



Retiree Bulletin

Dear Fellow Military Retiree,

On behalf of the Fort Jackson Military Retiree Council (FJRC), Eric and I express our deepest thanks for your service to our nation. We've enjoyed meeting the great retirees in our state who continue to serve their communities in their own way.

The new Fort Jackson Commanding General, Major General Daryl Hood, highly regards the insights and values that the military retirees bring to the state, and Fort Jackson. In turn, the FJRC continues in earnest to provide information to all military retirees, regardless of service or component. The South Carolina National Guard has several upcoming retiree information sessions, and the 81st Readiness Division continues to inform and educate the Reserve Retirees as well.

The most important thing is helping us keep all military retirees in our State informed with the latest updates on benefits and services. The Fort Jackson Retirement Services Office serves as the conduit for this information, send your request and email addresses to the following email address: armyrso@army.mil.

The 2025 Fort Jackson Retiree Appreciation Days will be held this year from May 1-3, 2025. Thursday's pass in review from the Basic Training Graduates in front of the Retirees is open to all, recognizing both retired military personnel as well as America's newest Soldiers. We will also host the extremely popular "Retiree Expo" on Saturday and hope you can take full advantage these

opportunities. Back due to the overwhelming positive feedback last year, the US Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Benefits Team will be our guest speaker. You can find further details in this newsletter.

We look forward in seeing you at the 2025 Retiree Appreciation Days!

Regards,

Dan Beatty

Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council

Eric Dostie

Secretary, Fort Jackson Retiree Council

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FORT JACKSON 2025 RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS

Thursday, May 1, 2025

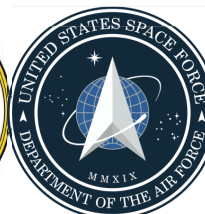
- 7:30 a.m. Join us online at <https://www.facebook.com/USArmyGarrisonFortJackson> to hear the Garrison Commander's Message to the Retirees. 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at the Club 1917, meal cost \$8
- 9:00 a.m. Basic Training Graduation Ceremony and Salute to Retirees. **Guest Speaker** Command Sergeant Major (CSM) (Retired) David S. Davenport. Reserved seating under the covered bleachers. Enter Hilton field with VIP parking with pass at the 4th Division Road entrance. Arrive not later than 0830, to be escorted to the reserved seating.
- To obtain VIP parking pass contact (520) 671-8431 (520) 671-8436.

Friday, May 2, 2025

- The 21st Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Golf Tournament will be held on May 2, 2025. This year's event will kick off with a welcome from a Fort Jackson Retiree Council member. The tournament will be played on the Wildcat Course with a 9:00am Shotgun Start. Format is Captain's Choice, Gross and Net Scoring. Cost is \$45-FJGC member, \$55 Authorized Patrons, and \$60-Civilians. Entry fee includes all golf fees, prizes and a post tournament meal. Register your team today or sign up as a single and the FJGC PGA Professional will pair you with a group. Register your team by signing up at the Golf Club or calling the FJGC golf shop at (803) 562-4437.

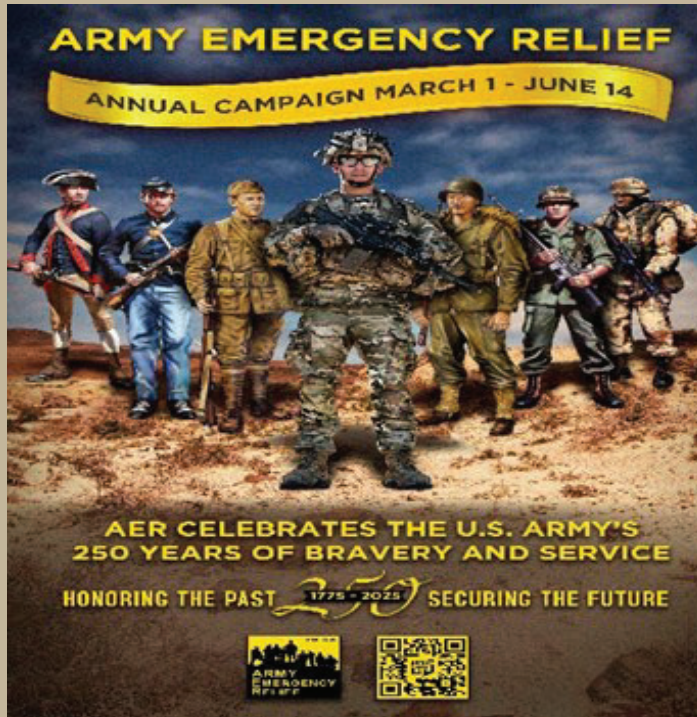
Saturday, May 3, 2025

- Retiree Health and Benefits Expo at the Solomon Center, 6510 Strom Thurmond Boulevard, Fort Jackson, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. This year's Speaker: **Ms. Alethea Harry, Veteran's Readiness & Employment (VRE) Officer, Veteran's Affairs Regional Office, Columbia.** Ms. Harry will provide updates and a Q&A session at 10:00 a.m. VA claims technicians on site. Moncrief Army Health & Dental Clinics (MAHC) will provide health screenings and counseling booths. There will be a host of other agencies represented.
- 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. ID Card Services in building 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd, Strom Thurmond Bldg.
- AAFES in Store Sales at the Main PX starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Commissary in Store Sales starting at 9:30 a.m.



Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Interest Free Loans & Grants for Active Duty, Retired Soldiers, and Scholarships for Spouses and Dependent Children



Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, nonprofit organization that was created in 1942 to help Soldiers, Retirees, and their Family members who experience financial emergencies. AER provides funds to help with immediate financial needs such as rent/mortgage, POV payments, utilities, emergency travel, minor home repairs, etc. In 2024, Fort Jackson provided over \$1M to 550 applicants during their time of need. AER also provides emergency funds to Soldiers' orphans and widows and offers undergraduate scholarships to Spouses and Children of both active and retired Soldiers. During the 2023-2024 school year, Fort Jackson was part of the top 20 installations of applicants who applied and was awarded a scholarship for educational assistance.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization, and it's dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own." AER has always served the Army in times of need as even the best Soldiers and Retirees need help. Financial emergencies seem to occur at the worst times, but AER's ability to provided interest-free loans and grants can greatly reduce the stress of unforeseen problems. For more information please call (803) 751-5256 or visit

<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>.

Latest ID Card News...

How to request ID Cards ONLINE :See ID Card Office Online (IDCO): <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

- **Nominate a family member for addition to DEERS**
- **View or print your current family member list**
- **Request reissuance of a family member's ID card**
- **Update a sponsor's personal contact information**

Family ID Cards View Sponsor/Family ID Card

Nominate Family Member

Request Family Member ID Card

Online USID Card Renewal

Print Family List

CONTINUE



ONLINE ID Card Activation

To activate ID cards requested online follow the steps below:

WEBSITE: DODHRA.MC-ALEX..DMDC.LIST.RAPIDS-SELF-SERVE-HELPDESK@MAIL.MIL

The email sent by the sponsor must include:

**Sponsor's Name
Sponsor's Contact Information
Best time to contact the sponsor
Issue you are experiencing**

PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU BEGIN THIS PROCESS ONLINE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE PROCESS ONLINE. THE ID CARD OFFICE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE THIS TRANSACTION ONCE YOU HAVE STATRED THE PROCESS.

For any questions or assistance, please contact us at (803) 751-6024 during normal business hours.

Medical News...

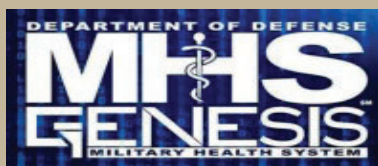
Beginning on May 1, 2025, we are consolidating our pharmacy staff to peak prescription demand times to improve efficiency and timeliness of service. All pharmacy locations will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and close on weekends and federal holidays.

More News...

Phone Numbers – Monday (17 March 2025), our Messaging/Call Center will move to a new contract which should decrease wait times and prevent calls from being dropped unexpectedly. Along with this new move comes a new phone number. The new number will be: (833) 662-7433.

My Military Health – Everything we do is about making sure our patients have the tools they need to better manage their health, and that's why we are introducing, **"My Military Health." With this new care model, you'll be able to meet with your care team at a time and location that's convenient for you. You can have a telephone appointment, a virtual one, or if you still prefer, you can come into the clinic. By following this model, your team will be able to reduce unnecessary trips to the clinic that can be taken care of over the phone or by a virtual appointment. This will also open up our providers' schedules so that more appointments are available, and wait times are reduced.**

The way it works...



If you want to make an appointment, call the number above, tell the messaging center representative what your healthcare needs are, and they in turn will message your primary care team with the details. This helps the team determine if you need to be seen in person, or if a virtual or telephone appointment is more appropriate. You can also message your care team through MHS Genesis. Once the message is placed with our team, you will receive a telephone call back the same day letting you know when and what type of appointment is available for you. **(NOTE: Calls placed after 3:30 p.m. will be answered the following business day.)**

Army Substance Abuse Note...

Prescription Take Back Day:

When: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: 1000-1400 hours

Where: Fort Jackson PX



For additional information contact: Mrs. Sandra Mayweather
Sandra.mayweather.civ@army.mil (803) 751-4785

Casualty Assistance Notes...

Fort Jackson Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) is in the Strom Thurmond building, room 206, located at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd., Columbia, SC 29207. The Casualty Assistance Center assist Army families residing in the following South Carolina counties: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York Counties.

The Fort Jackson CAC is responsible for providing military funeral honors to veterans who have defended our great nation. Former military members who served on active duty and completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under honorable conditions are eligible for military funeral honors. The military flag is given to the deceased's next of kin. The next of kin is determined by who is most closely related to the veteran. To schedule military funeral honors, please contact your local funeral home.

Fort Jackson CAC hours of operations are Monday – Friday, 0730 - 1700 (Eastern Time). We can be reached telephonically at 803-751-4519 or 803-751-7980.

Fort Jackson Casualty Assistance Center, Caring for Families.
Dr. Camille Owen, Director, Directorate of Human Resources
Ms. Sarrah Carter, Chief, Military Personnel Division
Ms. Elizabeth Matt, Chief, Casualty Assistance Center





Naval Weapons Station, Joint Base Charleston

2316 Red Bank Rd, Goose Creek, Sc 29445

(843) 963-1110

Shaw Air Force Base

411 Polika Dr, Shaw AFB, SC 29152

(803) 895-5850

www.shaw.af.mil

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort

Gordon St, Beaufort, SC 29906

(843) 228-7777

Marine Corps Recruiting Office

1317 Assembly St, Columbia, Sc 29201

(803) 779-7070

United States Space Force

www.spaceforce.mil

Sector Charleston United States Coast Guard

www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil



81st RD Retirement Planning Seminars FY25



Scan for more information.

Retirement Services Office

81 Wildcat Way, Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

Office: (803) 751-9864 / 9546 / 9698

81st RSO Email: usarmy.usarc.81-rd.mbx.dhr-psd-rso@army.mil

Area Covered: AL, FL, LA, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, Puerto Rico, and USVI

Registration: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/ArmyReserve>

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>
Saturday, October 26, 2024	Fort Jackson, SC	0800-1630
Saturday, November 16, 2024	Orlando, FL	0800-1630
Saturday, December 14, 2024	Birmingham, AL	0800-1630
Saturday, January 25, 2025	Fayetteville, NC	0800-1630
Saturday, February 8, 2025	Fort Buchanan, PR	0800-1630
Saturday, April 12, 2025	Louisville, KY	0800-1630
Saturday, May 3, 2025	Hattiesburg, MS	0800-1630
Saturday, June 7, 2025	Myrtle Beach, SC	0800-1630
Saturday, July 12, 2025	Nashville, TN	0800-1630
Saturday, August 16, 2025	New Orleans, LA	0800-1630
Saturday, September 6, 2025	Charlotte, NC	0800-1630

*Dates and locations subject to change. Please verify with the RSO distro email listed above prior to making travel arrangements.

Retirement Services Notes...



The Retirement Services Office is located in Room 117, Building 5450, Thurmond Boulevard, Fort Jackson, SC 29207.

Hours of Operation:

Walk-in: Monday-Friday 0800-1000

Closed on every 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1300-1630 for training.

Appointments run from 1000 –1600. Call (520) 671-8436 or (520) 751-8431, to schedule.

Retirement Services Offered...

MyPay pin resets, pay inquiries, survivor benefit actions, 1099Rs/1095s issued, award letters for purchasing real estate, reporting a death and obtain military records, and all other DD 2656 actions.

We are looking forward to honoring you the great men and women who have faithfully served our country. Don't miss the Continental Breakfast, in the Excalibur Room of Club 1917.

Get your tickets in advance by stopping by the club or calling the Retirement Services Officer Ms. Regina Harlan at (520) 671-8431.

"Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier...A Soldier for Life"