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STEAM-POWERED LEARNING

Army announces initiative to dominate battlefield data

Army Public Affairs

The Army announced the launch of the Army Data Operations Center, or ADOC, a key initiative designed to transform how the Army manages and utilizes its vast data resources to ensure decision dominance on the modern battlefield.

The ADOC, which reached initial operating capability on April 3 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, will serve as the operational engine for the Army's transformation into a data-centric force. It will connect commanders at all echelons to the full power of the Army's enterprise data, ensuring warfighters have access to the right information at the right time.

While the Army is rich with data from its global operations, much of that information has been fragmented across legacy systems and organizational stovepipes. The ADOC is designed to bridge this gap.

"Commanders are not short on data," said Lt. Gen. Jeth Rey, the Army deputy chief of staff, G-6, during a media roundtable on April 7. "We have tons of data on our battlefield and in our enterprise. We don't have a data problem. We have a data management problem. And data becomes the ammunition that we need to provide to our senior leaders in order for them to make quick and informed decisions and gain decision dominance."

Tasked organized under U.S. Army Cyber Command, the ADOC will act as a centralized data service, described by officials as a "9-1-1 for data." A team of master data brokers will be responsible for identifying authoritative sources, establishing secure connections, and routing critical information to the point of need—from enterprise systems to joint and coalition partners.

"The Army Data Operations Center represents a pivotal step in our journey to becoming a truly data-centric force," said Lt. Gen. Christopher Eubank, commanding general of Army Cyber Command. "By enabling seamless access to trusted, actionable data, ADOC ensures that our commanders and Soldiers are equipped to make precise, timely decisions. This capability is essential to maintaining our advantage…ultimately allowing us to set the land domain through the cyber domain."

To guide the center's development, the Army established an ADOC Task Force, which is currently executing a 180-day pilot program.

"The ADOC is ultimately intended to be the 9-1-1 for the operational force to call when they have a data management, data connectivity issue," said Brig. Gen. Michael Kaloostian, the ADOC Task Force director. "We are the ones that are going to alleviate the burden from those divisions."

In the Pacific, 25th ID Soldiers lead Army's push for faster, data-driven capability

As it matures, the ADOC will also aim to operationalize data for artificial intelligence and machine learning, managing the Army's AI model garden and shortening the sensor-to-shooter timeline. By turning raw data into refined intelligence, the ADOC will empower Soldiers at every level to out-think and out-maneuver any adversary, securing the Army's decisive edge now and in the future.



Photo by PFC. JACOB CRUZ

Cpl. Tyler Coffie, a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist, operates the Android Team Awareness Kit to locate simulated casualties during Ivy Sting 4 at Fort Carson, Colorado, Feb. 3. The Army recently announced the launch of the Army Data Operations Center to help manage data resources.

ON THE COVER

First Sgt. Shawn Cupp, senior enlisted leader for the 282d Army Band, plays the French horn for C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students during the school's STEAM day, April 14.

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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

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Pinckney celebrates military children with special day

By DR. KERRIE AMMONS
C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School marked the Month of the Military Child with an engaging and educational Military Child Activity Day on April 15, celebrating this year's theme, "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story."

The day honored military connected students while helping all children learn more about service, teamwork, and community pride.

Throughout the school day, students rotated through five special area stations during Art, Music, and Physical Education. Each station offered a hands on experience designed to be both age appropriate and memorable, blending learning with excitement.

Military children often experience frequent moves, new schools, and time apart from loved ones due to military service. These experiences help them develop strength, flexibility, and responsibility at a young age. Events like Military Child Activity Day give schools an opportunity to recognize those experiences while celebrating military connected students for who they are and the positive contributions they bring to the school community.

At Station 1, students watched a performance by the Richland Northeast High School Drill Team. The team's precise movements and teamwork highlighted values such as dedication, responsibility, and pride in doing one's best. The performance also helped students understand how working together and serving others can support something bigger than themselves.

Students learned about safety and problem solving at Station 2, where members of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit shared information about their work and answered questions.

Station 3 featured the Fort Jackson K 9 Unit, one of the most popular stops of the day. Students watched demonstrations and learning how military working dogs help service members complete their missions safely.

Making sure students had a chance to simply be kids, Station 4 offered an inflatable activity area, providing time for movement, laughter, and fun between learning stations.



Courtesy photo

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School second grader Rowen Piper and sixth grader Olivia Musolino write on each other's arms during the school's activity day held in honor of the Month of the Military Child.

Creativity was highlighted at Station 5, the face painting and art station, where students shared ideas and designs with one another and with Art teacher Ms. Shouse. The station reflected the theme by showing that every child has a story worth sharing.

According to Kris Albrecht, a member of the school's MOMC Committee, the event was designed to help students feel proud of themselves and connected to others.

"The Month of the Military Child is a time to recognize how strong and capable our students are," Albrecht said. "This year's theme, 'Strength in Every Story,' reminds us that each child's experience matters. We wanted students to feel proud of their families, proud of their school, and to start learning that helping others and serving their community can begin right where they are."

The Military Child Activity Day provided a meaningful opportunity for students to learn, celebrate, and feel recognized. By combining education, creativity, and joyful experiences, C.C. Pinckney Elementary supported military connected students while fostering appreciation for service and community pride among all students.



Courtesy photo

Willow Ostrand, Harlow Waugh and Melody Pike, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students interact with a remote-controlled Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot.

A special thank you is extended to the Fort Jackson volunteers and to the C.C. Pinckney Elementary MOMC Committee for their dedication and hard work in planning this engaging and memorable day for students.

Community Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIF Thursday Closures
Central Issue Facility Fort Jackson, at 2450 Marion Ave., will be closed to all personnel except IET and chapters every Thursday beginning May 7 for training and internal missions. For urgent matters during closures, email Helena A. Thorpe at *helena.a.thorpe.civ@army.mil* and/or Mary E. Mitchum at *mary.e.mitchum2.civ@army.mil*, as phone lines will not be monitored during this period. All personnel and units (except IET & Chapters) are advised to plan accordingly and schedule their CIF visits and appointments on other business days. Note: All CIF transactions require a military uniform and Common Access Card. Walk-ins are available from 8-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for in-processing, additional issue or turn in for up to 3 items, and inquiries. Appointments are required for permanent change of station, expiration term of service, chapter, retirements and issue or turn in of four or more items must be scheduled via Soldier Equipping Asset and Management. Scheduling for Initial Entry Training, Basic Officers Leader Course and drill sergeant hats remain the same.

Storm Drain Repairs
The Department of Public Works began repairing storm drain culverts on parts of roads across Fort Jackson, April 6.
The roads and dates of repairs are:
- Liberty Division Road (Through May 1)
- 5th Division Rd (May 20 to June 7)
- Marion Avenue & Cherbourgh Street (June 8 - 30)

Detour signs will be placed near the repair areas and motorists should expect longer travel time due to road closure and plan accordingly. The schedule is subject to change based on weather, but updates will be provided throughout the repair. For questions, call (520) 671-8550.

Moncrief Announcement
Beginning today all appointments for patients assigned to the blue team, as well as Soldiers in need of the Soldier Readiness Center, will report to the Integrate Health Medical Home located on the ground floor of Moncrief Army Medical Clinic. Patrons are asked to follow the signs and check in a tthe IHMH front desk. For more information, call (803) 751-2291.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MONDAY TO APRIL 24
MOMC Spirit Week
The Thomas Lee Hall "Post" Library is holding fun events to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Fun library events celebrating Month of the Military Child. Join them at the library and wear your purple.
- Monday: 6.p.m., Family Bingo
- Tuesday: 6 p.m. Craft Night. Rock Painting. Create your own painted rock masterpiece
- Wednesday: 3 p.m., Lego Club. Build, create and enjoy
- April 23: 11 a.m., Military child storytime. Wear your purple and enjoy reading, crafts and a fun activity
- April 24: Join the library and the whole MWR team at the CYS Family Fun Fest.

MONDAY
Cyber Safety Workshop
10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 9810 Liberty Division Road, Room 166. Army Community Service invites you to a Cyber Safety Workshop aimed at protecting children from cyber threats. For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

APRIL 24
CYS Family Fun Fest
5 p.m., Patriots Park. Come join Child, Youth Services for the annual Family Fun Fest to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

APRIL 25
Youth Fishing Derby
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Heise Pond. Come join Fort Jackson Outdoor Recreation for the a Youth Fishing Derby. Youths ages 5 to 16 are welcome to come try and catch a whopper in Heise Pond. There will be prizes for heaviest fish and five fish limit total weight. The pond will be stocked so come join us for some fishing, food, and fun. Register at the check-in tent on the day of the event. This is a free event. For more information, call (803) 751-3484.

Youth Golf Clinic
8 a.m., 3652 Inchon Road. Youths ages 6-18 are invited to a free youth golf clinic. Limited space is available so sign up is required. Golf clubs will be provided.

APRIL 30
Cornhole Challenge
5-7 p.m., Perez Gym. Show your cornhole skills in this gym monthly challenge. For more information, call (803) 751-6272.

MAY 1
Mother's Day Paint and Sip
Army Community Service brings you this event where moms and kids can bond while creating masterpieces together. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call (803) 751-5256.

MAY 2
Magic Show
3 and 7 p.m., Down Range Bar. Magician and comedian Michael Kent is coming to the Down Range Bar for free shows.There will be two shows. 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. evening show.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule
3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

APRIL 18
- A Minecraft Move (PG)
Free Showing

APRIL 22
- Project Hail Mary (PG-13)

APRIL 25
- Ready or Not 2: Here I Come (R)

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

MAY 5
Shred Day
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recycle Center. All types of paper with sensitive information will be accepted, but no classified documents. Shredding papers with your personal information provides a level of insurance against identity theft and misuse. For more information, call (803)751-4208.

MAY 6
EFMP - Wellness Wednesday
9-10 a.m., MS Teams. The Exceptional Family Member Program invites the en-

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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 we 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.



Courtesy photo

A rock is emblazoned with the motto of Lt. Col. Brandon Shah, an Old Dominion University professor of military science who was killed in a terrorist attack. His ROTC students recently honored him.

ROTC cadets subdue shooter, honor fallen Army professor

By JOE LACDAN
Army News Service

On a cool March morning in Old Dominion University's Constant Hall, Army ROTC cadets attended class like any other day.

Cadet Wesley Myers arrived to class early to set up a presentation. Lt. Col. Brandon Shah, ODU professor of Military Science, briefed the class on cadet command briefings, an exercise that prepares cadets for officer leadership roles in the Army, teaching them to plan and coordinate missions.

The students didn't know that they would soon put their cadet training into action.

As class presentations concluded, the cadets prepared to leave class. Shah wished the cadets a good weekend and mentioned that he would be having surgery, so the cadets would not see him as often.

Then a nervous looking man entered the classroom.

"Is this the ROTC classroom?" Cadet Samuel Reineberg recalled the man saying. "Or is this a seminar?"

The class fell silent.

Cadet Cecilia Fosso and Shah quietly nodded their heads yes.

Then the man suddenly shouted "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "Allah is great," Myers recalled. He then reached into his waistband and pulled out a Glock 44 pistol.

At 10:43 a.m., the man fired his weapon in Shah's direction and then on the students.

"My first thought was 'is this a drill?'" Cadet Oshea Bego said. The class had just recently discussed force protection and how to safeguard U.S. forces and assets. Then the cadets began to drop to the ground. Some huddled under their desks to shield themselves from the bullets.

Shah charged and attempted to subdue the shooter.

Cadet Louis Ancheta, seeing his professor risk his life by shielding cadets from the gunshots, rushed to Shah's aid. Ancheta uncorked his knife as he ran towards the shooter, feeling a bullet graze his body. Then Shah turned the shooter away from Ancheta. The cadet then thrust the knife into the shooter as quickly and as many times as he could.

"If [Shah] didn't charge at him there's a possibility that I wouldn't be here," Bego said. "There's a possibility he could have turned his gun, and I could have been next."

Several more cadets joined the scuffle punching and stabbing the shooter. Myers noticed the perpetrator still had his shooting hand free, holding the pistol upward.

Then Myers grabbed the weapon and tried to secure the firearm against the wall.

Ancheta and the other cadets eventually brought the shooter to the ground, still struggling to remove the weapon from his hand. Finally, Myers squeezed his fingers beneath the man's hand and pulled the weapon away. Myers released the magazine and pulled back the slide, revealing the shooter had one more round to fire. He placed the weapon on a table for law enforcement.

The cadets eventually ended the life of the shooter to prevent further attacks.

Ancheta, feeling sudden pain, asked his fellow cadets for help. Cadets learn basic combat medical care and how to treat a fallen comrade in the field. Suddenly the cadets had to use those skills to help their friend, who suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen. They bandaged his wound and put his arm on a tourniquet.

Reineberg caught Shah as he fell to the ground. Shah suffered a gunshot wound in his upper leg.

"It was just what I thought I had to do in that moment, to get there and do what I could," Reineberg said. "It's different when it's not a mannequin and it's your friend."

Bego called the ODU chief of police while Fosso sent out an alert on the ODU ROTC battalion group chats. Cadet Jeremy Rawlinson, who also attacked the shooter, found police officers and led them towards the classroom and the victims.

Members of the S.W.A.T. team later arrived and rendered further aid to Ancheta, applying a chest seal and placed him on a stretcher. Ancheta would undergo surgery to repair his wounds.

Several of the cadets would later learn the tragic news that Shah had passed away from his injuries while watching a news livestream.

"There was definitely this sense of 'could we have done more?'" Bego said.

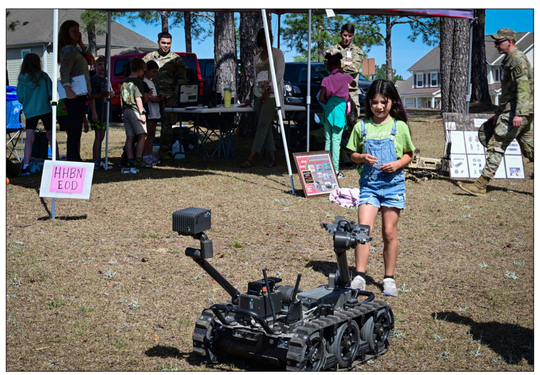
"I take solace in knowing that he was conscious and awake for all of that," Rawlinson said. "He got to see all the training that he and the rest of the cadre had been giving us for the (past) few years. He got to see us instantly do that in action."

His assignments included serving as an operations and training officer for the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. In the 3-17

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Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Pinckney holds a day of ...
STEAM-powered learning

Leader Staff Reports

C. C. Pinckney Elementary School, with the help of Fort Jackson Soldiers, held "a joyful and high energy celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics," April 14.

"STEAM learning blends creativity with critical thinking and problem solving, helping students see how classroom instruction connects to real world challenges," said Jillian Huey, Pinckney STEAM committee chair. "Throughout the day, students showcased their own projects, explored hands-on learning stations, and participated in engaging experiences that encouraged curiosity, collaboration, and innovation."

Department of War Education Activity schools on Fort Jackosn hold STEAM days annually.

This year's STEAM Day was special because of the direct participation of Soldiers.

Students were able to interact directly with Soldiers such as 1st Sgt. Shawn Cupp, the senior enlisted leader with the 282d Army Band who shared musical insights using a French horn. Students were also able to try and outrun a small unmanned aerial system piloted by the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion's SUAS team. These were not the only Soldiers they interacted with as they met with a medical team and Explosive Ordnance Disposal team members.



Harper Christian places a piece of clay into a bag to take home. C.C. Pinckney Elementary School held a 'STEAM' day to blend creativity with critical thinking.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to visit with our military children at C.C. Pinkney," Cupp said. "I had a great time teaching them a little bit about music, how it's impacted and shaped my life, and playing some children's songs for them. It was my pleasure to talk with them.

"Any time I get an opportunity to teach children anything about music, it's a great day. My kids are getting a little older now (21 and 17), but some of my favorite times with them were when they were in elementary school."

It's also not every day that a student would get up close and personal with an AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter, moments before interacting with Fort Jackson Firefighters.

"STEAM Day reflects C. C. Pinckney Elementary's continued commitment to providing meaningful, student-centered learning experiences while also supporting broader district goals, including hands-on instruction, real-world connections, and preparing students for future success," Huey said. "These experiences allowed students to actively apply their learning in authentic and exciting ways."

Representatives from many civic organizations helped facilitate discussions. These include the South Carolina Governor's Schools for Science & Mathematics; Arts & Humanities; and Agriculture, along with DOWEA Math ISS Deborah Iturrian.

"It was exciting to see our students fully engaged—asking thoughtful questions, experimenting, collaborating, and discovering new interests," Huey said. "These hands-on experiences sparked creativity, strengthened problem-solving skills, and deepened students' understanding of how STEAM plays a vital role in everyday life and future opportunities."

Top left: Harper Christian, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School student, looks for clues during an assignment to find out who the culprit was of a certain crime. The class determined the culprit by looking at the different layers of evidence left at the scene.

Top right: Ronan Otto and Eleanor Shallenberger listen to 1st. Sgt. Shawn Cupp, with the 282d Army Band, speak about what music means to him.

Left: Zyon Pagan steps out of an AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter cockpit during the school's STEAM day.

Middle left: A drone hovers near Pinckney students during the event where they saw how fast it flies.

Far left: Harper Ohlman interacts with an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot. The STEAM day saw Soldiers help students understand various technologies used by the military.



Tee'd Off ...

Golfers hit Jackson links

Photos by Robert Timmons

Golfers from all over the Columbia, S.C. metropolitan area come to Fort Jackson's Golf Club to test their skill at what is described by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation as one of the finest courses "the military has to offer that is open to the public. The facilities feature two well-maintained championship courses, state-of-the-art practice facilities, an attractive 10,000 square foot clubhouse, a well-stocked pro shop, snack bar and lounge." For more information, call (803) 562-4344.





ROTC

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Air Cavalry Squadron, Shah oversaw modernization efforts for attack helicopters before returning to his alma mater to teach and mentor ROTC students.

The cadets said the memory of Shah's actions remain with them today.

"He's a hero," said Ancheta, who received a Purple Heart for the wound he sustained. "He tried to save us."

Bego recalled one instance during the summer of 2025 when his mom met Shah.

"One of the last things he told my mom when they met this summer was that he would take care of me," Bego said. "He followed through on that word."

Several of the cadets later attended and spoke at Shah's funeral service on March 22.

Bego said that Shah grew close with many of his students, often treating cadets like family. As the leader of ODU's ROTC Monarch Battalion, enrollment rose by 50% in his first year.

"It's never easy to lose a friend and mentor," he said. "And especially such a great teacher. I never thought that I would have to speak at his funeral. Everyone looked up to him. He was the standard to follow."

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>
> - Katherine Shah
> wife of Lt. Col. Brandon Shah

Katherine Shah, Lt. Col. Brandon Shah's wife, expressed her thoughts and emotions following the incident regarding her husband's actions that day.

"Brandon and I shared 18 beautiful years together," she said. "He was everything people say he was and more. A protector, a hero, the kind of man who made you feel safe just by being there. He was the father every son dreams of having, and the husband any woman would be blessed to stand beside."

"But what made Brandon truly extraordinary was who he was in the everyday moments," she added. "He was a teacher, a Soldier, and a leader, someone who could change your perspective, lift you up, and make you better just from a single conversation. In his final moments, he did what he had always done; he protected."

"He placed himself as a shield for the people he loved, making sure his kids would have the chance to carry on his legacy, his name, and his mission for years to come. We love him with all of our hearts. And every day we have left, we will live in a way that makes him proud. We will make sure the world knows his name and that it stands for pride, strength, and courage. That man… my man… Lt. Col. Brandon A. Shah."

For Shah's actions in risking his life to save others during the incident, he was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart.

For cadet actions during the shooting, Cadets Myers, Ancheta, Reineberg, Rawlinson, all were awarded Meritorious Service Medals in a ceremony from Secretary of the Army Dan P. Driscoll and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael R. Weimer. Acheta also received the Purple Heart, along with another fellow cadet, after suffering wounds from the event.

Four additional cadets received Meritorious Service Medals, and one cadet received the Army Commendation Medal for their actions during the shooting event. The members of the 2026 ODU Army ROTC class will graduate from the university and be commissioned into the Army on May 14 as second lieutenants leading Soldiers in their initial assignments as Army officers.



Photo by NATHAN CLINEBELLE

On to retirement

Fort Jackson saluted the service of Command Sgt. Maj. Edward L. Deal, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment senior enlisted leader, during his unit's Basic Combat Training graduation, April 9.



SALUTING THIS CYCLE'S HONOREES

1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

DRILL SERGEANT OF THE CYCLE
Sgt. 1st Class William Mathews

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SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Nancy Arias

Events

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tire Fort Jackson community to attend the Maintaining Your Well-Being: Personally and Professionally workshop. For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

MAY 8

Fort Jackson Prayer Breakfast

7:30-8:30 a.m., 1917 Club. The Fort Jackson community is invited to join the Religious Support Office to celebrate the National Day of Prayer as a community of faith. The dress code is military duty uniform, or civilian business casual. For more information, call (803) 751-6326.

Yoga in the Park

9-10 a.m., Twin Lakes Park. The Exceptional Family Member Program invites you to a free relaxing hour of yoga. For more information, or to register, call (803) 751-5256.

MAY 9

Privately-owned Weapons Day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aachen Range. Come out and bring your privately-owned weapon and shoot your rifle or pistol at paper targets between 25 and 200 meters. No automatic weapons or .50 cal allowed. For more information, or to sign up, call (803) 751-3484.

MAY 12

Creatve Journey

5-6:30 p.m., Art Center Parks and Recreation, 1227 Taylor Street, Columbia, S.C. The Exceptional Family Member Program invites families to explore the world of art through an interactive hands-on experience that helps individuals wil exceptional needs find calming and creative ways to express themselves through designing and creating artwork. For more information, call (803) 751-5256.

MAY 13

Amnesty Day

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Warehouse Avenue. Fort Jackson is holding an Ammunition Amnesty Day. Come turn in any ammunition up to .50 cal with no questions asked. Any Soldier or civilian can freely turn in or report location of amnesty ammunition without having to provise personal information. Individuals will not be prosecuted or punished for turning in the munitions. For more information, call (803) 751-2541.

MAY 23

Weston Lake Beach Opening

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation partners with the Directorate of Public Works to host the Recycle Regatta during the opening. Paddle Boats, Paddle Boards, Kayaks, Canoes will be free to use. Games and Beach Access. CYS Kids Zone with Bounce Houses and Crafts. Live Music from the 282nd Army Band. For more information, call (803) 751-5253.

Palmetto Falls Water Park Opening

The wait is finally over. Join us for opening day at Fort Jackson Palmetto Falls Water Park. For information about season tickets, call (803) 751-4796.

MAY 28

Run to Remember

6 a.m., Darby Field. A Memorial Day event honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military, reflecting on their sacrifices and the freedom they secured for the nation. For more information, call (803) 751-3700.

MAY 29

Skills Challenge

5-7 p.m., Coleman Fitness Center. Show your skills and join the challenge. For more information, call (803) 751-6272.

JUNE 2

Community Information Exchange

2 p.m., 1917 Club. Fort Jackson wants to hear from you. The Fort Jackson community is invited to come and find out what is going on at Fort Jackson.

JUNE 18

Juneteenth 5K run

Save the date for Fort Jackson's Juneteenth 5K.

JUNE 27

Charleston Fishing Trip

4:45 a.m., MWR Central at the Solomon Center. Travel to Charleston with our Outdoor Recreation team and join one of three charter fishing boats for a four-hour fishing trip. Fish for sheepshead, black drum, red fish, trout and maybe even a shark. Groups of six or more will be split across different boats. Outdoor Recreation will provide transportation and coolers. Cost covers: transportation, license, bait and tackle. For more information, or to register, call (803) 751-3476

JULY 4

Independence Day Celebration

4 p.m., HIlton Field. Come join Fort Jackson for a celebration of the Nation's 250th birthday.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
CATHOLIC MASS	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	MAIN POST CHAPEL
CATHOLIC MASS	MONDAY-FRIDAY	NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
GOSPEL SERVICE	SUNDAY	10:30 A.M.	KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPEL
GENERAL PROTESTANT	SUNDAY	11 A.M. TO NOON	MAIN POST CHAPEL
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
193rd Brigade PROTESTANT SERVICE	SUNDAY	9:30-10:30 A.M.	SOLOMON CENTER
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Revolutionary soldiers fought British, diseases

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As America celebrates 250 years of independence, here is a look back at the price the Revolutionary War service members paid for freedom.

Besides being killed by the enemy, the thing most feared by soldiers during the war was dying from disease — and with good reason. Historians have said that many more died from disease than from combat.

In November 1775, soldiers, led by Continental Army Col. Benedict Arnold, marched on Quebec City. The following month, an outbreak of smallpox occurred preventing the Americans from taking the city.

As smallpox was quickly spreading in America, Gen. George Washington, Continental Army commander, ordered his troops to be immunized against the disease.

"Necessity not only authorizes but seems to require the measure," he said. "For should the disorder infect the Army, in the natural way, and rage with its usual virulence, we should have more to dread from it, than from the sword of the enemy."

The inoculation procedure involved inserting an active smallpox pustule into the skin of a healthy soldier and then quarantining him for a period of time.

This proved successful and enabled the Americans to have battlefield successes.

Besides smallpox, bringing soldiers together in close quarters with poor nutrition and sanitation caused diseases such as dysentery, typhus, typhoid, dengue fever, cholera, fever and diarrhea to spread.

The procedure for extracting a musket ball from a soldier involved the surgeon extracting it with forceps — if it could be reached.

The forceps were usually never cleaned and the surgeon operated without gloves, spreading germs and causing infections.

Since there was no anesthesia available then, surgeons gave the soldiers alcohol to drink — if they had any — to help ease the pain.

The vast majority of surgeons didn't go to medical school, learning instead through apprenticeships. Dubious treatments included treating the sick by balancing the body's four fluids — blood, yellow bile, black bile and phlegm. Rebalancing was done through bloodletting and purging through various teas and medicines.

Today's military medicine has come a long way since that war.





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Willow Ostrand, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School student, carefully removes a piece from a clay mold she made during a day of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics, or STEAM, learning at the school, April 14.

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