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Resiliency Stand-To Schedule

DAY ONE

Main Event

9-9:10 a.m. - Opening Remarks

9:10-9:40 a.m. - Overview of Services

9:40 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Exposition with on and off post vendors

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Recipes and vendors at the Commissary. (Vendors will have granola bars and fruit as well as recipes)

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Victory Fresh Initiative at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy Dining Facility
Lunch costs \$6.85.

Breakout Sessions

Upper Track (MWR - Resilience with Movement)

11-11:15 a.m., 11:30-11:45 a.m., 2-2:15 p.m., 2:30-2:45 p.m.

Game Room (SHARP/MEO - Jeopardy)

10-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.

Craft Room (MRT Demonstrations/Kahoot)

10-10:30 a.m.: Avoid Thinking Traps

10:30-11 a.m.: Detecting Icebergs

1:30-2 p.m.: Assertive Communication

2-2:30 p.m.: Active Constructive Responding

Pool Room (H2F - Squat/Deadlift Form class and Food Demo)

Marion Room (R2-Balancing Energy)

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

10-10:15 a.m.: Squats

10:30-10:45 a.m.: Deadlift

DAY TWO

Tours

Army Community Service - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Financial Readiness, EFMP, and General Programs

Main Post Chapel - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Chapel resources

Chaplain Family Life Center - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Counseling Services, Facility Tour

Armed Forces Wellness Center - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Health Nutrition, Body Composition Analysis, Stress Management

Soldier Performance Readiness Center - 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m..

Meal Prep Demo and Sleep Demonstration

Guest Speaker Luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - NCO Club Ballroom

Guest Speakers

Col. Kenneth Dwyer

- The power of mental toughness in overcoming trauma

Command Sgt. Maj. Linwood Barrett

- Emotional resiliency

Sandra Mayweather

- Finding power through your pain

3 p.m. - Institute for Religious Leadership Auditorium

Retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin

- Bipolar General: My Forever War with Mental Illness

ON THE COVER

Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly, Fort Jackson commander, leads the opening cheer at the University of South Carolina's Salute to Service Game at Williams-Brice Stadium,



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Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

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Long Lost Friend

Door gunner, helicopter reunited after 55 years



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Thomas Edwards poses in front of '325,' with his sons, Sgt. Josh Edwards and Col. Jason T. Edwards and their Families, Nov. 11. Sgt. Thomas Edwards served as a door gunner on the UH-1H helicopter during the Vietnam War.

Story, photo by COL. JASON T. EDWARDS

Army Soldier Support Institute

There are unique opportunities to recognize service, and unfortunately, sometimes that recognition takes half of a century.

Sgt. Thomas Edwards, father of Col. Jason T. Edwards, commander of the Soldier Support Institute on Fort Jackson, served as a door gunner in the 134th Aviation Company from 1967 to 1968 with combat duty in Vietnam.

Sgt. Edwards earned an Army Commendation Medal with Valor on July 30, 1968 for successfully extracting a long-range reconnaissance patrol. Unfortunately, the orders were received after he left Vietnam, so he was never formally recognized.

Col. Edwards and his brother, Sgt. Josh Edwards began orchestrating a way for their father to receive formal recognition.

Since their father frequently mentioned

serving in the 134th Aviation Company, they began researching the unit, along with several Family members. They discovered a 2011 ceremony in Daleville, Alabama, outside of Fort Novosel (formerly Fort Rucker), Alabama.

The city displayed the dedication of "325," referring to tail number 325 on a UH-1H Huey helicopter, with both Sgt. Willis Coleman and Sgt. Thomas Edwards, who served as the Crew Chief, present for the ceremony.

All helicopters have alpha-numeric characters displayed on the tail of the aircraft, known as tail numbers. Like vehicle identification numbers, tail numbers are unique to each aircraft and help authorities identify the vehicle, when necessary.

The event was made even more special, because he was also an inaugural member of the unit, signing for the aircraft after the unit activation.

Following this discovery, the Edwards' brothers then expanded the plan for a

joint recognition for their father and his courageous service by reuniting him with his former aircraft.

Sgt. Edwards recently attended his first Vietnam reunion in Sept. of this year in Granite Falls, Minnesota. However, due to his age and health complications, his health has begun to deteriorate rapidly, making a trip to Alabama, more than 1,300 miles away, nearly impossible.

However, the brothers were not willing to accept defeat and quickly devised a plan, including medical expertise and input from their father's care team.

With the encouragement of family and detailed advice and medical expertise, Sgt. Thomas Edwards made the trip to Daleville, Alabama, Nov. 11.

The Mayor of Daleville and the Aviation Center of Excellence greeted Sgt. Thomas Edwards with a hero's welcome and with his family by his side, Sgt. Thomas Edwards received formal recognition for his heroic actions during the Vietnam

War and was able to see and even touch his aircraft after 55 long years. Sgt. Thomas Edwards noted his service in the United States Army was the most proud he was in his life.



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Thomas Edwards in Vietnam. Edwards was a door gunner on the UH-1H helicopter during the Vietnam War.



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Thomas Edwards sits in front of '325,' the UH-1H helicopter he served on during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his actions during the war at a ceremony, Nov. 11.

Community Updates

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Directorate of Human Resources

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

Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 23

Training holiday – Nov. 24

Christmas Day – Dec. 25

Training holiday – Dec. 26

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Road Name Changes

Fort Jackson has re-named numerous roads and streets on post named after Confederate leaders, battles and units. This is part of efforts to re-name Department of Defense installations, streets, buildings and ships that featured names commemorating the Confederacy. These name changes, effective Jan. 1, 2024, have already been made by the U.S. Postal Service. To learn which road names have changed, scan the QR code or visit <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/fort-jackson-road-renaming>.



Youth Winter Sports Registration

Registration is open until Saturday. Bowling ages 6-18: \$65, Cheerleading ages 3-4: \$25, Ages 5-13: \$45, Basketball ages 3-4: \$25, ages 5-15: \$45. Participants must be registered with CYS and have a current physical on file. For more information and to register, call 751-5040/7451.

Gingerbread House Contest

Gingerbread House Contest is taking place at the Solomon Center, Outdoor Recreation and the Thomas Lee Hall (Post) Library until Nov. 27. Registration is free. Kits are available at all three lo-

cations and need to be returned by Nov. 27. They will be on display at the Library for voting between Nov. 28-29. Winning houses will be at the Holiday Tree Lighting where the winner will be announced. To register call 751-4056.

ArmyIgnitED 101

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

Fort Jackson Golf Club Guest Days

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: Nov. 16 and 26; Dec. 2, 8, 14 and 20.

Coffee, Donuts and Purpose

Coffee, Donuts, and Purpose allows retirees (with drill experience) to connect with current drill sergeants and those who are about to start their time on the trail. This common bond event allows retirees and today's Army members to connect and give back to one another making each other stronger through their shared service, passion, weaknesses, and strengths. For more information, email Tabatha Baker, 193rd Health Educator, at tabatha.l.baker2.civ@army.mil.

Yoga and Stretching Classes

DS Timothy Kay Soldier Performance

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Resiliency Stand-To

Fort Jackson will conduct a two-day Resiliency Stand-To today and tomorrow. Day one includes opening remarks, an overview of services, breakout sessions and vendors inside the Solomon Center. On day two there will be tours of post activities; a panel will speak on resiliency from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the NCO Club Ballroom; and a livestreamed talk by retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin at 3 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://home.army.mil/jackson/about/resiliency-fair>. Register for the Resiliency Stand-To guest speakers luncheon at the NCO Club. For access to the buffet, it will be \$15 at the door (cash or card). If you would like to attend, but not purchase food, please still RSVP to ensure adequate seating is provided. RSVP no later than Nov. 10 via email at usarmy.jackson.army-tng-ctr.mbx.fj-resiliency-lead-planners@army.mil or call at 751-2915/6334.

TODAY

Fort Jackson Sportsman Club

6 p.m., Alpine Lodge. The Fort Jackson

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Fort Jackson

Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.

Phone: 751-7488

NOV. 17

■ Dumb Money (R) 6 p.m.

NOV. 18

■ A Place in the Field (R) 2 p.m.

- Free Screening

NOV. 22

■ The Marvels (PG-13) 2 p.m.

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

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

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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.

Former commandant returns to Institute of Religious Leadership in new role

Story, photos by MEL SLATER
Institute for Religious Leadership

Former U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership Commandant, retired Chaplain (Col.) Jeff Hawkins, and his spouse Lori returned to 'The Heart and Home of the Army Chaplaincy,' a phrase he introduced, to visit with Chaplain Captains Career Course 23-003 students on Nov. 9.

Hawkins was the 42nd commandant of the then named Chaplain Center and School from 2017 to 2019, retired in 2019. However, this time his role at the school was different.

"I invited Chaplain Hawkins based off my relationship with him as my endorsing agent and my passion to see chaplain Families feel seen and supported" said Chap. Mike Voudouris, C4 small group leader. "I asked him and Lori to speak to the class



Former Commandant, retired Chaplain (Col.) Jeff Hawkins and his spouse Lori returned to The Heart and Home of the Army Chaplaincy to visit with Chaplain Captains Career Course 23-003 students on Nov. 9. Reverend Hawkins now serves as the military chaplain endorser for the Church of the Nazarene.

with this in mind ... What I wish I would have known as an Army chaplain senior captain that I know now."

Since 2021, Hawkins serves as the military chaplain endorser for the Church of the Nazarene, providing encouragement and accountability to over 100 Nazarene military chaplains and chaplain candidates within the Department of Defense. He also serves on the board of directors for the not-for-profit military community youth ministry.

Hawkins spoke of his new role.

"I have to share my love. So, the Army and Army only, that was my tribe, those were my people, that was my love," explained Hawkins. "Now as an endorser, I am a chaplain to chaplains of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, even within the Navy we have Coast Guard and now we've got Space Force thrown in there. So, I get to wrap my arms around an even bigger circle of love.

"I'm learning at this age I knew a few things about the Army after 31 years, but now I'm learning lots of new things about Navy culture, Air Force culture and the other services just to minister and stay in step with them. In the role of endorser, we have chaplains across all the military services," he added.

Hawkins had a conversation with C4 Class 23-002 that included some spouses during his visit as part of a family strengthening event for the class. He spoke about his career as an enlisted Soldier and his transition and service in the Chaplaincy. He and his wife gave the students and spouses an opportunity to engage in dialogue on various topics related to the chaplain experience.

"In the heart of the Chaplain Corps, a beacon of kindness and compassion shines brightly. Chaplain Hawkins spoke with wisdom and grace and delivered an outstanding speech on the essence of effective chaplaincy," said Chap. Phillip Tah, a C4 student. "He identified the qualities of an effective chaplain that stood out to me: character, competence, and connection.



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He embodies the very qualities he extolled. His words, a guiding light, remind us that true leadership stems from a heart that cares deeply for others. In his presence, we found solace and strength, and in his example, we discover the path to becoming better versions of ourselves."

Hawkins initially enlisted as a Green Beret Soldier and served over two decades as a U.S. Army chaplain. He is ordained as a Christian minister by the Church of the Nazarene. Across his 31 years of military service, and four combat tours, Hawkins said his greatest joy was delivering hope and help to Soldiers and their families while loving and leading with character, competence, and connection "For God and Country."

Educationally, he holds a doctorate degree and three master's degrees. His numerous military awards and decorations

include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (one oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star (one oak leaf cluster), the Special Forces Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

He and his wife of 40 years, Lori, have two married children and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Hawkins also had an effect on the class members and their spouses.

"Chaplain Hawkins' wife Lori encouraged me to enjoy the difficulties of military life together with my spouse, growing together through long days and fast-moving years," said Chap. Steve Anoai, who is also a C4 student.

The event ended with a luncheon in the USA-IRL visitors center. Mrs. Hawkins also had a separate engagement with the spouses.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE



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(Top) 282nd Army Band marches in Columbia's Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 10 (Above) A patron of the parade waves her American flag as the 282nd Army Band marches past. (Right) C.C. Pinckney students wave before the Columbia Veterans Day Parade begins. (Middle right) A Soldier cheers during University of South Carolina's Salute to Service Game. (Far right) Sam Brick, a Vietnam Veteran, speaks to trainees during the Symposium, Nov. 10.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

Patriotism across the Midlands

Community showed gratitude, respect to veterans across the region for Veteran's Day

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson trainees and Soldiers honored the sacrifice of veterans by participating in a plethora of events over the Veterans Day weekend.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and 369th Adjutant General Battalion attended the University of South Carolina's Salute to Service football game, where the Gamecocks honored the service and sacrifice of veterans during their halftime show.

Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, who have completed all of the require-

ments to graduate from Basic Combat Training, were ecstatic to attend the event and be back amongst the civilian population.

"It was so exciting to hear that we would get to be here," said Pvt. Christian Esvendez. "We've been living the military life and in basic training, everything is very structured. So, coming here feels like a reward for all of the training and suffering we've been through."

University of South Carolina's Salute to Service

WE'VE READ ABOUT IT IN HISTORY BOOKS, BUT A LOT OF US DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS...

- Spc. Kelsey Luttrell
4th Battalion, 39th Infantry
Regiment Soldier

football game showed an immense amount of appreciation, but the BCT unit found yet another way to honor the service of those that served before them with their Veteran's Day Symposium.

For the Veteran's Symposium, trainees spoke to Vietnam veterans to learn more about their service and commitment.

"I want to know what it actually means to serve. A lot of us have watched movies, but I want to know what it means to actually serve," said Spc.

Kelsey Luttrell. "We've seen it on TV or read about it, but a lot of us don't know what it means."

Not to be left out of the Veteran's Day festivities, 100 Soldiers from 369th Adjutant General Battalion participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Columbia.

Members of the 282nd Army Band also marched in the parade as well as students from C. C. Pinckney Elementary, one of two elementary schools on Fort Jackson.

Whether the event was full of pizza, and cheers or questions, answers and experiences, the Fort Jackson community made sure to show gratitude and respect to the veterans across the midlands.



Photo by EMILY HILEMAN



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

WHY I SERVE

U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

PVT. LAILEANA BOTTIAUX, 22

Auburn Hills, Michigan

"Two people influenced me to join: my husband and my uncle. My uncle is a very important part of my life and is prior service. My husband wanted to join before I did, so we were able to go through this at the same time. He left the week before me."

"The most challenging part was not being able to talk to him. In the past four months, we've only talked five times and mostly communicate through voicemails. You don't realize how important communication is until you can't communicate anymore."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this because I want to make a difference in people's lives."



PFC. CHINELO NEBEOLISA, 19

Houston

"My mom influenced me to join the Army. Growing up, she always told me if any of her children were to serve, she knew I would be capable."

"Being in the Army is kind of like what I thought it would be. I knew the drill sergeants would make us Soldiers by any means necessary. I just didn't think it was doable, but I was wrong."

"The physical and mental part of Basic Combat Training was very challenging. It was difficult trying to keep up with the others."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS because being able to impact someone by just being there and listening is rewarding."



PFC. KEAMBRA WALKER, 23

Moundville, Alabama

"The person who influenced me to join the Army was my father. I always wanted to make him proud, so I did everything I told him I would accomplish."

"The Army isn't what I thought it would be. I came in not knowing much about it, but I've learned a lot throughout this experience."

"The most challenging part of Basic Combat Training was getting accustomed to the new environment. I wasn't used to being around a lot of people and I had to get used to it."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS because I want to help people."



PFC. MICHAEL BASS, 22

Benson, North Carolina

"After I graduated college, I didn't know what to do. I began to pray for guidance from the Lord and He led me to this opportunity."

"Basic Combat Training was much easier than I prepared for. It was extremely interesting to be put through the things we did, such as throwing grenades."

"Advice I would give to someone wanting to join the Army is DO IT!

The teamwork is something you will not experience anywhere else. You may not like everyone, but they're still your Family."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. God led me to my MOS and I want to be able to help people through their struggles."



SPC. ARTAJIAH JONES, 26

Youngstown, Ohio

"Working with homeless men and seeing how many were veterans influenced my passion for helping others that have been in combat and are dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental health issues."

"Having to gain more discipline to lead a squad and work with others in a diverse way," was the most challenging part of Basic Combat Training.

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS due to my education in social work that has allowed me to work and care for a diverse population."



PVT. CHRISTOPHER ROSS, 21

Festus, Missouri

"I have wanted to join the Army since I was a child. My grandfather and mom were in the Army, so they influenced me. I also love my country and am proud to serve."

"The Army is and isn't what I expected it to be. It's like a big Family and you can make friends, but I didn't expect the amount of diversity. I also didn't expect to have so much time where we're waiting around."

"My MOS is 56M - Religious Affairs Specialist. I chose this MOS because I am a Christian and love God. I felt called to this MOS to help people and provide spiritual and moral support to those in need."



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

Soldier Spotlight: Staff Sgt. William T. Shealey

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. William T. Shealey isn't just a hard-working and dedicated drill sergeant with 193rd Infantry Brigade. He's also a proud member of the Wassamasaw Tribe of the Varnertown Indians.

The Wassamasaw Tribe are descendants from the original Etiwan, Edisto, Catawba, Cherokee and other Settlement Indian tribes and was formed from two distinct native groups who settled together for protection and preservation.

Following the Yamasee War in 1724, the tribe was granted land and moved into the Wassamasaw Swamp, near Charleston, South Carolina.

"I am 50% Native American, given that everyone on my mother's side are ... part of the Wassamasaw Tribe of the Var-

nertown Indians," said Shealey. "Many people in my father's Family have served in the military, but I am the first in my mother's to serve."

Although his military journey began with the influence of his father, no one inspires Shealey more than his grandmother, Mary. He highlighted her strength and commitment to her Family as a profound source of inspiration.

"She lives the Native American mindset and values. She has been through more hardships in her life than anyone I know," he said. "No matter what gets thrown at her, whether it be losing an adult child, losing her job ... everyone can count on her to be a rock and take care of her family. Where most would give up, she never does."

Shealey's commitment to his Family and setting a positive example extends

beyond the military realm. By demonstrating resilience and dedication, he aims to inspire not only his Family but others facing similar hardships and adversity.

"One of my main values is setting a good example for others to look up to," Shealey said. "Life hasn't always been ideal for the Native American side of the Family, and it has been hard for many to land on their feet. I am trying to break the cycle and set an example."

Shealey highlighted the importance of National American Indian Heritage Month as a platform for fostering understanding and respect.

"I think National American Indian Heritage Month is important," he said. "By celebrating this month, we can work towards a more inclusive and equitable society for everyone."



Courtesy photo

Lisa Collins, Wassamasaw Tribe chief; Staff Sgt. William T. Shealey; Samantha Shealey, Staff Sgt. Shealey's wife; and Jaine Shumak, the chief's sister; pose for a photo during a Wassamasaw Powwow, Oct. 28.

Fair empowers and educates transitioning soldiers, family members



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

A representative from ES-Integrated explains employment opportunities to a Soldier from the 193rd Infantry Brigade. More than 30 potential employers participated in the Education Fair, Nov. 7.

By **EMILY HILEMAN**
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Army Community Service, the Fort Jackson Education Center, and the Transition Assistance Program collaborated to present the Education and Career Fair, which brought more than 60 employment and educational opportunities to transitioning service members, their Families and the Fort Jackson Community, Nov. 7.

The fair aimed to educate attendees about various school opportunities tailored to their interests, experience, and location.

"We have something for everyone," said Carolyn Andrews, transition services manager for the Transition Assistance Program on Fort Jackson. "We have construction, information technology, human resources, finance, the police force, and more. We have a wide variety."

For transitioning Soldiers, the focus

was to match them with meaningful employment that utilizes their skills, interests and education they've obtained throughout their careers.

With 36 employment opportunities and 30 education institutions present, the event provided a rich source of future prospects for all those in attendance.

"We have over 30 schools, ranging from various trade schools all the way up to doctorate programs, and they're all Military Friendly Schools," said Veronica Fields-Cox, education services officer. "So if you're active duty, they take tuition assistance. If you're a military spouse, they take MyCAA."

The Education Fair provided a crucial platform for face-to-face interactions between employers, educational institutions, job seekers, and prospective students. The large-scale Education and Career Fairs are held twice per year, with the next one

scheduled for May. In the meantime, smaller events will happen on a continuing basis at the Education Center, said Fields-Cox.

"For children of service members, we also have resources for them at the Education Center, said Fields-Cox. "We have academic counselors that can talk to them, testing to help determine what field works for them and we also have labs which teach them skills and information. We're here to set everyone up for success."

The Education and Career Fair stands as a testament to one of the many ways resources through the Army are dedicated to supporting Soldiers by ensuring a successful transition into civilian life through education and employment opportunities.

For those who missed the Education and Career Fair, the Education Center welcomes visitors at their headquarters, 4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Events

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Sportsman Club will host its monthly meeting. This meeting will be devoted to the Club's annual Thanksgiving meal. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy time with other men and women of the outdoors.

TOMORROW
Financial Planning for the Holidays
10-11 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will host a Financial Planning for the Holidays seminar. The seminar will cover developing a shopping plan, establishing limits, alternative gifts and financial safety throughout the holiday season. For more information or to register, call 751-5256.

Post CSM Skeet Shoot
1 p.m., Aachen Range. Join us as Post Command Sgt. Maj. Erich Ochs and Outdoor Recreation host a monthly Skeet Shoot. Compete amongst peers for bragging rights. Each round has 25 clays. Launched from 2 skeet houses. \$10 per round if you bring your own shotgun & ammo. \$25 per round if you use Outdoor Rec equipment.

SATURDAY

Holiday Rustic Porch Sign Class
10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center. Want to create your own holiday ornament? Join us for a holiday rustic porch sign class. The cost of \$25 includes all materials. Three designs to choose from. Registration required by Nov 16. For more information and to register call 803-751-4056.

NOV. 21
Meals in Minutes & Your Budget
9-10 a.m., MS Teams. The USAG Civilian Workforce Development Program, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program are partnering to offer the Leader/Workforce Development Series Training "Meals in Minutes & Your Budget" class. This session will teach how to save calories while also optimizing your budget. The class provides tips on meal prepping, eating out, recipes, comparison shopping, meal planning, shopping lists, cooking tools, and ways to save money.

DEC. 1
Holiday Tree Lighting
5 p.m., Patriots Park. Join Fort Jackson as children help Brig. Gen. Jason Kelly light the tree. Santa Claus is also set to arrive as well.

DEC. 2
Go Shopping with Outdoor Rec
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marion Street Station. Cost is \$20 per attendee. For more information, call 751-3484.

THANKSGIVING
MEAL SCHEDULE

UNIT	BLDG.	MEAL	DATE	TIME
1-61ST	11900	LUNCH	NOV. 22	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
3-34TH		DINNER	NOV. 22	4:30-6:30 P.M.
3-39TH	11500	DINNER	NOV. 22	4:30-6:30 P.M.
1-34TH		DINNER	NOV. 22	4:30-6:30 P.M.
4-39TH	** 10540	LUNCH	NOV. 23	11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. **
2-39TH	10401	LUNCH	NOV. 22	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
1-13TH	5455	LUNCH	NOV. 22	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
2-13TH	4270	DINNER	NOV. 22	4:30-6:30 P.M.
3-13TH	5454	LUNCH	NOV. 22	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
2-60TH		DINNER	NOV. 22	4:30-6:30 P.M.
120TH	1869	LUNCH	NOV. 23	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
369TH	2302	LUNCH	NOV. 23	11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.
DSA	9572	LUNCH	NOV. 23	11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
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**THE 4-39TH DINING FACILITY (BLDG. 10540) IS DESIGNATED FOR RETIREES AND GUESTS OF ID CARD HOLDERS NOT ASSIGNED TO A FORT JACKSON UNIT FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. NOV. 23

Holiday Ornament Class
10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center. Create your own holiday ornaments in a class held by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration required by Nov 29. For more information, call 751-4056.

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

DID YOU KNOW: Hypothermia occurs when a person loses more heat than they are able to produce, causing an abnormally low body core temperature (body temp falls below 95°F.

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

Don't get burned: Use space heaters safely

By EMILY HILEMAN
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

As South Carolinians prepare for Jack Frost's annual visit, many are looking for ways to warm up by any means necessary. Unfortunately, some of those methods could be dangerous and life-threatening. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, nearly 25,000 house fires are caused by space heaters, with many fires resulting in hospitalization and more than 300 fatalities each year.

At Fort Jackson, space heaters are permitted in offices and buildings according to installation policy, but there are a few safety factors to consider prior to plugging in and warming up.

- Follow the following safety tips to keep your homes and offices safe.
- * Only purchase space heaters from trusted safety laboratories such as UL or ETL.
 - * Do not plug space heaters into extension cords or power strips.
 - * Review instructions and warning labels to ensure safe operation.
 - * Inspect space heaters for damage before each use.
 - * Place space heaters on low, flat surfaces.
 - * Keep space heaters out of high-traffic areas or doorways.
 - * Keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable items.
 - * Avoid leaving a space heater unattended.
 - * Unplug space heaters when not in use.

The first step to having a personal space heater approved in the workplace is to submit a work order to the Directorate of Public Works, said Whit Dodson, fire inspector for the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Following the service order, the Fort Jackson Fire Department Form 1 must be properly completed with justification and supervisor's signature. The form must then be approved by Matthew Gibbs, energy manager for Fort Jackson.

Lastly, the unit must be inspected by the Fort Jackson Fire Department Professional Services. It can be inspected on site at 5499 Jackson Boulevard or in your office. To schedule an inspection or for more information, reach out to Whitney Dodson at 751-1610.



Photo by ERIC PILGRIM

Space heaters can trick temperature sensors into thinking an area is warmer than it is and they can overload circuits if they aren't plugged in properly or are not an authorized type of heater.



Army Community Service

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 22, 25Closed
Dec. 29, Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2 Normal Hours

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

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 22, 25Closed
Dec. 29, Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 4Normal Hours

Century Lanes Bowling Ctr

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 19-21Closed
Dec. 225-10 p.m.
Dec. 2312-8 p.m.
Dec. 24-28Closed
Dec. 295-10 p.m.
Dec. 3012-8 p.m.
Dec. 31, Jan. 112-6 p.m.
Jan. 5Normal Hours

Child Youth Services
CDCs and SACs

Nov. 23Closed
Nov. 24Normal hours
Dec. 21-296 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25, Jan. 1Closed
CDCs combined at Scales
(4581 Scales Ave)
SACs combined at Hood St
(5614 Hood St)

Youth Center

Nov. 23-24Closed
Dec. 20-296 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25, Jan. 1Closed

Parent Central Services

Nov. 23-24Closed
Dec. 25-29Closed
Jan. 1Closed

Lee Rd Extended Care Ctr

Nov. 22 .. closes at midnight
Nov. 23Closed
Nov. 24opens at 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 to Jan. 2Closed

Fitness Classes

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 19(last class
4 p.m. at Vanguard)
Dec. 20 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2 Normal Hours

NCO Club

Nov. 23-27Closed
Dec. 18 - Jan. 8Closed
Jan. 9-11 .. Lunch Open .. short
order only

Down Range Bar

Nov. 23-27Closed
Dec. 18 to Jan. 16Closed
Jan. 17Normal Hours

Palmetto Greens, 512 Trolley

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

Solomon Center

Nov. 23-24Closed
Dec. 20 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Fort Jackson Golf Club

Nov. 23Closed
Dec. 25Closed

Marion Street Station

Nov. 2210 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Nov. 23-24Closed
Dec. 18-2211 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 23-25Closed
Dec. 26-2911 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 31 to Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Aachen Range

Nov. 24Closed
Dec. 26Closed
Jan. 2Closed

Victory Bingo

Nov. 24Closed
Nov. 25-27Normal Hours
Dec. 24, 25Closed
Dec. 31 to Jan. 1Closed

Victory Travel Center

Nov. 22-24Closed
Dec. 18-229 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dec. 25, 26, 29Closed
Dec. 27-289 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Perez Fitness Center

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

Vanguard Gym

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 20 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Coleman Gym-Open 24 hrs

Nov. 23, 24Unstaffed
Dec. 18 - Jan. 1Unstaffed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Thomas Lee Hall Library

Nov. 23-26Closed
Dec. 23-25Closed
Dec. 30 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Knight Pool

Nov. 23-26Closed
Dec. 20 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Weston Lake

Nov. 23-26Closed
Dec. 3010 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Recycle Center

Nov. 23, 24Closed
Dec. 25Closed
Jan. 1Closed
Jan. 2Normal Hours

Videorama

Nov. 24, 25Closed
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2Closed

(Current as of Nov. 9, 2023)

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Pvt. Lopez, a Soldier with 369th Adjutant General Battalion stands in formation at parade rest prior to the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Columbia, Nov. 10.

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