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Spc. Issaic Billings, an infantryman from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), pulls security during an engagement with the opposing force, as part of Operation Lethal Eagle24,1, April 25, 2024, on Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Operation Lethal Eagle is a 21-day rigorous training exercise designed to train individual and unit lethality, prototype Army initiatives, and build mastery of large-scale, long-range air assault capabilities. See full story on page 7. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Spc. Zachery Blevins)



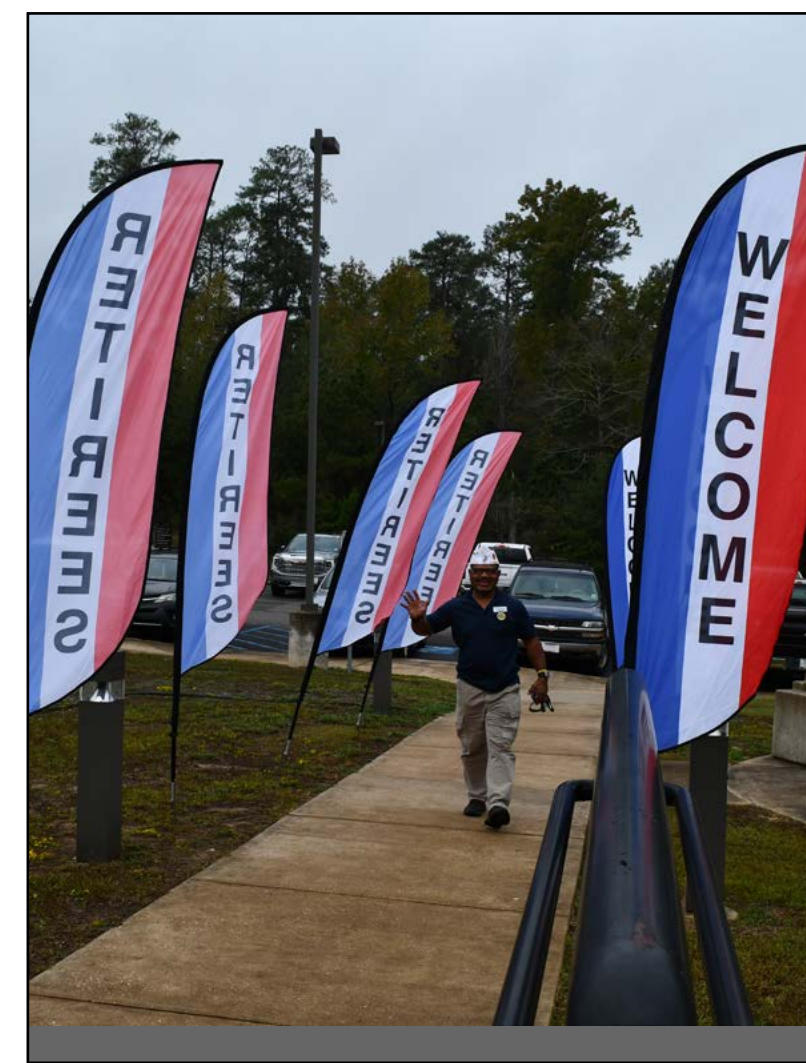
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ON POST

Upcoming Events



Neighborhood Turkey Hunt Is Back!

Turkey Hunt Rules

- Turkeys will only be hidden in common areas within neighborhoods
- Take a selfie with the turkey in his hiding spot before moving him
- Turkey and Selfie must be brought into the Neighborhood Center to claim prize
- Only one winner per household

Every Friday in November!

Watch out for weekly clues at your Community Center and the JRTC and Fort Johnson Facebook Page!

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Neighborhood Turkey Hunt

Every Friday in November
at Fort Johnson neighborhoods

Fort Johnson residents, would you like to own one of these adorable plush turkeys? Well, the Neighborhood Turkey Hunt is back! Every Friday in November at 3:30 p.m., we'll post a clue on where you may be able to find one.

This event is only open to residents who live on Fort Johnson and is not open to the public.

VETERANS DAY

★ Honoring all who served ★

Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov. 7, 10 a.m. at the 1/5 Aviation Hangar

Fort Johnson will be holding its annual Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 7 at the 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment hangar from 10-11 a.m. A reception for veterans will be held at 9 a.m. before the ceremony.

We invite the community in joining us in honoring our veterans.

UPCOMING

Sunday Brunch

THE FORGE Bar & Grill

Wine and Tapas

Nov. 8, 6-9 p.m. at The Forge Bar and Grill

Enjoy a night of sophistication and elegance with an array of tapas to compliment any wine! This event will be held at The Forge on Nov. 8 from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$35 per ticket and \$50 for a pair of 2 tickets.

Reservations required. Please call 337-531-7668 or 531-4661 to place your reservations.

Friday Night Live SHREKSGIVING

November 22, 2024

5:30-7:30

Warrior Center Ballroom

FREE EVENT

Shreksgiving

Nov. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Warrior Center

Get ready to "do the rawr!" at Friday Night Live: Shreksgiving. Join us at The Warrior Center (we tried having it at Shrek's swamp, but he wasn't too happy with that) Nov. 22 for food, games, music, prizes and an ogre-all fantastic time!

This is event is free and open to persons 18+.



OUTSIDE THE GATES

OFF POST

EVENTS



THANK YOU, VETERANS

7
Nov.

Veteran's Day Celebration
NATCHITOCHES, LA.

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8-10
Nov.

Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest
CARENCRE, LA.

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9
Nov.

Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego: Scavenger Hunt
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

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9
Nov.

Greater Baton Rouge Gumbo Festival
BATON ROUGE, LA.

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14
Nov.

Smoke & Barrel: A Celebration of Fine Bourbon, BBQ & Whiskey
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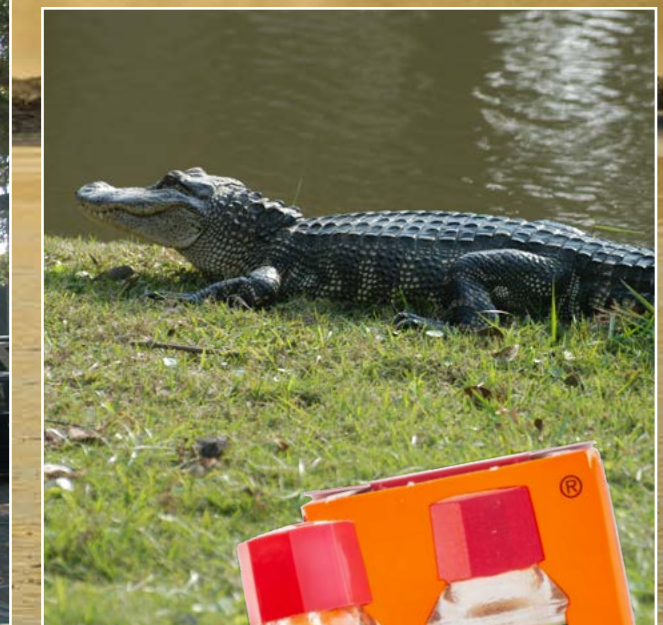
Lush subtropical flora and venerable live oaks draped with wild muscadine and swags of barbe espagnole, or Spanish moss, cover this geological oddity, which is one of five “islands” rising above south Louisiana’s flat coastal marshes.

The island occupies roughly 2,200 acres and sits atop a deposit of solid rock salt thought to be deeper than Mount Everest is high. Geologists believe this deposit is the remnant of a buried ancient seabed, pushed to the surface by the sheer weight of surrounding alluvial sediments.

Today, Avery Island remains the home of the TABASCO® brand pepper sauce factory, as well as Jungle Gardens and its Bird City wildfowl refuge. The Tabasco factory and the gardens are open for tours.

— Explore Louisiana

(Photos by Chuck Cannon)



Army brigades embrace change, test new tactics



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) conduct vehicle preparations in anticipation for the large-scale, long-range air assault as part of Operation Lethal Eagle 24.1, April 21, 2024, on Fort Campbell, Kentucky. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Truesdale)

Soldiers assigned to the Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Combat Aviation unload an Infantry Squad Vehicle from a CH-47 Chinook in Greenville, Tennessee, Oct. 7, 2024. The Soldiers are supporting Hurricane Helen relief efforts in North Carolina and Tennessee. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Spc. Matthew Wantroba)



Col. James Stultz, commander of the 2nd Mobile Brigade Combat Team, briefs generals and the press about the capabilities of the 101st Airborne Division's command post during a training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center on Fort Johnson. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Joyner)

By Christopher Hurd
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In eastern Europe, Soldiers with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division work alongside North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies as they transform into one of the Army's newest formations — a light brigade combat team.

The change is part of the Army's Transforming in Contact effort, where brigades are adapting their formations and getting new technology into the hands of Soldiers so they can experiment, innovate and be ready to fight on the modern battlefield. Soldiers can then provide real-world feedback allowing the Army to make necessary adjustments.

"Everything we do [with transforming in contact] is grounded in one simple principle and that is increased lethality for our formations," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Ryan, Department of the Army assistant deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7. "There is nothing that will survive contact better than more lethal, more agile, more strategically and tactically mobile formations."

As part of the switch, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, also known as Patriots, has focused on experimenting with organizational structure.

The brigade decentralized its sustainment support battalion to make it less vulnerable to detection and enemy fire. They also created three strike companies with ground reconnaissance scouts, short and medium-range drones, unmanned aerial weapons, mortars, counter-unmanned aerial systems and electronic warfare teams.

All three companies are training in Europe, and the brigade is gathering new equipment for them to test when they go on a Joint Multinational Readiness Center rotation to Bavaria in January.

That wasn't the only change. The Patriots are using a fleet of Infantry Support Vehicles to help Soldiers navigate complex terrain. The nine-seat utility vehicle helps the brigade as they transform into a light formation.

"That's going to provide some really enhanced mobility for us, allow us to reposition troops, and equipment on the battlefield very rapidly in ways that light infantry formations haven't been able to do over the ground up to this point," said Col. Joshua G. Glonek, 3rd Brigade Combat Team commander.

The Patriots are one of three brigades taking part in phase one of the transformation initiative that started in spring 2024. The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), also known as Screaming Eagles, is another.

The Screaming Eagles completed two rotations this year at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana, as well as a 21-day field training exercise called Operation Lethal Eagle.

Throughout the year, the Screaming Eagles ex-

perimented with their structure as they became the Army's first mobile brigade combat team, capable of increased agility to accommodate the service's shift to large-scale operations.

That mobility comes from using approximately 200 Infantry Squad Vehicles to carry Soldiers and equipment.

The 101st also added a multifunctional reconnaissance company for target acquisition, counter reconnaissance, and security and set up an anti-tank platoon as well as a robotics platoon for human-machine integration. These changes were incorporated into the brigade's three infantry battalions.

Transforming in Contact not only applies to organizational structure but also experimentation with new technology.

During their rotations at the training center, the Screaming Eagles used drones and electromagnetic decoys to draw enemy fire. They also experimented with multiple networked communication technologies during their field training exercise.

The Screaming Eagles passed what they learned onto the Patriots as they tested the improved command and control capabilities while on deployment.

Glonek said this is allowing the brigades to dynamically change the way they communicate and deal with enemy interference. It's also allowing them to use command posts that are less detectable and more survivable.

He added the Patriots are in the process of adding unmanned aerial systems to every level of the brigade as they head into their upcoming combat training center rotation.

The 2nd Light Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, the other brigade in phase one of the initiative, took part in the Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center rotation earlier this month in Hawaii.

The training tested the brigade and the Army's ability to operate effectively across multiple domains, including land, air and cyber.

"We are using JPMRC and our warfighter exercise in December to validate our transformation in contact construct with the 2nd Light Brigade Combat Team along with those lessons learned from 101st Airborne and 10th Mountain Division," said Maj. Gen. Marcus Evans, 25th ID commanding general. "Innovation never stops at our level. We are in a relentless pursuit of excellence and strive to get 1% better every day."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George recently announced phase two of the transformation initiative will include two divisions, the 101st and 25th as well as two armored brigade combat teams, two Stryker brigade combat teams, and additional formations from the National Guard and Army Reserve. This effort is set to occur in fiscal year 2025 and include every Army warfighting function.



Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) act as an opposing force during an engagement with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), as part of Operation Lethal Eagle 24.1, April 25. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Zachery Blevins)



Left: Spc. Brendan Nicholas, an infantryman assigned to the 25th Infantry Division prepares to launch a Skydio X10D Drone during Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center 25-01 on Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Oct. 5, 2024. The Joint Pacific... (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brenden Delgado)

Below: U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Johnson, Louisiana, watch an artillery demonstration during exercise Defender Europe 2024 near Rovaniemi, Finland, May 17. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Valley)



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A special complimentary breakfast for all veterans and their spouses will be served on Monday, November 11th at the American Legion Hall on Hwy 112. This annual breakfast event is hosted by the SOs of the American Legion.

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Veterans Day
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10am-2pm

For a list of recommended
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LOCAL
VETERANS
DAY
CELEBRATIONS

Fort Johnson Tree Rescue Team trains to **save** Soldiers, equipment

By Angie Thorne

Fort Johnson Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Fort Johnson is in the business of training the best, to be the best. That includes paratroopers — Soldiers trained to conduct military operations by parachuting directly into an area of operations. When paratroopers train at Fort Johnson, there's always a chance, they could go off course and get caught in the pine forests surrounding their landing area.

When that happens, they are lucky because Fort Johnson's has one of the only established Tree Rescue Teams in Installation Management Command standing ready to help Soldiers when their parachute gets tangled in a tree.

James McArthur, Fort Johnson Fire Department fire inspector and member of the Tree Rescue Team, said the team has committed themselves to rigorous training to ensure their preparedness for any rescue, recovery, or standby mission at a moment's notice.

"Over the past 36 months, the Tree Rescue Team has undertaken 20 missions, demonstrating exceptional skill and courage in each instance. Their achievements include the successful rescue of 13 Paratroopers and the recovery of 16 military drones valued at \$848,000," said McArthur. "That saves the Army a lot of money."

"Furthermore, they have provided standby operations for more than six thousand paratroopers, ensuring their safety during critical moments."

Capt. Brandon Monte, fire fighter and a member of the Tree Rescue Team, said the team is compiled of all volunteer fire fighters. It's an additional duty that guys raise their hand for.

"As soon as they are hired, we let them know about the team. They don't have to join us, but if they would like to, they can," Monte said. "Between saving lives and equipment, it's one of the most vital missions we serve on Fort Johnson."

Though the team may not get called out every time there is a jump, the larger the jump, the more likely the call.

"If it's a big jump, we will be on standby. If there are 250 or more Soldiers jumping, we will head out there with a team of six," Monte said. "They take into account that someone is going to get injured or stranded."

Jumps can have as many as two thousand Soldiers parachuting at night.

"With missions that large, We've had as many as 20 people stranded at one time. With only six people, we are out there a long time," Monte said.

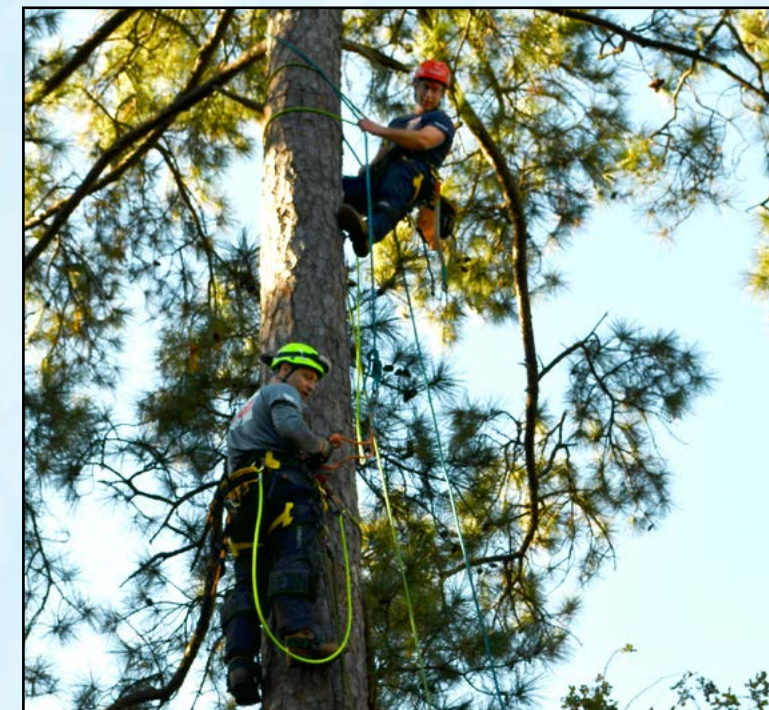
To help keep the fire fighters in top form and ready to go when needed, they conducted training Oct. 30.

Lt. Col. Joshua Larson, 519th Military Police Battalion commander, stopped by to watch and thank the Tree Rescue Team for doing what they do every day on a regular basis, as well as going the extra mile to do this specific training.

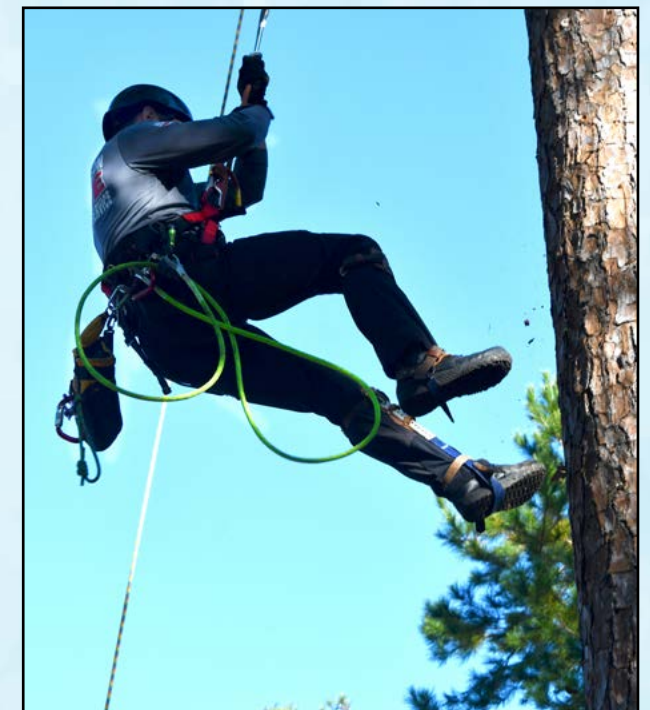
"At the end of the day, what you do saves lives and protects property," Larson said.



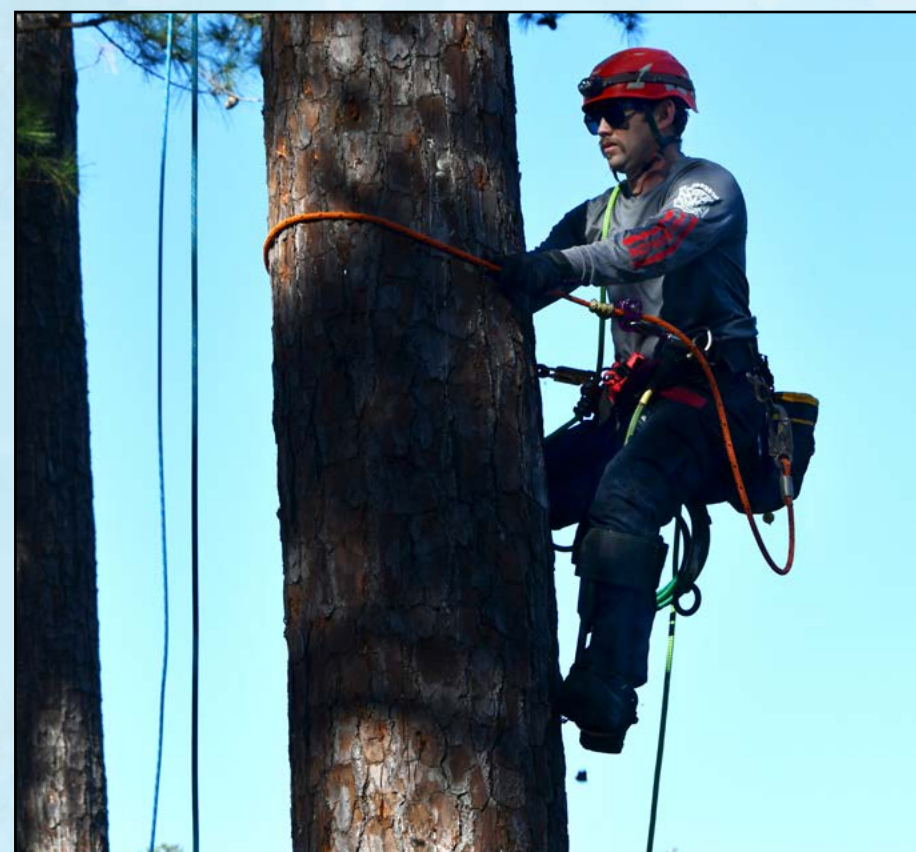
Members of the Tree Rescue Team and Directorate of Emergency Services look on as fire fighters train by climbing trees. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)



Steven Lungran (above), fire fighter, and Capt. Brandon Monte, fire fighter, train climbing a tree to rescue a tangled paratrooper. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)



James McArthur, fire inspector, descends from a pine tree during tree rescue training. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)



Jacob Baggett, fire fighter, climbs a pine tree as part of tree rescue training. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)

Fort Johnson Tree Rescue Team members

Mathew Ward
Brandon Monte
James McArthur
Jodie Stokes
Gabriel Derksen
Aaron Davies

Blaine Burrus
Chris Rainer
Melissa Rubio
Andrew Miner
James Hawkins
Nathan Jacobs

Steve Lungrin
Daniel Good
Dave Lawson
Evan O'Neal
Jacob Baggett

SPECIAL FORCES

Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson

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*Special Forces recruits take part
in early morning physical training.
(U.S. Army photos by Angie Thorne)*

Recruiting

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U.S. Army
Special Operations



Talking Point #1



Q: What is TAP?

A: The Transition Assistance Program is a commander's program and a Soldier's responsibility.

TAP provides information and training to ensure transitioning Soldiers, Department of Army civilians, retirees, Soldiers' family members and caregivers are prepared for their next step in life – whether pursuing additional education, finding a job in the public or private sector or starting their own business. TAP is administered locally at JRTC and Fort Johnson at the Education Center, 7460 Colorado Ave., building 660, or the Army's 24/7 Virtual Center if a Soldier is located more than 50 miles from a TAP center. The mandatory components of TAP are applicable for Soldiers who have at least 180 continuous days or more on active duty; this includes National Guard and Reservist serving on Title 10 status.



Find out more at
armytap.army.mil

Writer realizes **ballet** not in future

By Chuck Cannon

Fort Johnson Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — The story you're about to read is true, although I will admit to a bit of exaggeration in its telling.

The names — for the most part — have been changed, or omitted, to protect the innocent.

On Oct. 22, at about 9 a.m., I arrived at the Allen Parish Civic Center to set up a table for Fort Johnson representatives as part of a career fair for area high school students. After a quick recon of the premises and an introduction to the individual in charge of the proceedings, I headed back to my car to secure our props for the event.

As I neared said car, I did not notice there was a 2-inch curb that was camouflaged with blue paint in my direct path. When the toe of my right foot made contact with the curb, I launched forward with all of the style and grace of an elephant going off a 30-foot diving platform.

When I was stationed at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, our airborne Soldiers were taught the four points of contact for a PLF — parachute landing fall — when they hit the ground after a jump — feet, side of knees, hip and shoulder muscle. When I hit it was knees, chest, palms and face.

As I lay sprawled across the pavement like an armadillo just plowed over by an 18-wheeler, a couple of thoughts occurred to me. First, was I alive? Second, how was I going to explain my fall to my spouse, Susan, without watching her fall out in hysterical laughter?

The first answer was "Yes!" I was alive. Fortunately, two young men were across the street and saw the entire episode. They hustled to my side, determined I was not likely to die soon, and helped me to my feet.

The second answer was I told Susan on the phone so I didn't have to see her reaction, al-

though I imagine after I hung up, the tear-producing laughter commenced and she uttered something along the line of, "I can't let that idiot go anywhere by himself anymore."

After my rescue by the two young strangers, I went to the restroom to examine my injuries: Two skinned knees, two skinned palms, what might be a broken finger, rib and chest pain, and a busted nose, inside and out.

Although I bled a bit, I didn't feel too bad, but shortly afterward most all the above began to hurt.

A school nurse from across the street came and doctored my scrapes and suggested x-rays. I gutted it out for another couple of hours before heading to the hospital.

The young ladies at the hospital check-in were wonderful — all I had to do was sign and date a couple of forms. A hospital bracelet was placed on my arm and I was told I would be called back shortly.

As I sat watching the TV, I happened to glance down at the bracelet and was surprised to see a female's name, that identified the said female as being in her 20s. I casually moved back to the check-in and said that while I was flattered they thought I looked in my 20s, it might be difficult for me to pull off the female role.

We had a laugh, I got a new bracelet and moved back to my seat in the waiting area.

The next phase went smoothly as an ER doc checked me out and sent me for X-rays and an MRI, both capably accomplished by two wonderful techs.

I was taken back to my ER room to await the Doc's return with the results of the tests. While I was waiting a nurse came in to see if I was still alive and told me she was pretty sure I was going to make it.

At this point in my adventure my youngest son and his crew called to see if I was OK. Af-



Cannon

ter telling him what happened I felt sure I had a good indication of his mother's reaction — he busted out laughing. I thanked them for their concern and said I'd keep them posted.

When Doc returned with the prognosis it was a fractured finger and bruised nose and ribs. All in all it could have been a lot worse.

What I did learn through this ordeal is that a career in ballet is probably not in my future, and my new knee — I had my right knee replaced in June — is apparently as good as a Timex watch: It took a licking and kept on ticking.

What I will always wonder is what Susan's reaction was after our phone call. I have this vision of her taking a drink of soda, thinking about what I just told her and then spewing it out of her nose. Just so she doesn't slip and fall — one uncoordinated goof in the family is enough.

Writer's note: Upon returning home my spouse said she did not laugh. She said, "I thought, he's got to retire before he kills himself." I guess that's better than laughing.

How to fall, but "NOT" like a ballerena



LOUISIANA HAYRIDE



The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson held its annual Louisiana Hayride Oct. 19 at Warrior Field. Attendees participated in a variety of fall-themed activities, including cookie decorating, a pumpkin patch, hay rides, axe throwing, face painting, bounce houses, balloon animals, military spouse-owned business markets and more. (U.S. Army photos by Porsha Auzenne)

FIRST STEPS TO ALL HALLOWS EVE IS MWR TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL



The Trick or Treat trail, sponsored by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Community Services, took place at Warrior Hills Golf Course, Oct. 18. The event gave Fort Johnson families their first chance to get out and have fun leading up to the installation's annual Halloween celebrations.



Photos by Karen Sampson

FORT JOHNSON SAFETY ALERT

!!! INSTALLATION-WIDE BURN BAN !!!



INSTALLATION BURN BAN ISSUED DUE TO CONCERNING DRY CONDITIONS

FORT JOHNSON – Effective immediately, due to the extremely dry conditions statewide Fort Johnson, has issued an installation cease and desist order for all private burning.

Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the Department of Emergency Services (DES) Fire Department.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

This ban shall not apply to prescribed burns by the Department of Public Works, by those trained and certified by DES-Fire Department, or by those who conduct prescribed burning as a “generally accepted agriculture practice”.

The use of barbeque grills is allowed however, fire pits and campfires are prohibited on the installation.

Violations of this order could result in criminal penalties.

- ✓ Applies to all “private” burning unless it is approved by DES-Fire
- ✓ Prohibits the use of fire pits, and campfires on the installation

!!! INSTALLATION-WIDE BURN BAN !!!

Fall Heritage Reunion



On Oct. 26, Fort Johnson held its 17th Annual Fall Heritage Reunion at the Main Post Chapel to recognize local heritage families. Brig. Gen. Jason A. Curl, Fort Johnson commanding general, spoke with heritage family members and expressed his gratitude for them and their ancestors’ sacrifices more than 80 years ago. Reverend Billy Nash, president of the organization of heritage families associated with Fort Johnson was guest speaker. (U.S. Army photos by Porsha Auzenne)



TORNADO

SAFETY TIPS



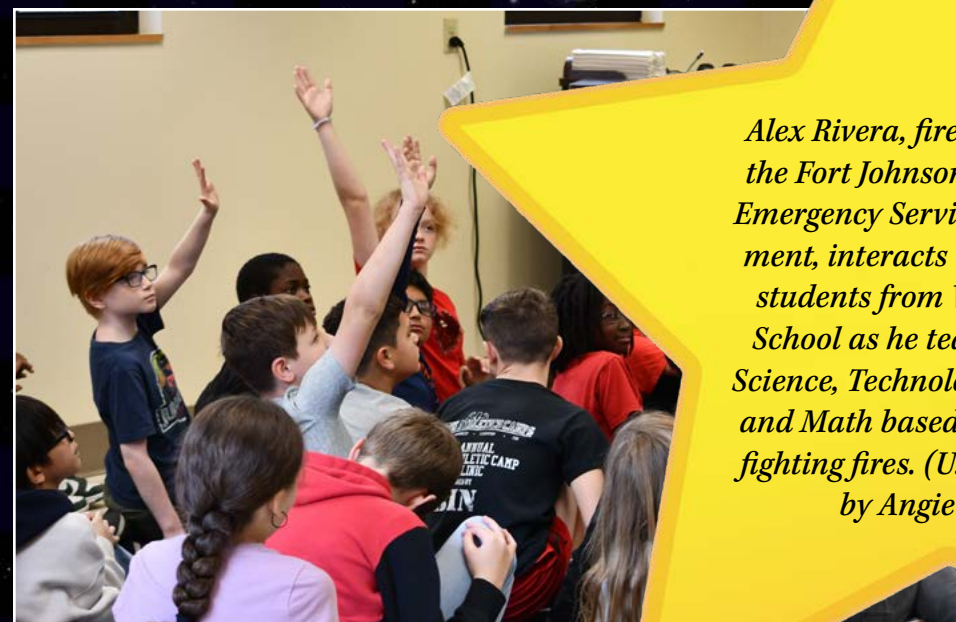
TIP #3

Tornadoes could be obscured by rainfall or come at nighttime. Do not wait until you see or hear the tornado, it may be too late.

STARBASE, fire department team up to **teach** science behind fire fighting



Alex Rivera, fire inspector with the Fort Johnson Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department, interacts with fifth grade students from Vernon Middle School as he teaches them the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math based science behind fighting fires. (U.S. Army photos by Angie Thorne)



Checking in with **Housing** Town Hall



Fort Johnson leadership traversed the streets of Palmetto Terrace Oct. 28 during a Housing Town Hall. They talked to residents and checked to see if they were happy with their housing. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)

Signing Red Ribbon Week **proclamation**



Col. CJ Lopez, Fort Johnson garrison commander, signs the Red ribbon Week Proclamation Oct. 21 as Johnny Bevers, Fort Johnson deputy to the garrison commander, waits his turn to sign. Red Ribbon Week is held Oct. 23-31. Red Ribbon Week, hosted by the Army Substance Abuse Program, provides unified and visible prevention efforts to help eliminate the use of drugs. The week is an opportunity for Fort Johnson leadership and community members to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles and parents to have impactful conversations with their military kids about the risks of substance abuse.. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)

Check VIN numbers

The Directorate of Emergency Services Traffic Division will release the following vehicles to MWR for disposal if they remain unclaimed. Vehicles are listed with the last four of their VIN number. If one of these vehicles belongs to you, please contact the Fort Johnson Police Traffic Division at 337-531-1806, 6675 or 2675.



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2016	Yamaha	R3	2153
UNK	UNK	Boat trailer	N/A
UNK	UNK	Kayak trailer	N/A
UNK	McClain	Boat trailer	N/A
UNK	UNK	M/C trailer	N/A
2001	Ford	F150	0450
2000	Ford	Ranger	3852
2006	Nissan	350Z	4586
2013	Kawasaki	650	4040
2004	Cadillac	Escalade	5765
2003	Ford	Crown Victoria	2046
2011	Chevrolet	Cruz	6489



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JRTC and Fort Johnson

TURKEY BOWL

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Dec. 7 10 am - 10 pm

Dec. 8 1 pm - 6 pm

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Occupational Therapy specialist earns national professional credentials

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH Public Affairs Officer

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital proudly recognizes the achievements of Spc. Andrew Wesbrock, an occupational therapy specialist at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson, who recently earned civilian credentials through the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

Wesbrock, a self-proclaimed Army brat, enlisted in the infantry right after high school and said an injury, requiring tendon reconstruction surgery, sidelined his infantry career and forced him to reclass or leave the military.

“My recovery and rehab took several months and introduced me to the field of occupational therapy,” he said. “I chose to reclass as an OT specialist because it seemed interesting, I enjoyed my personal experience as an OT patient, and I knew I would earn a degree at the end of my training.”

Capt. Han Yoo, commander, Alpha Company, 264th Medical Battalion at the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, said becoming a 68L occupational therapy specialist is difficult but rewarding.

“If anyone is looking for a medical military occupational specialty that has direct translation to the civilian sector and potential employment, this job would absolutely be one of them,” he said. “Our 36-week didactic and clinical program is accredited by the Council for Occupational Therapy Education.”

Yoo said OT specialists in the Army are held to a higher standard of regulatory requirements and professional development through continuous education.

“Spc. Wesbrock carries on the legacy and heart of the Army’s 68L program,” he said. “He was the distinguished honor graduate when he was a member of Alpha 264. He completed all assigned tasks to the highest standard every time.”

Yoo said Soldiers who successfully complete the requirements for this MOS will earn an accredited associate degree from The

College of Allied Health Sciences, in coordination with Uniformed Services University.

“We usually encourage our students to pursue a national certification exam, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, during their second phase of training,” he said. Our program has a 75% first-time pass rate, so our students are well-prepared,” he said.

Lynn Foster, client management specialist for the NBCOT said the exam is four hours long and includes 190 questions.

“All fifty states, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico require that an individual take and pass the COTA exam after graduating college before they can get a license to practice in the civilian sector,” she said.

“By passing the exam and becoming certified, Spc. Wesbrock has proven he has required entry-level knowledge to begin working in the field.”

Maj. Caleb Johnson, chief of rehabilitation services at BJACH said obtaining this certification speaks to Wesbrock’s commitment to his patients and profession.

“BJACH employs intelligent, highly qualified and motivated Soldiers, like Spc. Wesbrock. They are driven to provide high quality patient care consistent with the industry standard,” he said. “The COTA credential is not an easy exam. It takes dedication and work to learn the required content and implement it within the clinic.”

Johnson said he’s proud of Wesbrock and the entire rehab department.

“Our Soldiers embody the ‘Be, Know, Do’ philosophy,” he said. “They desire to become the best at their individual craft. They strive to be lifelong learners and provide high quality care to all BJACH beneficiaries.”

Wesbrock said he loves being an occupational therapy specialist and looks forward to continuing in the field when he leaves the military.

“I am proud knowing I make a positive impact on my patients’ journey to recovery,” he said. “I was that guy who was hurt and thought



Spc. Andrew Wesbrock, an occupational therapy specialist from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, makes a resting hand and wrist brace for one of his patients. Wesbrock recently earned civilian credentials through the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. (U.S. Army photo by Jean Clavette Graves)

I would never get better, but I did, and now I get to help others.”

Wesbrock said taking the exam and earning the COTA credentials is important.

“It shows that you are an expert in the field,” he said. “Now I can take more courses and become certified in other areas like strength coaching, pool therapy and nutrition.”

Wesbrock plans to leave the military and return to Texas next year.

“I still have a way to go to prepare for my military transition,” he said. “In Texas, to obtain a license, I will also need to pass a state exam.”

The BJACH Occupational Therapy Department sees all beneficiaries (active-duty Soldiers, retirees, and family members) with a referral.

To find out more about how to become an occupational therapy specialist (68L) visit <https://www.goarmy.com/>.

BJACH celebrates newest expert field medical badge recipients

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH Health Promotions

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital welcomes home two of the U.S. Army’s newest Expert Field Medical Badge holders to the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson.

2nd Lt. Isella Wallace, chief of the patient administration division, and Spc. Jacob Babcanec, a physical therapy specialist at BJACH, both earned the award during the EFMB lanes Oct. 22-25, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

There were 46 candidates from 19 units and nine military installations who participated in the event. Only 21 earned the badge.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy McCooles, from Reynolds Army Community Hospital, was the non-commissioned officer in charge of the event.

“The EFMB is known for its demanding standards,” he said. “Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in a wide range of medical and soldiering skills, including combat lifesaving techniques, land navigation and warrior tasks. The high failure rate makes it a significant achievement for those who earn it.”

McCooles said earning the EFMB is difficult and highly respected within the military community.

“Earning the badge indicates Soldiers like Wallace and Babcanec are well-prepared to provide medical care in a combat environment,” he said.

The skills tested for the EFMB are crucial for combat readiness.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry D. White II, senior enlisted advisor at BJACH, said earning the EFMB exemplifies excellence.

“I couldn’t be prouder of 2nd Lt. Wallace and Spc. Babcanec. They both exhibited determination and grit. They both received ‘No Blood’ which means they passed all tasks on the first attempt,” he said. “Spc Babcanec also came in first with the fastest time of two hours and 23 minutes on the 12-mile ruck march.”

White said Wallace and Babcanec represented BJACH during the Medical Readiness Command-West Best Squad competition as well.

“Both of these Soldiers have displayed the character and attributes of professional Soldiers, warriors and leaders since their arrival to BJACH,” he said. “They have made us extremely proud!”

Wallace said other badge holders helped her prepare.

“People who already hold the badge helped us prepare by teaching us tactical combat casualty care, simulating lanes and providing insight,” she said. “As a junior officer, I knew earning the badge was a good way to set myself apart from my peers.”

Wallace said the experience was challeng-



Spc. Jacob Babcanec, a physical therapy specialist from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, evacuates a casualty. Babcanec earned the expert field medical badge Oct. 26, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. (Staff Sgt. Dylan Donnelly, health care sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 434 Field Artillery Brigade, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division)



2nd Lt. Isella Wallace, chief of the patient administration division from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, performs tactical combat casualty care with combat lifesaver, Sgt. Christian Styron, 75th Field Artillery Brigade. Wallace earned the expert field medical badge on Oct. 25, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. (Staff Sgt. Dylan Donnelly, health care sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 434 Field Artillery Brigade, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division)

ing and rewarding and recommends other pursue it.

Babcanec said he is honored to hold the badge.

“To me this badge represents expert knowledge in my field as a medical professional,” he said. “I believe as a Soldier it’s my duty to be competent in my military occupational specialty, as well as army field medicine. It is surreal to hold this badge knowing that so many have strived to acquire it.”

Babcanec said he is ready to face new challenges and teach the next generation of EFMB holders.

“I would tell others interested in earning this badge to give it a shot, you have nothing to lose and all to gain,” he said. “If you work hard and stay focused it is more obtainable than you think.”

To learn more about EFMB visit the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence’s website: <https://medcoe.army.mil/efmb>

Guest reader brings personal touch to Story Time



Col. CJ Lopez, Fort Johnson garrison commander, reads “Trick or Treat Crankenstein,” written by Samantha Berger and illustrated by Dan Santat for a special Halloween Story Time at Allen Memorial Library, Oct. 29. (U.S. Army photos by Karen Sampson)

BOSS Soldiers volunteer to help keep things scary, fun



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers members volunteered at the Child and Youth Services Haunted House and Carnival Oct. 25 and 26 at the Fort Johnson Youth Gym. (U.S. Army photos courtesy BOSS)



Lets start with a roux!

Roux and the art of gumbo

A Southern tradition

By Antoine Aaron
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Gumbo, a cherished dish in Southern cuisine, is more than just a meal; it's a cultural standard, especially in Louisiana, where the debate over its preparation can ignite culinary wars among home cooks. At the heart of gumbo is roux, a simple combination of fat and flour, but its significance in the dish is profound, shaping both flavor and texture.

The versatility of roux plays a pivotal role in distinguishing different gumbo styles. Roux is cooked until it achieves varying degrees of color and flavor, ranging from a light blonde to a rich, dark brown. Each shade brings its own character to the gumbo pot. A dark roux, typically favored in Cajun gumbo, requires patience and skill. It is cooked slowly, sometimes

for up to an hour, until it reaches a deep, chocolate color. This process transforms the flour, imparting a nutty flavor that is the backbone of a robust gumbo.

Creole gumbo often opts for a lighter roux or even no roux in it altogether. Instead, it leans on the natural sweetness of fresh vegetables like bell peppers, onions and tomatoes. This style embraces a brighter flavor, reflecting the cultural influences of the Spanish, French, and African traditions that have blended in Louisiana cuisine.

For many, the choice between a dark or light roux comes down to personal preference and regional influences. The beauty of gumbo is that it is not one size fits all. It's adaptable. Each cook can put their own spin on it.

The preparation of roux also speaks to the communal aspect of gumbo. Often, families gather around the stove, sharing stories as they stir the pot. This social ritual is as import-

ant as the dish itself, fostering connections among generations.

As the debate over the “right” roux continues, one thing remains clear: Gumbo is more than just a recipe; it's a celebration of culture, tradition, and personal expression. So, whether you're stirring a pot in your kitchen or enjoying a bowl at a local restaurant, each spoonful is a taste of Louisiana's rich culinary heritage.



1. **White Roux** - This roux is cooked just long enough to remove the raw flour taste, staying pale and smooth. It's often used for creamy dishes like béchamel sauces or chowders.
2. **Blonde Roux** - A light golden color develops as the flour and fat cook together a bit longer. Perfect for macaroni and cheese or lighter gravies, this roux adds a subtle richness.
3. **Peanut Butter Roux** - Named for its color, this roux begins to develop deeper, nutty flavors. It works beautifully in light stews and some versions of étouffée.
4. **Light Brown Roux** - You'll notice a caramel hue and an enhanced nuttiness at this stage. This roux is ideal for crawfish étouffée and other Cajun stews.
5. **Medium Brown Roux** - The roux is now a deep copper color with richer flavors. Use it in hearty stews or a sauce piquante for that distinct Cajun flair.
6. **Dark Brown Roux** - One of the most popular stages for gumbo, this roux offers a bold flavor with a smooth texture. Be patient! This one takes time but is worth the effort.
7. **Chocolate Roux** - As the roux darkens to the color of chocolate, the flavors become even bolder. This stage works best in gumbo and gravy-based dishes.
8. **Black Roux** - This roux is almost black, teetering on the edge of being burned. It's used for extra-rich, bold dishes like seafood gumbo but requires careful timing.
9. **Burned Roux** - If your roux smells acrid and turns too dark, it's time to start over. Burned roux will make the whole dish bitter, so don't try to salvage it.



Fort Johnson hosts First in Fitness

Fort Johnson hosted the fourth annual First in Fitness competition Nov. 1 at Perez Field. Brig. Gen. Jason A. Curl, Fort Johnson commanding general, helped kick things off as students from schools across Vernon Parish gathered to compete in events that promote and encourage exercise and a healthy lifestyle. (U.S. Army Photos by Shelby Waryas)



Community members discuss AFAP issues

Delegates representing the Army Family Advocacy Program brief Fort Johnson's command team, Brig. Gen. Jason A. Curl and Command Sgt. Maj. Oracio Peña, about actionable resolutions to consider towards improving social, environmental and economic trends affecting Soldiers and families resident to the installation during a working group hosted by Army Community Services at the Warrior Center, Oct. 31 at Fort Johnson, La. (U.S. Army photos by Karen Sampson)



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- Organizational Structure Support
- Communication - Drives Change
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Employee Involvement and Responsibilities:

- Participate in safety and health problem identification and resolution. Participate in all aspects of SOH program.
- Notify supervisors of hazardous conditions and practices
- Participate in committees, audits and investigations
- Demonstrate understanding of basic elements of ASOHMS
- Take immediate corrective action upon identification of a hazardous condition or act that could result in personal injury and / or damage to equipment
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ASOHMS Capability Objectives

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DEC. 9 FROM 10:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Welcome – 10:10:05 a.m.

QoL Progress Overview / Recap Last Conference – 10:05-10:10 a.m.

Spouse Employment – 10:10-11:00 a.m.

Brief 10:10-10:20 a.m.

Feedback 10:20-10:40 a.m.

Review / Present 10:40-11:00 a.m.

Healthcare – 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Brief 11:00-11:10 a.m.

Feedback 11:10-11:30 a.m.

Review / Present 11:30-11:50 a.m.

Lunch (1 hour) – 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

Support and Resilience – 12:50-1:40 p.m.

Brief 12:50-1:00 p.m.

Feedback 1:00-1:20 p.m.

Review / Present 1:20-1:40 p.m.

Financial Readiness – 1:40-2:30 p.m.

Brief 1:40-1:50 p.m.

Feedback 1:50-2:10 p.m.

Review / Present 2:10-2:30 p.m.

PCS Moves and Orders – 2:30-3:20 p.m.

Brief 2:30-2:40 p.m.

Feedback 2:40-3:00 p.m.

Review / Present 3:00-3:20 p.m.

Feedback/Closing Remarks – 3:20 - 3:30 p.m.

This is an event for Soldiers, civilians, retirees and family members to participate in, and provide feedback or suggestions on the state of QoL on Fort Johnson.

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Military Parents Can Help Their Children's School Increase Funding Through Impact Aid Survey

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WASHINGTON. — Schools near military installations receive less local funding, and military parents can do something about it—and it takes less than five minutes!

Most public schools receive about 90% of their funding from state and local governments. More than 80% of the local funding schools receive comes from local property taxes. Schools in communities with tribal or federal land, like a military installation, receive less local funding because property owned by the federal government is tax-exempt. These schools simultaneously see an increase in enrollment of federal and military-connected students, further straining resources.

In 1950, Congress created the Impact Aid Program, which provides annual grants to help recoup some of the tax revenue lost and to support schools with Federal or military-connected children. Every year in late October or early November, schools send out the Federal Impact Aid Survey, which military-connected Families must complete and return to their children's school.

The Impact Aid Survey allows the school to count the number of federal and military-connected students

who attend their school. This count is required to be able to apply for Impact Aid grants.

The school may send a hard copy of the survey home with students, Pre-K to Grade 12, or parents may be asked to fill out the survey online through the school's parent portal. The more military-connected students a school can count, the more money they receive from the U.S. Department of Education Impact Aid Program.

It only takes a few minutes, and all the information is confidentially processed by the school. Army Families PCS every day, so the count changes from year to year. It is mission critical for your child's school to have the highest count each year to increase their access to Impact Aid Program funds.

Impact Aid is a critical source of funding for schools near military installations, especially those with a significant number of military-connected students.

The funding is deposited into the general fund and its use is unrestricted. This means your local schools can use the money on everything from academic programs, to supplies, to hiring teachers.

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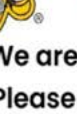
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 military families during the challenging Thanksgiving and
 Christmas holidays.

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Canned goods: Tuna, Chicken, Fruits, Veggies, Soups,
 Chili, Spaghetti, Ravioli, International foods, etc.
 Peanut Butter, Condiments, Spices
 Cereal, Oatmeal, Snack Bars, Pop Tarts
 Baking mixes, Crackers, Cookies
 Sugar, Flour, other baking items
 Instant soups, Ramen, Rice, Pastas, or Beans, etc.
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