

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Vanessa Betancourt - Torres

DELTA COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Seth Forehand

BRAVO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Brianna Douglas

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Javaan Johnson

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Raikhona Ergeshbaeva

ECHO COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Fernando Solorio-Tovar

CHARLIE COMPANY
SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Xavian Chamberlain



STAFF SGT JOHNATTAN PAULINO

**DRILL SERGEANT
OF THE CYCLE**

Sept. 7 Retirees



Photo by **NATHAN CLINEBELLE**

The Army Training Center and Fort Jackson honored the service of Master Sgt. George Junior Johnson, 81st Readiness Division and Sgt. 1st Class Moyagaye C. Willoughbsby Sherrod, during the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment graduation, Sept. 7.

Events

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How Effective is My Communication

1:30-3 p.m., MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program and the Master Resilience School are partnering to offer the Leader/Workforce Development Training “ How Effective is My Communication? ” training class. The training will provide information on how to communicate clearly and with respect, especially during a conflict or challenge by using the IDEAL model to communicate in a confident, clear, and controlled manner.

SEPT. 22 EFMP Movie Day

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 9810 Lee Road, Join the Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program for a fun movie day watching a movie and connecting with other families. For more information, call 751-5256.

SEPT. 23 Flea Market

8 a.m. to noon., Solomon Center. Hurry and reserve your spot. Spaces are available. For more information, call 751-4056.

‘Do It in Pink’ Aerobathon

10 a.m to 1 p.m., Solomon Center. Join us for this two-hour aerobathon. Early detection saves lives. Dress in pink to work out. Commanders’ Cup points can be earned for this event. For more information, call 751-3700.

Social Security Benefits webinar

2-3:30 p.m. Army Community Service will host a Social Security Benefits webinar on Microsoft Teams. Webinar will provide detailed information about social security benefits including how you become eligible, early retirement vs full retirement vs delayed retirement, family benefits, etc. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

SEPT. 28 Spouse Employment Seminar

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Army Community Service building 9810 Lee Road. Come meet your local Civilian Personnel Action Center teams and learn how to use your spousal preference when applying for federal jobs and employment at AAFES. Webster University will also provide an interviewing skills 101 class. Call 751-5256 to reserve a seat

Sept. 29 Oktoberfest

Ready to Oktoberfest? Come experience firsthand the festivities and fun that comes with Oktoberfest, Fort Jackson style.

Check in starts at 4 p.m. with a \$25 registration fee, which includes: beer tasting, snack stops, passport, and t-shirt. Kick-off with International Walk at 4:30 p.m. and the block party starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register for the walk, call the NCO Club at 751-3933.

Civilian Health and Fitness Fair

Noon to 3 p.m., Drill Sergeant Timothy Kay Soldier Performance Readiness Center. You are invited to take part in healthy initiatives from each of the Ho-

stic Health and Fitness domains. Bring your own lunch. Free blood pressure and InBody assessments will be available after the event.

OCT. 3 Walking Town Hall

5-6 p.m. Pierce Terrace Housing Area. Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, and garrison leaders will be in the on-post housing area talking to residents and addressing their concerns.

Jewish High Holiday Services

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

Friday

10:30 to 1 p.m.

Saturday

10:30 to 1 p.m.

(Trainees should arrange for MRE for lunch)

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Sept. 24

7-8:30 p.m.

Sept. 25

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Morning Service

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Afternoon/Concluding Services

(Trainees should arrange for MREs for lunch and dinner)

All services will be held at Lightning Chapel

REMEMBER: You can help yourself be safe from COVID by using basic hygiene practices such as washing your hands, maintaining social distancing and staying home if you feel sick..

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	MON-FRI	NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING	DAY	TIME	PLACE
ANGLICAN	SUNDAY	9-10 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATED SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
THE BRIDGE (PROTESTANT)	SUNDAY	8:30-9:30 A.M.	ANDERSON CHAPEL
CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUNDAY	10:30-11:30 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
HISPANIC PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	8:30-10 A.M.	MAGRUDER CHAPEL
ISLAMIC SERVICE	SUNDAY	8-9 A.M.	DANIEL CIRCLE CHAPEL
JEWISH SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:15-11:30 A.M.	LIGHTNING CHAPEL
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Chaplain Corps holds first doctoral-level graduation

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Institute for Religious Leadership

The Army Chaplain Corps held its first formal ceremony to acknowledge the academic achievements of past graduates from the Clinical Pastoral Education and Family Life programs. The graduation ceremony was held at the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership's Zimmerman Auditorium, Sept. 8.

This ceremony marked the first time the Chaplain Corps formally recognized the academic graduation of CPE and Family Life Specialists. It was also the first transition of responsibility ceremony for the dean.

"It is my privilege to address you as I depart my role as dean. My heart is full of gratitude for the opportunity I've had in this role," said Graduate School Dean, Chaplain (Col.) Roy Myers. "The graduate school has influenced professionalization in our Corps and set conditions for Army success. I depart today just as I began with a heart full of gratitude."

Chaplains who have graduated from the CPE Doctor of Ministry or Family Life Master of Arts and Master of Science programs were eligible to participate. Some 20 chaplains were recognized. Several of the graduates participated online using Microsoft Teams. These programs are conducted in affiliation with three schools. Wesley Seminary hosts the doctorate program while Texas A&M and Webster University host both master's programs.

The student graduates go back many years. Some go as far back as 2005 with more recent graduates from 2020 to 2023. Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) William "Bill" Green, deputy chief of chaplains, hosted the ceremony. Green also present-



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The colorful pageantry and educational excellence of doctoral and master's degree students is on full display during the Institute for Religious Leadership Graduate School inaugural graduation, Sept. 8.

ed the ACPE Accreditation Certificate to Chaplain. (Col.) Ibrahim Raheem, Director, School for Spiritual Care and CPE.

"As our Chaplain Corps continues to transform in order to meet the everchanging needs of our Army Family, the graduates we are honoring today represent capabilities and specializations required to support the diverse, dynamic and pluralistic population we are called to serve," Green said. "Today's graduates include specialists in spiritual care and instruction, and also Family Life Chaplains, and chaplains earning various Doctor of Ministry degrees. The Chaplain Corps, make no mistake about it, is a learning organization. And our graduate

school supports the Army Learning Model helping our people get their training, education and self-development opportunities required to deliver exceptional religious support in a complex and constantly changing environment."

This event recognizes the significant academic achievements of chaplains in the two specialty fields. This is a major function for any academic institution, and signals that this is in fact an accredited graduate school. The ceremony was an academic affair and guests were invited to wear regalia.

Reverend Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President at Wesley Theological Seminary was the speaker for the graduation

ceremony. He assumed the office of President on July 1, 2002. This makes him one of the longest-serving presidents within the Association of Theological Schools.

"Wesley proudly joins with the Chaplain Corps as a junior partner in establishing this innovative opportunity to support and shape the chaplaincy," McAllister-Wilson said. "Equipping chaplains has become a priority for Wesley. And brings us into partnership with all three services. Few if any seminaries have anything comparable. Over 200 chaplains have completed one of our several Doctor of Ministry programs and we have now just stood up our Master of Divinity for military

chaplain specializations."

The second part of the ceremony was the formal recognition of the change from Myers and a welcome to the new dean, Chaplain (Col.) Mark Lee.

"We do this work not for our glory," Lee said. "We do this work truly for the calling that is beyond us. For whatever divine power has called each of us to be. For we do this to equip, better educate and prepare our chaplains to be the very best, world-class religious care providers and spiritual care providers for the U.S. Army, Soldiers and their Families."

The U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership – Graduate School was constituted on Jan. 4, 2020, following the divestiture of the Army Clinical Pastoral Education System from the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence. The graduate school has grown since that time to encompass four schools.

The graduate school's mission is to conduct institutional (non-PME), operational and self-development domain education on behalf of the Army Chief of Chaplains and Director, USA-IRL. Faculty and staff provide adaptable and integrated chaplain educational programs that develop "competence, character and commitment," in order to form religious support professionals at echelon who are able to provide exceptional religious support to a complex and constantly changing army.

Elements within the graduate school are accredited by the Training and Doctrine Command, by ACPE, the Standard for Spiritual Care and Education and by affiliation agreement with the Association of Theological Schools. This ceremony catches up on the recognition of past graduates. Subsequent ceremonies will focus on future graduates.

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Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs lay a wreath during the post's Patriot Day ceremony at Centennial Park, Sept. 11.

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