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DOD orders improvements to household good shipments

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
DOD News

In advance of this summer's peak permanent change of station moving season, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has directed the U.S. Transportation Command to change how the Global Household Goods contract is implemented in an effort to better serve military families.

"We're heading into peak season of moving — PCS moving — and that process, I know, has been a mess, and we are addressing it," Hegseth said. "We have ... to take some aggressive action and fast."

In a memorandum dated May 20, 2025, Hegseth directed USTRANSCOM to make various changes to the existing GHC program. He noted that, while the PCS process has "never been a great system," recent changes have made things worse.

"We know it's not working, and it's only getting worse," he said. "We've heard your concerns about contractor performance, quality and accountability. We hear you loud and clear, and that's why we're taking decisive action immediately."

In his memorandum, Hegseth directed that during the 2025 PCS moving season, USTRANSCOM should "fully leverage" capabilities under the new GHC and the legacy Tender of Service program, which GHC replaced.

"We're going to split this year's peak moving season between our new and legacy systems," he said. "There's a new system we've been trying — it's not working very well — and then there's a legacy system that wasn't perfect ... those systems can talk to each other and work together, so



Photo by WINIFRED BROWN

Movers load a servicemember's household goods. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth recently directed the U.S. Transportation Command to change how the Global Household Goods contract is implemented in order to help serve military families.

we're going to use both in every way possible."

Under GHC, fees paid to independent moving companies for conducting PCS moves may not be as high as they were under the legacy ToS system. Because of this, fewer independent moving companies, or vendors, are stepping up to offer their services.

Hegseth has directed USTRANSCOM to develop and implement rates similar to the legacy ToS system within GHC to in-

crease vendor capacity and ensure enough companies are willing to move military family household goods to the next duty station.

Some military families opt to move themselves, either by purchasing packing materials and renting their own moving vehicle or by hiring a moving company to assist them.

Such moves were once called do-it-yourself, or DITY, moves. The Defense Department now calls these moves per-

sonally procured moves, or PPM.

Following a PPM, servicemembers file for reimbursement.

However, reimbursement amounts can vary significantly based on individual circumstances. Hegseth noted that those rates are too low, and some service members could be paying out of pocket to move their family.

"We're increasing the government reimbursement rate to 130% instead of 100%, which will cover (the cost of a PPM), we believe, based on the math we're looking at, full compensation when you take that on as a responsibility of moving you or your family," he said.

Hegseth also said that DOD is forming a task force to examine how PCS moves are conducted.

"We're going to review the entire PCS process and recommend rapid actions inside the department for the best possible moving experience for our service members and their families," he said.

He added that when a military family moves from one duty station to another to meet the needs of the Defense Department, more than the mechanics of the move are at stake.

"Ultimately, this is not just about moving boxes. This is about moving families, husbands, wives, kids, valuables, memories, everything — and you deserve that kind of respect across the board," he said. "We owe it to you to get it right. Everything's on the table. We're going to track this progress weekly. We're going to hold leaders accountable at every level, as we just did, and we will not tolerate poor performance."

ON THE COVER

American flags fly near headstones at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery during a Memorial Day ceremony held May 26. Fort Jackson officials laid a wreath during the ceremony.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

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Honoring the fallen on Memorial Day

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson joined the Midlands community in remembering those who gave the “full measure of devotion” to the country during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

“Memorial Day is set aside to remember, to reflect and renew the promise that we will not forget the brave souls who had given their lives for the freedom we enjoy,” said Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Fort Jackson commander, during the ceremony.

According to the National Cemetery Administration, Memorial Day is the nation’s foremost annual day to mourn and honor servicemembers who died while serving the Nation.

During the holiday, many people visit cemeteries and memorials and place flowers on graves at national cemeteries.

Hood, Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs and the post’s 2024 Drill Sergeant of the Year, Staff Sgt. David Weston, placed a wreath, the 282nd Army Band provided music and the Fort Jackson rifle salute fired a volley during the ceremony.



(Top) Maj. Gen. Daryl O. Hood, Fort Jackson commander, Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erick Ochs and Staff Sgt. David Weston, place a wreath at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

(Far right) Hood says a few words during the ceremony.

(Right) A trumpeteer with the 282d Army Band plays Taps.

(Above) American flags flutter near headstones at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.



Photos by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Information Exchange/ Housing Town Hall

Do you want to get the most up-to-date information about what is happening on Fort Jackson? Do you have feedback you'd like to give about on post housing? Then come to the 1917 Club June 24 for the Community Information Exchange/Housing Town Hall. There you can sit down face-to-face with post leaders, directorates and Partners in Excellence. The meeting starts promptly at 2 p.m. For more information, call (803) 751-5670. The event will not be livestreamed or recorded.

Moncrief Closing

All Moncrief services, including the pharmacy and the appointment call center, will close early on June 12 for internal training. EMS will remain open to take emergency calls.

Birthday Ball Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the 250th Army Birthday Ball are on sale now. Join Fort Jackson in celebrating the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army at the Army Birthday Ball. The ball takes place at 5 p.m. June 14 at the 1917 Club, 5700 Liberty Division Road. Lt. Gen. Milford "Beags" Beagle, commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, will be the guest speaker. Scan the QR code for more information and to purchase tickets.



Safety Training

The Installation Safety Office presents various safety training classes. To register for the Army Traffic Safety Training or Local Hazards training classes, go to the website <https://airs.safety.army.mil/default.aspx>. To register for the Unit Safety Officer training, contact your Safety Specialist.

■ Basic Riders Course: June 24-26 (0 seats open)*; July 29-31 (5 seats open)

■ Advanced Riders Course: July 8 (6 seats open)

■ Intermediate Drivers Course: June 12 (8 seats open); July 22 (20 seats open)

■ Remedial Drivers Course: July 8 (12 seats open)

■ Unit Safety Officer Course: June 3-4 (9 seats open); July 8-9 (22 seats open)

* Safety officials encourage those wishing to attend in case of no shows.

Tuition Assistance Announcement

It is the Soldier's responsibility to ensure their IPPS-A records are current and accurate before requesting Tuition Assistance. If not, your ArmyIgnitED account will be placed on hold and the Soldier is not allowed to proceed to obtain TA. The Education Center is not authorized to perform any actions such as submitting a manual TA on behalf of the Soldiers when there is an IPPS-A hold on the account.

Victory Fresh

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

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Water Quality Report

Fort Jackson's 2024 Water Quality Report is now available. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper report, call (803) 790-7288 to pick up a copy.

First Friday Golf

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUESDAY

Meals in Minutes & Your Budget

10-11:30 a.m., MS Teams. 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 (803) 751-5256, or (803) 751-6749.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

SATURDAY, MAY 30

■ Karate Kid Legends (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

■ Karate Kid Legends (PG-13)

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

● Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

ration is required. For more information, or to register, please call (803) 751-5256, or (803) 751-6749.

JUNE 5

Wine & Yoga

5:30-7:30 p.m., Inchon Lake Park. Sip on a drink while practicing Yoga helps lessen anxiety, create a more relaxed body and of course ... fun. It is well known that wine relaxes the body and mind. To register or for more information, call (803) 751-3700.

JUNE 6

MAHC Change of Responsibility

11 a.m., Moncrief Army Health Clinic Multipurpose Room. Col. Christopher C. Pase, Moncrief Army Health Clinic commander, invites you to attend the Moncrief Army Health Clinic change of responsibility

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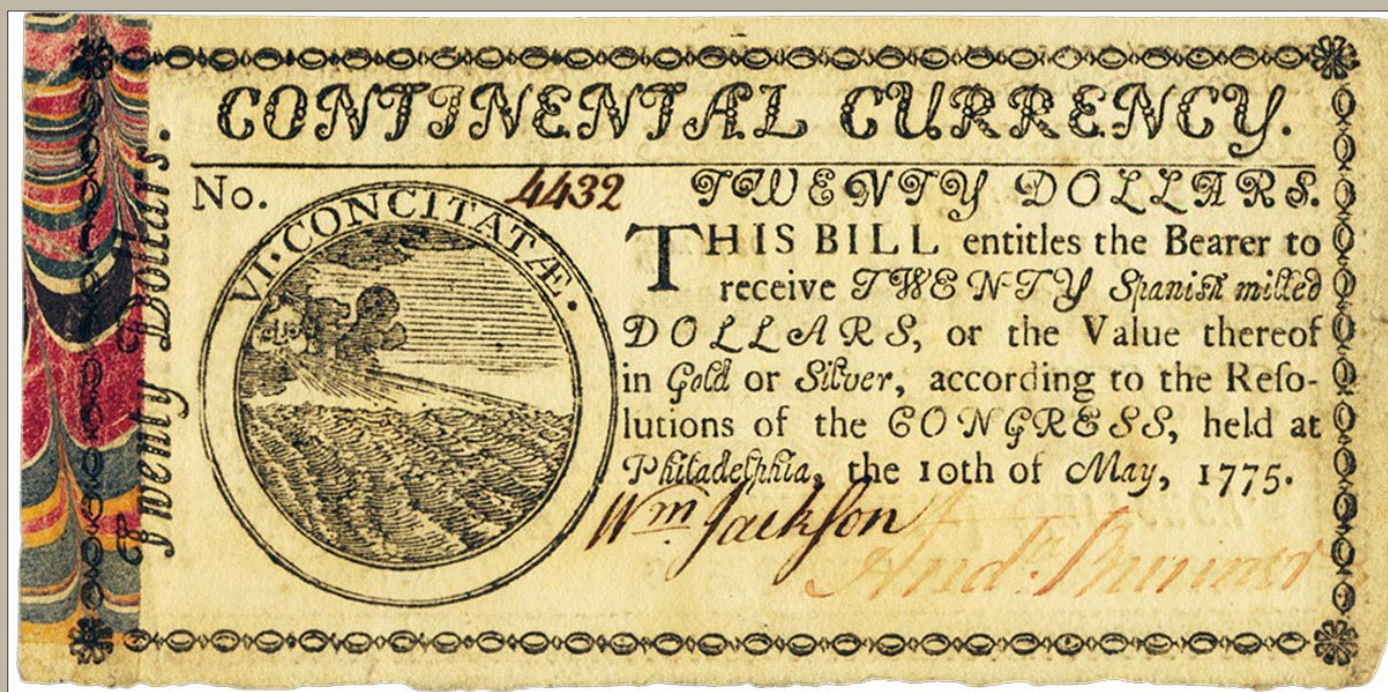
Deadline for events to be included in the Community Updates is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

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.



U.S. Army photo

This continental \$20 bill uses polychrome marbled paper to deter counterfeiting. The Latin inscription, 'VI Conciitate' translated to 'Driven by Force.' The bill was printed May 10, 1775.

Continental soldier pay : 'Not worth a Continental'

By HENRY HOWE
Director, Fort Jackson Museum Community

(Editor's note: This article is part of a recurring column honoring the Army during the service's 250th birthday)

In 1775, when the Continental Army was formed, Congress promised to pay soldiers regularly to encourage them to enlist and stay.

However, during the Revolutionary War, Congress had a hard time keeping these promises.

At the beginning, a private soldier was paid \$6.67 a month, which was about the same as what an unskilled laborer earned.

On top of this basic pay, Congress offered bonuses for signing up and promised land grants for those who served until the war ended.

Despite these commitments, Congress struggled to pay the soldiers regularly.



Without the ability to directly tax and with very little hard currency available, Congress started issuing Continental Currency, a type of paper money that lost

its value quickly.

Soldiers paid in this currency often found their wages became nearly worthless.

By 1776, the Continental dollar had lost 20% of its value, and within two years, its value dropped by 75%.

By 1781, it was almost worthless, leading to a common saying, "Not Worth a Continental."

As the war went on, many soldiers sometimes went months or even years without pay, leading to a lot of frustration and hardship.

This unhappiness led to mutinies, such as the famous Pennsylvania Line

Mutiny in 1781, which was sparked by unpaid wages and poor living conditions.

Gen. George Washington saw how unhappy his soldiers were and repeatedly urged Congress and state governments to improve their pay and support.

He knew that if these issues weren't addressed, it would threaten the Army's ability to continue fighting and the success of the Revolution.

After the war, many veterans struggled to receive backpay and land grants offered by the government.

Some managed to get partial payments, but others faced long battles with the new government to get what they were owed.

Nevertheless, in the end, soldiers fought not for money but for a significant cause: liberty and independence.

Their sacrifices went beyond the battlefield as they faced financial struggles while fighting for the freedom of a new nation.

Hegseth calls for more 'jump' pay

By MATTHEW OLAY
DOD News Service

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced a pay raise for Army paratroopers May 22 during remarks to current and former members of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Hegseth made the announcement during the 82nd's All American Week, a four-day event that brings past and present paratroopers together to celebrate their service through competitions and camaraderie.

"I've got a bit of an announcement today that might be of interest to this community," Hegseth said to the formation of soldiers.

"For the first time in (decades), here (as) the secretary of defense, through the secretary of the Army, we are increasing jump pay," Hegseth said, eliciting an enthusiastic response from the crowd.

Hazardous duty incentive pay — commonly referred to as "jump pay" — is set to increase from \$150 per month to \$200 for rank-and-file paratroopers.

Additionally, Hegseth added, jumpmasters — the senior paratroopers responsible for training and teaching the techniques for jumping from aircraft — will receive an additional \$150 per month on top of the \$150 in HDIP they already earn.

"Here's to our paratroopers, our jumpmasters, who do the difficult things in difficult places that most Americans can never imagine," Hegseth said following the announcement.

TOP DRILLS

Fort Jackson Public Affairs

After four days of arduous competition, Staff Sgt. Edgar Aguayo, of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, was named the U.S. Army Training Center Drill Sergeant of the Year, May 22.

Sgt. 1st Class Randall Smith, a drill sergeant leader at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy was named the school's top active duty drill sergeant.

Seven drill sergeants from the 165th and 193rd Infantry Brigades and two drill sergeants leaders from the USADSA, began the week in a grueling competition that tested their mental and physical abilities to perform at an outstanding level.

Smith said he wants to “continue to develop the Noncommissioned Officer Corps and be a steward of the profession,” yet personally he “can’t sit still and has to keep moving forward” and improving himself.

The two drill sergeants will square off against the top drill sergeants across the Army during the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year competition later this year.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Staff Sgt. Edgar Aguayo, a drill sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, was named the 2025 Fort Jackson Drill Sergeant of the Year.



Photo by STAFF SGT. DANA CLARKE

Sgt. 1st Class Randall Smith, a drill sergeant leader with the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, was named the school's 2025 Active Duty Drill Sergeant of the Year.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Aguayo plots a course during land navigation testing.



Photo by STAFF SGT. DANA CLARKE

Smith dons Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology suit.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Aguayo fires during rifle qualification.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Smith does the plank while taking the Army Combat Fitness Test.



Photo by STAFF SGT. DANA CLARKE

Smith navigates an obstacle at the Fit to Win obstacle course.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Aguayo walks alone to his next point while conducting land navigation.

USACE helps Reception Battalion complete mission

By **EMILY STARK**
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

You are a new Army trainee, seconds away from stepping off the bus at Fort Jackson to begin Basic Combat Training. As you stare into the night sky your mind starts racing. When do I get my haircut; how short is it really going to be? Where do I get my uniform? When will I get to call home to let them know I arrived safely?

Those will come at your first stop to becoming a Soldier – the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).

The bus comes to a slow stop. The bus

door creaks open, and chaos begins. You instantly hear loud commands penetrating the air. There is no time to think - you follow the orders to line up. This is your first step into military life.

A drill sergeant directs you to start marching towards one of the many large buildings ahead. Unbeknownst to you at the time, these Reception Battalion buildings were built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Fort Jackson, the largest Army basic training center, trains roughly 60% of all Soldiers, totaling roughly 50,000 Soldiers per year. To maintain this vital military installation, USACE helps construct and

maintain base facilities.

USACE has helped with Fort Jackson's infrastructure for decades.

In the 1960s, the Savannah District built the initial Reception Battalion training complex, where Army trainees spend their first week completing in-processing.

After overseeing the installation for many years, the Savannah District transferred responsibility for Fort Jackson over to the Charleston District in 2008. Shortly after, Fort Jackson was assessed, and it was determined that these existing buildings were in desperate need of repair.

Renovations on the Reception Battalion's six barracks started in 2012.

After completing renovations on all six barracks, the Charleston District was awarded Phase One of the Reception Battalion in 2021.

This phase includes the Clothing Initial Issue Point Warehouse, where recruits get issued their first set of Army gear, and the dining facility, where they eat all their meals in the first week. Both critical buildings recruits often visit during in-processing.

In 2024, the Charleston District was awarded \$159.6 million for Reception Battalion Phase Two.

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Man up: June is Men's Health Month

By **CAPT. ANTOINETTE DINGLE**
Army Health Nurse

June is Men's Health Month, a national observance aimed at raising awareness about the unique health challenges faced by men. This initiative encourages men to prioritize their health and seek medical care when needed.

Key Health Concerns

Men are more likely to die from heart disease, cancer, and stroke than women.

Additionally, men are at risk for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and erectile dysfunction.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health.

Prevention and Early Detection

Regular check-ups, healthy lifestyle choices, and screenings can help detect health issues early on.

Annual physical exams and health screenings, a balanced diet, regular exercise, and sufficient sleep are also essential for maintaining good health.

Get Involved and Support Men's Health Month by:



■ Participate in Wear Blue Day (Friday, June 13) to raise awareness about men's health issues

■ Share educational resources on social media using the hashtag #MensHealthMonth

■ Encouraging men to prioritize their health and seek medical care when needed

By promoting awareness and prevention, we can improve health outcomes for men and encourage them to take control of their well-being.

To learn more about Men's Health, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/mens-health.htm> and wearblueformenshealth.com.

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only because of the project size, but also since it was the largest Army Military Contract awarded in 2024.

This phase includes a building where in-processing and medical functions take place, an optical fabrication lab, and a new barracks building. Currently in the design process, phase two is projected to begin in 2025 and will take roughly five years to construct. Once complete, the Reception Battalion Complex at Fort Jackson will be up to date for the 21st century.

"These are all impressive buildings, all within budget- we should be proud," said Nancy Jenkins,

Design Branch Chief Engineering with the Charleston District.

Each element of these projects plays a vital role in shaping the future of our Nation's fighting force. The Reception Battalion is the starting point for nearly half of all Army recruits, it is where they spend their entire first week.

The next generation of America's Warfighters starts at Fort Jackson, where USACE plays a vital role.

Fort Jackson plays a key role in developing the next generation of Soldiers, and USACE is helping to transform the base to meet future needs.

As Phase One wraps up and Phase Two begins, these improvements will lay the groundwork for the success and readiness of tomorrow's Soldiers.



U.S. Army photo

Trainees march through the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) area. The complex is under renovations from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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He emphasized that service members remain central to decision-making at the Pentagon.

"I want you to know (that) inside the corridors of the Pentagon, you are on our minds — with the decisions we make in budgets, in planning, in deployments, in orders (and) in reorganizations," he said. "We have you and your families in mind."

Hegseth then spoke about rebuilding the military and reestablishing deterrence — two of his top three priorities, along with restoring the warrior ethos, as outlined in his Jan. 25, 2025, message to the force.

"President (Donald J.) Trump is committed to historic investments inside our formations," Hegseth said. "Our promise to you is that when the 82nd Airborne is deployed — if we have to call 911 for America's response force — you will be equipped better than any other fighting force in the world."

He added that under the current administration, the 82nd Airborne will always maintain a superior advantage in battle.

"That's my promise to you," he said.

On deterrence, Hegseth said the department



Department of Defense photo

Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth speaks at Fort Bragg N.C., May 22, 2025.

is focused on restoring "peace through strength."

"When I look out at this formation, the eyes of the men and women and these flags, I see the eyes of deterrence; I see the eyes of American strength; I see the eyes that will deter the wars that we don't want to fight," he said. "Those who long for peace must prepare for war."

Hegseth closed his remarks by expressing gratitude to the division's troops, veterans and their families in attendance.

"Like those who came before you, you keep showing the world the stuff you're made of," Hegseth said.

"Because we know you are ready for the important work that lies ahead."

SAVE THE DATE

FORT JACKSON'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

GATES OPEN 4PM @HILTON FIELD

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Events

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from Command Sgt. Maj. Kimberly N. Nieves to Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Wall. The ceremony will be live streamed on the Moncrief Army Health Clinic Facebook page.

JUNE 7
National Whitewater Center Trip
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Marion Street Station. Join Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation for a day of adventure at the U.S. Whitewater Center. The trip includes white-water rafting, zip lines, rock climbing, mountain biking and more. The cost is \$60 per person and includes transportation. Must be 8 years or older. Patrons must register at Marion Street Station. For more information, call (803) 751-3484.

JUNE 14
Strongman/Strongwoman
10 a.m., Vanguard Gym. What a great

way to celebrate the Army's 250th birthday. There will be five fun, exciting and challenging events to test your strength. There will be prizes for males and females in all weight classes. Sign up and weigh-in at Perez Gym, Vanguard Gym or at the Sports Complex by June 12. For more information, call (803)751-5839.

Newcomers Orientation Tour
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building. Join Army Community Service for a historical trip to Charleston, South Carolina. The trip visits the International African American Museum. Plus, patrons can explore the Historic City Market for unique finds and lunch (on your own). In addition, they can enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the Charleston Farmers Market for more shopping and entertainment. Come, connect with other military families while learning about South Carolina history. Space is extremely limited so reserve your spot today For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

JUNE 21

Juneteenth Fun Run
8 a.m., Palmetto Falls Water Park. For more information, call (803) 751-3700.

JULY 4
Save the Date
4 p.m., Hilton Field. Mark your calendars. Fort Jackson's 4th of July Celebration will be held July 4 at Hilton Field. There will be food trucks, games for children, and the best fireworks in the Midlands.

JULY 6-12
Club Beyond
Club Beyond, an approved ministry partner here at Fort Jackson is taking high schoolers and middle schoolers to overnight camps this summer to Carolina Point Young Life Camp in North Carolina. The trip is for military teens who have just completed 9th-12th grades. If you are interested in participating, register at [cb114.younglife.events/2025-carolina-point-week-7-cb114hs](#). For more information, call the Club Beyond Fort Jackson Community Director at (256) 794-2623.

JULY 12
Private Weapons Day
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aachen Range. Shooters can shoot at targets between 25-200m. Paper targets, spotting scopes, tables and chairs are provided. Patrons can shoot rifle or pistol at a day rate or on an hourly rate. Pre-register at Marion Street Station. For more information, call (803) 751-3484. For information about registering your weapon, call (803) 751-6019.

JULY 27-31
Club Beyond
Club Beyond, an approved ministry partner here at Fort Jackson is taking high schoolers and middle schoolers to overnight camps this summer to Rockbridge Young Life Camp in VA. The is for ,ilitary teens who have just completed 6th- 8th grades. If you are interested in participating. register at [cb114.younglife.events/2025-rockbridge-wk-11-cb114ms](#). For more information, call the Club Beyond Fort Jackson Community Director at (256) 794-2623.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
	CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
	CATHOLIC MASS	TUE-FRI	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	10:15-11:30 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
	HEATHEN/PAGAN	SUNDAY	11 A.M. to NOON	LIGHTNING CHAPEL

Army unit shares how to become more mobile, lethal

By SHANNON COLLINS
Army News Service

The Army's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, shared insights gained from its nine-month European rotational deployment as the Army's only Transformation in Contact 1.0 unit in an active theater during a media roundtable May 5, 2025, at the Pentagon.

The brigade is one of three brigades with an initiative to integrate technological advancements into equipment and force structure.

Unique to the Soldiers' experience was that they were the first Army brigade to "transform in contact" while forward deployed.

Transforming in Contact, or TiC, is how the Army is adapting its organization and delivering new technologies into the hands of Soldiers so they can experiment, innovate and be ready to fight on a modern battlefield. It accelerates fielding of necessary capabilities and leverages commercial off-the-shelf products to get new capabilities to the force fast.

Col. Josh Glonek, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, said when their deployment began nine months ago along NATO's eastern flank from the Baltics to the Black Sea region, the Army asked them to do two things: become more mobile and more lethal.

Lessons learned

The unique brigade applied lessons learned from the war in Ukraine to advance Army efforts in unmanned aerial systems employment, electronic warfare, ground mobility, deception, command and control, survivability and more.

The brigade operated in challenging terrain in complex environments, during winter conditions, Glonek said during Combined Resolve 25-01 at the

Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Germany.

"The difficult terrain and weather tested equipment and Soldiers, leading to crucial adjustments in tactics," he said. "The European weather — cloud cover, fog, icing — presented significant challenges to drone operations. We need to develop technologies and tactics that can operate effectively in these conditions."

Although the terrain and weather were difficult, he said the Soldiers proved their resiliency.

"Our Soldiers are proving that they can adapt and overcome, even in the most demanding environments," Glonek said.

The colonel said the unique brigade also successfully fielded new equipment across five NATO countries.

"The 3/10 has been at the forefront of integrating cutting-edge technologies like advanced drones (Skydio, Vector, Darkhive), new vehicles such as Infantry Squad Vehicles, or ISVs, and networked communication systems. This isn't just about having new gear. It's about how we're using it to enhance our capabilities."

Glonek said the integration of Infantry Squad Vehicles, unmanned systems — including lethal drones — and redesigned Strike Companies has increased the brigade's ability to maneuver quickly, find the enemy, and deliver decisive firepower. He said ISVs and Soldier Mounted Equipment Transports significantly improved the light infantry's mobility, reducing their reliance on traditional support units.

Ninety percent of the brigade-initiated fire missions were observed by the UAS, significantly increasing accuracy and reducing risk to Soldiers, he said. The integration of Strike Companies, equipped with scouts, mortars and unmanned systems proved effective



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Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division, set up the Ghost X medium-range reconnaissance drone during exercise Combined Resolve 25-1 at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels Training Area, Jan. 15, 2025.

tive in finding, fixing and locating enemy forces.

"Through this, we've learned the importance of maintaining dedicated reconnaissance," Glonek said.

Lethality, readiness

Glonek said the brigade combat team is modernizing their equipment and their approach to warfare to increase their lethality and readiness, so they can answer the call anywhere at any time.

"The 3/10 was specifically designed to rapidly integrate new technologies and adapt our organizational structures," he said. "We're now delivering those lessons learned — practical, actionable insights — to the entire Army."

He said they incorporated discoveries from their European rotation to test and improve their C2 configuration, invest in innovations, and implement emerging technology with brigades to make

them more lethal in multi-domain operations.

"The lessons learned by the 3/10 are shaping the future of the Army," Glonek said. "We are prioritizing electronic warfare, investing in drone capabilities, and ensuring our Soldiers are equipped with the skills and technology they need to win on the modern battlefield."

The brigade fielded lightweight alternatives and introduced drones, unmanned aerial systems equipment, electronic warfare and mobile infantry vehicles to adapt to the changing modern warfare environment.

It integrated multiple TiC systems and capabilities across the European theater. By emphasizing these TiC capabilities, integrating NATO Allied Forces and partner nations, Patriot Soldiers validated the Army's ability to command and control U.S. and NATO

ground forces in a large-scale combat operational environment, Glonek said.

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"This provided invaluable insights unavailable in training exercises," he said. "We worked side-by-side with our NATO allies, sharing technology and learning from their experiences. It reinforced the importance of interoperability and collective defense."

As a TiC unit, the Soldiers were prioritized to receive the newest warfighting capabilities, including more than 150 unmanned aerial systems and upgraded communications equipment.

VICTORY... STARTS HERE



A trainee with 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, gets wet while navigating an obstacle. Trainees go through tough and rigorous training on their way to becoming lethal warfighters.

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