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Fort Johnson honors National Airborne Day

By KEITH MORROW
Fort Johnson Air officer

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Aug. 16 may be just another day to some, but to a paratrooper it's National Airborne Day, which celebrates the birthday of the airborne.

On that date in 1940, a Soldier stepped out of a plane and into the skies for the first time. It was the birth of the Army's airborne program. The concept of parachuting troops into combat by jumping out of a plane began when Brig. Gen. William Mitchell came up with the idea after the end of World War I. It then went through development and testing at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Airborne operations became reality with the first implementation during the North Africa campaign of World War II, and proved to be immensely successful along with other operations, including D-Day.

One historical fact most folks probably aren't aware of is the birthplace of the 101st and 82nd airborne divisions. They began just down the road from here at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The 101st and 82nd were already organized units but officially got their airborne designation there.

There's lot of history across the Army's airborne program. Even Fort Johnson's own 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment has some great lineage by being the first unit to conduct an airborne assault in 1942, as well as conducting four more airborne operations, which gave the unit five total combat paratroops. They makes them the only unit in history to earn that many.

Over the years there have been many more historical instances where parachute operations have been used. This could include anything from dropping paratroopers and equipment to resupplying cargo to those in need.

I started and ended my 20-year

Army career on airborne status, retiring from the 1st Bn, 509th Inf Reg and ending with 122 total jumps logged in my book.

It was more than a way of life. Even after retiring in 1999, I'm still committed to the Army's airborne program as the installations air officer.

I first got hooked on the idea after watching an Army recruiting video on airborne training and seeing the John Wayne's movie "Green Berets." I decided that was for me. After I completed basic training in the summer of 1979, I attend airborne school, where I got my five jumps and earned my basic wings. After completing the Ranger indoctrination training, were I added another 15 jumps to my logbook, I was assigned Charlie Company, 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry.

Little did I know we were going to be part of airborne history. During our various training events with the unit, one of our main training missions was conducting an airborne assault onto an airfield, clearing and securing it for follow-on aircraft to land. The main reason we did this was training for our part in the rescue of our fellow Americans being held by the Iranians.

During the Iran hostage rescue mission, our Ranger company was to do just that — secure an old Iranian airfield so the helicopters and Delta Force could bring the hostages to us, transition to aircraft and fly them to safety.

Sadly, due to other events, we never got to conduct our portion of the airfield seizures.

Our training set the future for those types of airborne assaults, techniques and procedures. They have been used during several operations to include Grenada, Panama, Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's a great feeling to know we helped set the blueprint more than 40 years ago that's still used today



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by our airborne units.

However, retiring didn't stop me from working with airborne units. In 2004 I became Fort Johnson's air officer. Over the past 19 years, I have helped more than 130,000 Soldiers, in one way or another, conduct their airborne training. This could have

been their month jump training, support for a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation or even helping an out-station unit come here for their own training.

It's a great feeling when I see our Soldiers getting the training needed to prepare them by helping units work up their plan, support them with the aircraft and equipment they need and watch the unit's mission unfold as planned.

As they say, "I love it when a plan comes together."

There have been a lot of changes to the airborne program since it started in 1940, with most seeming to have happened in the past 20 or so years.

Today, we are still working to help improve the program even more. I can only imagine where we will be in the next 20 years.

There's a lot of prestige that goes along with being a paratrooper in the Army. To some it looks like just another Army job skill, but there is more to it than that. We are a band of brothers.

Happy birthday airborne ... All the way!



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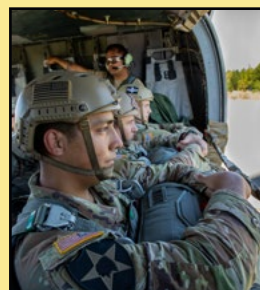
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Cover photo: Airborne Soldiers from the Joint Readiness Training Center, Operations Group, sit in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter before a static line jump Aug. 17. The jump was in honor of National Airborne Day. (Photo by PORSHA AUZENNE)



NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY



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Housing Town Hall

Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson leadership, along with unit leaders and representatives from organizations such as Corvias and the Directorate of Emergency Services, held a Housing Town Hall Aug. 21 in the Palmetto Terrace neighborhood. Residents were able to share their housing questions and concerns, maintaining the open dialogue between the Fort Johnson community and leadership. Residents and leadership then gathered at the Palmetto Community Center to further engage in discussions about quality of life.



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Safety award ceremony






On Aug. 23, Fort Johnson's Command Safety Team received the Army Exceptional Organization Safety Award. It was presented by U.S. Army Forces Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Sims for their exceptional service in providing rigorous, realistic and relevant training to prepare units for worldwide contingency operations.



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NOAA: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Eyes on the sky: Fort Johnson's weather wingmen stay alert

By PORSHA AUZENNE
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. – The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson is known for being a great place to train. However, that training would be difficult to do without the help of the Air Force's Detachment 2, 18th Combat Weather Squadron.

They play a crucial part in supporting the Army's mission and the Fort Johnson community. With Louisiana being in the middle of hurricane and severe weather season, Det. 2 stands ready in providing support to a wide range of missions and functions regarding this area.

The small team consisting of seven Air Force weather forecasters is responsible for providing current and future weather information used to safeguard the installation and its resources, training areas and personnel working and living at Fort Johnson. They protect and inform by producing weather forecasts, tailored mission weather products and briefings, historical weather assessments and severe weather alerts. Since weather is a significant factor to the success and safety of personnel at Fort Johnson, the detachment also works closely with aviation and medical evacuation teams to ensure they are aware of any inclement weather that may pose a danger.

Tech. Sgt. Austin Medina, Det. 2, 18th CWS aviation weather operations noncommissioned officer in charge, spoke more in depth on how his team works with the units of Fort Johnson and vice versa.

"Det. 2 works to apply weather data to aid in the success of a wide array of day-to-day events. We are typically the first in near daily command update briefings, which are a great way to quickly connect with leaders and representatives from various organizations from around Fort Johnson," said Medina. "We also work more directly with other post organizations and routinely integrate our weather observing and forecasting capabilities into their various mission sets to maximize their successes or help them preform resource protection. This includes helping to plan installation activities, supporting the Maks Army Airfield flying missions and supporting 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division operations.

As the squadron's primary focal point is forecasting and monitoring severe weather, the team takes multiple steps when a threat is approaching. Various tools and techniques are used in the to identify inclement weather three to four days prior to a potential event occurring. When the team sees any indicators of severe weather approaching, they use both automated and manual means to communicate

with Fort Johnson's Warrior Operations Center as well as participate in specialized briefs to give installation leadership the ability to make informed decisions in preparation for the event. In the hours leading up to a potential severe weather threat, the detachment issues watches, warnings and advisories to various organizations through automated systems.

Conditions are further monitored using a current weather radar, near real-time satellite imagery, storm reporting and observations from surrounding sites in the area.

"These capabilities, along with collaboration amongst external agencies such as the National Weather Service and Storm Prediction Center, help us keep the installation informed and safe," Medina said.

When asked what the most important part of being in the combat weather squadron meant to him, Medina said working to ensure the Fort Johnson team, whether at home or deployed, is informed and able to make the best weather decisions when it comes to the installation's safety. They do that by communicating the impacts that the outdoor elements will have on events and operations. "By being able to predict incoming weather events, we can help everyone better prepare for a wide array of conditions ranging from dangerous summertime heat, to hurricanes and severe thunderstorms, to even the occasional winter weather event."

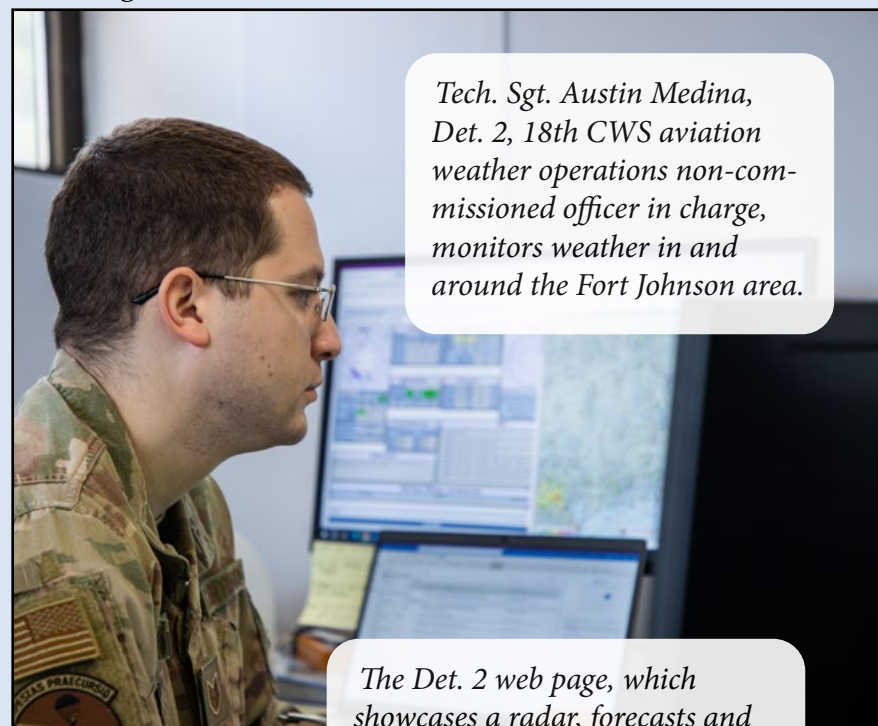
To learn more about the operations Det. 2, 18th CWS performs, as well as stay up to date on the local weather, visit:

home.army.mil/johnson/index.php/units-tenants/det-2-18th-combat-weather-squadron



"Taking prior actions and having a predetermined plan is the best way to be better prepared for hurricanes and severe weather events. Understanding when and where to take shelter and having emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries/alternate power sources, access to news broadcasts, and non-perishable food and water are among the many keys to preparing for such events."

– Tech. Sgt. Austin Medina on how Fort Johnson can be better prepared for hurricanes and severe weather



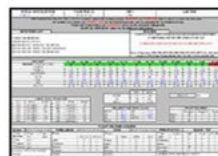
Tech. Sgt. Austin Medina, Det. 2, 18th CWS aviation weather operations non-commissioned officer in charge, monitors weather in and around the Fort Johnson area.

The Det. 2 web page, which showcases a radar, forecasts and various helpful weather resources.

DET 2, 18TH COMBAT WEATHER SQUADRON



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Viper Nation holds change of command ceremony

By PORSHA AUZENNE
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Lt. Col. Patrick M. Murphy relinquished duties as the commander of the 519th Military Police Battalion, also known as “Viper Nation,” to Lt. Col. Joshua Larson during a change of command ceremony Aug. 18. The ceremony took place at Fort Johnson’s Warrior Fitness Center with Families, fellow Soldiers and friends in attendance.

Col. Charcillea A. Schaefer, commander of the 16th Military Police Brigade, presided over the ceremony.

“It’s an honor and privilege to commemorate such a significant moment in the history of the 519th Military Police Battalion,” Schaefer said. “This change of command marks the passing of leadership responsibilities from one capable leader to another demonstrating the continuity of excellence that our Army prides itself on. As we bid farewell to Lt. Col. Murphy, I want to take a moment and express my heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering dedication and exemplary leadership that has insured the success of this battalion in the past two years.”

Schaefer also praised Murphy for his leadership in helping his battalion to overcome a plethora of challenges that occurred over the past two years, which included the develop-

ment and implementation of the Protect Program, the response to a downed F-16 aircraft, a company deployment in support of U.S. European Command and a U.S. Army Forces Command led emergency deployment readiness exercise. After Schaefer concluded her speech, Murphy took to the podium to thank Viper Nation.



“Over the past two years, we’ve asked our organization to do four things: protect, lead, train and win, with the most important of those being to protect,” said Murphy.

“To protect your battle buddies, Families and this installation in a physical, emotional and spiritual sense. By arming your team and our team with the capabilities and resources to combat the corrosive behaviors, physical threats and to cultivate resiliency, I leave command proud, knowing that every Soldier, non-commissioned officer and civilian did that day in and day out.”

Larson thanked Murphy for his candid feedback, amazing opening transition and wished the outgoing commander and his Family the best as Murphy begins his outgoing transition into retirement. Larson then mentioned his enthusiasm in joining the 519th and his new role as director of Directorate of Emergency Services.

Col. Charcillea A. Schaefer (right), commander of the 16th Military Police Brigade, passes the colors to incoming 519th Military Police Battalion commander Lt. Col. Joshua Larson.



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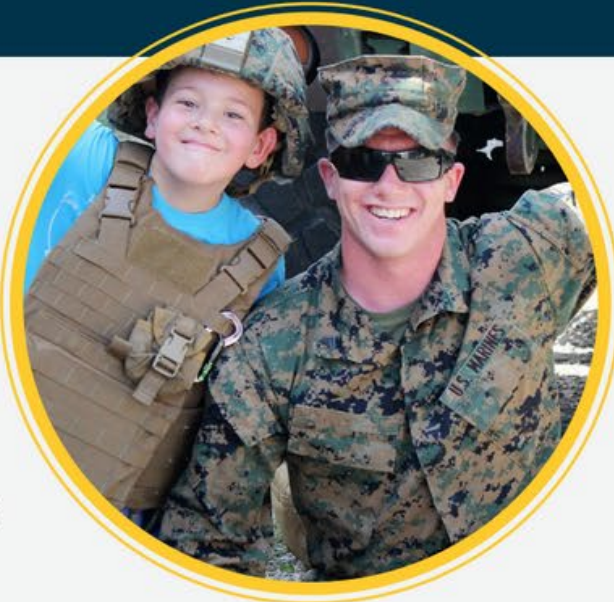
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- + A tax consultant can help you examine your family's tax situation and how a DCFSA might benefit you. Service members and their families have access to free tax consultation from MilTax via Military OneSource.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the DCFSA and the options available to you, or visit MilitaryOneSource.mil/DCFSA



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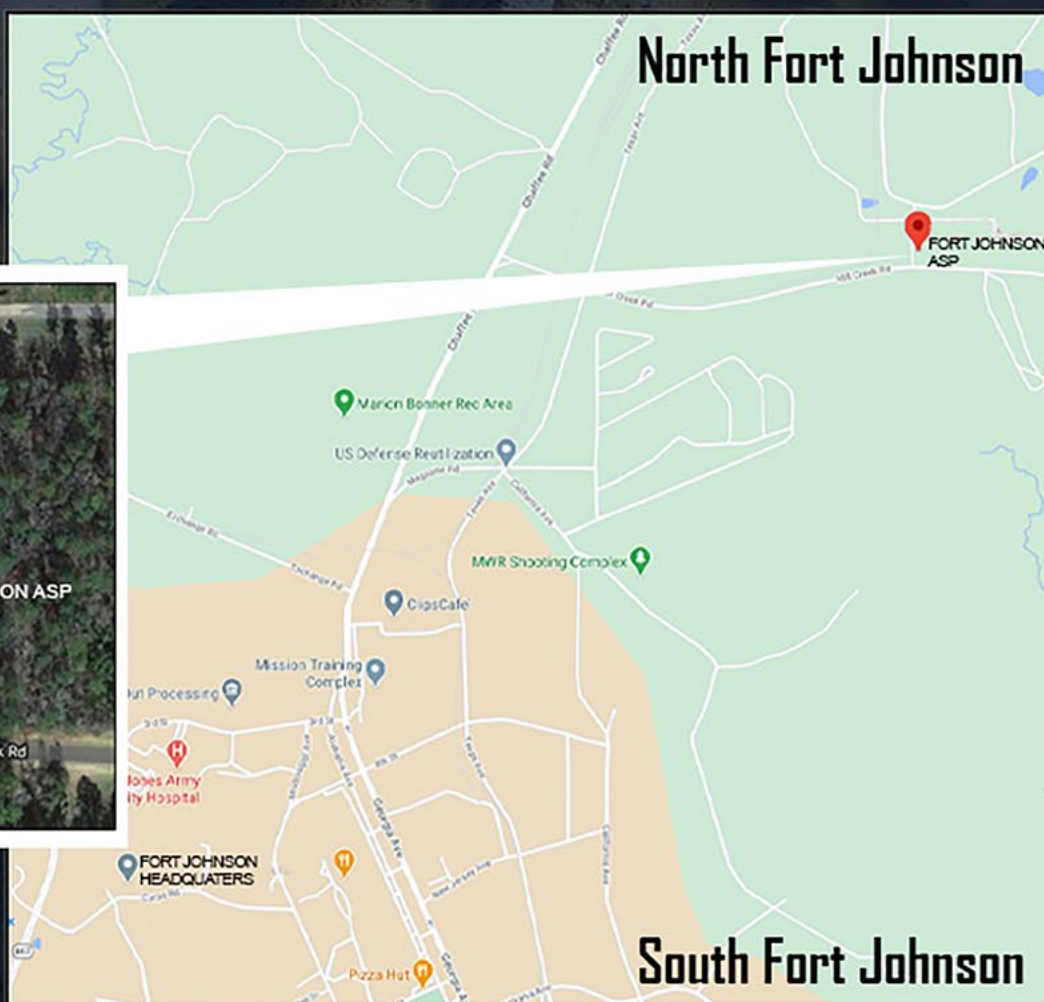
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Writer builds team with help from Ready, Resilient Performance Center

By JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES
BJACH PAO

FORT JOHNSON, La. — The Army talks a lot about resiliency, but what exactly does that mean? According to the U.S. Army Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness, there are five dimensions or pillars of resiliency: physical, emotional, social, spiritual and family. Sustaining healthy behaviors within and across these dimensions is essential to personal readiness.

At the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson, the Ready and Resilient Performance Center provides training and educational resources to active-duty Soldiers, their Families and Department of Defense employees designed to strengthen and enhance personal readiness, increase unit cohesion, and achieve positive outcomes.

Recently, Jerome Simmons, manager of the Fort Johnson R2 center, stopped by Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital to discuss ways to help spread the word about the program and the different training opportunities available to hospital personnel.

To gain a better understanding of the program, I scheduled a team-building lunch and learn for my department.

My team is unique. We have me, the public affairs officer, who also serves as the postal and Freedom of Information Act officer. I supervise two employees- one postal clerk, and one management service assistant, who manages our publications and forms program. We like to refer to ourselves as the “Island of Misfit Toys.”

Simmons connected me with Kimmie Rushford, a performance coach at the R2 center who took the lead in planning a lunch and learn for my department.

I told Rushford I wanted a team-building session to help us build unit cohesion, improve communication, and foster a culture of trust.

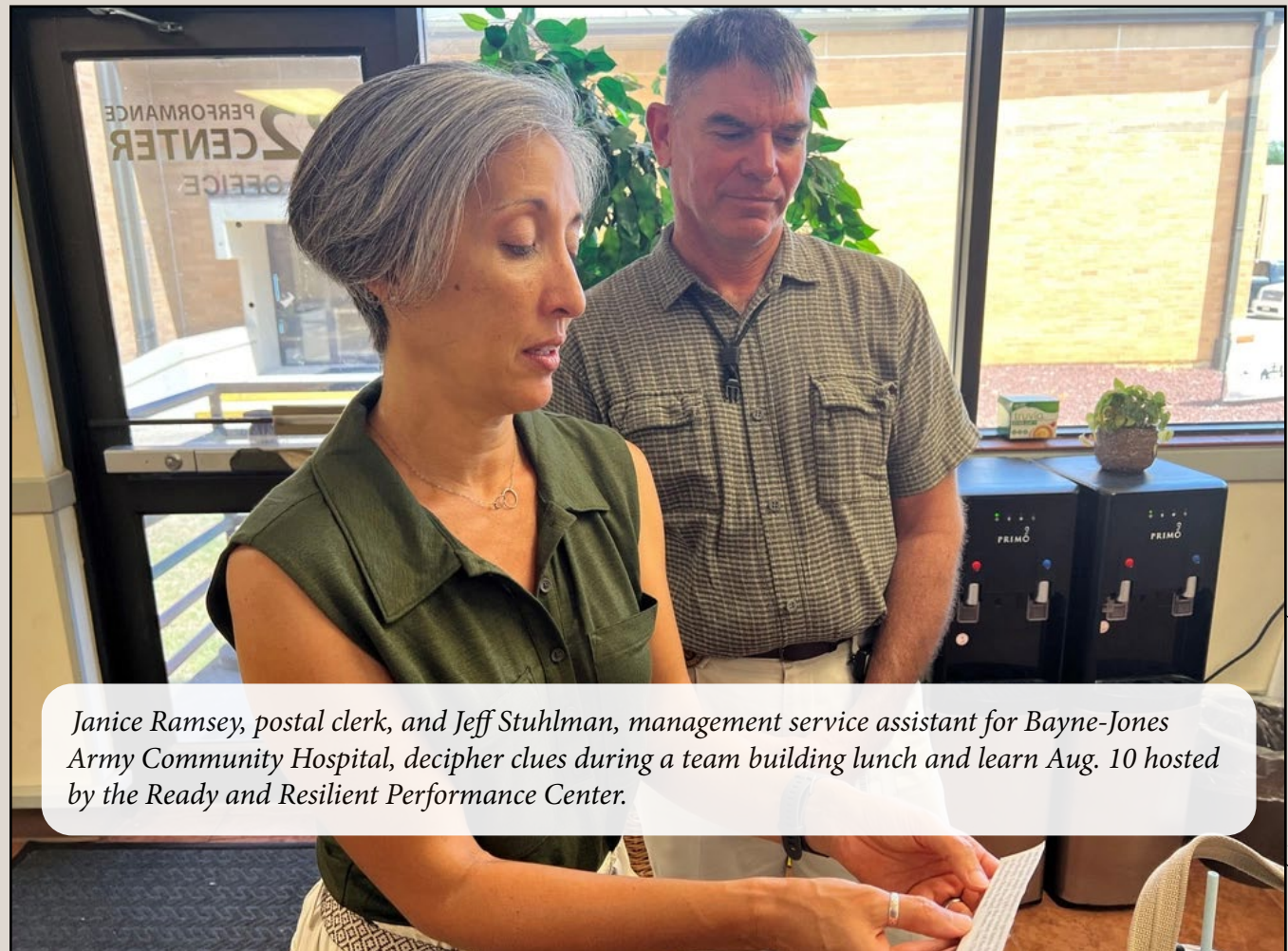
“There are five of us in the office who work with units,” Rushford said. “I am the point of contact for BJACH. Whenever someone from BJACH is interested in learning more about what we do or in scheduling training with us they are referred to me.”

The R2 performance center can do one-on-one group training.

“I knew the BJACH public affairs team wanted a chance to get together outside of the hospital, and that their time was limited,” Rushford said. “I also knew that the combined age of the participants was more than 158 years old, so I kept that in mind when I planned the activities for them.”

Rushford set up a 30-minute escape-room style exercise that forced our team to decipher clues, find items hidden at the R2 center and then arrange them according to a final clue.

“When I saw the request for a team-building lunch and learn my main goal was to make



Janice Ramsey, postal clerk, and Jeff Stuhlman, management service assistant for Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, decipher clues during a team building lunch and learn Aug. 10 hosted by the Ready and Resilient Performance Center.

it fun and lighthearted yet intentional and fruitful,” she said. “The more research articles I read and the more I learned about creative problem solving and critical thinking as a team, the more I wanted to help them learn to overcome challenges, trust each other, communicate better, hold each other accountable and achieve the results they desire. What better way to incorporate collaborative problem solving and critical thinking than with a scavenger hunt? During the exercise I was able to observe the different leadership styles within the team as well as how they overcame challenges creatively and collaboratively together.”

Rushford hoped everyone took away a better understanding of what a functional and successful team looks like.

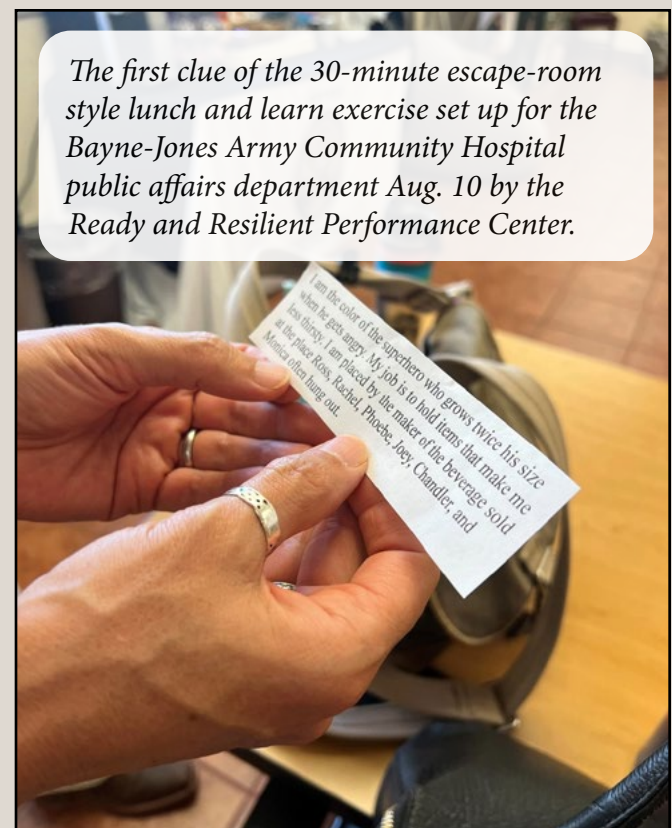
“Understanding that everyone thinks differently and brings unique strengths to the team and that each person is necessary for success was my goal,” she said. “I think the team did very well, specifically as each team member took a step back and trusted to follow the others even though they were a little bit hesitant to do so. They also communicated very effectively and were comfortable with asking each other questions if they did not understand something.”

Rushford said our participation enhanced the training.

“I thoroughly enjoyed creating this training,” she said. “The participation made it more successful than I had originally envisioned, so I appreciate their willingness to trust me in this process.”

Rushford is looking forward our next lunch and learn in September where we plan to focus on stress and burnout management.

The first clue of the 30-minute escape-room style lunch and learn exercise set up for the Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital public affairs department Aug. 10 by the Ready and Resilient Performance Center.



The exercise helped Janice Ramsey, unit postal clerk for BJACH, understand how her coworker and I think about problems.

“This event was awesome,” she said. “Kimmie was very knowledgeable and presented a team-building exercise that we all could participate in. She was mindful of our ages and thought of an exercise that brought our diverse knowledge together.”

Ramsey enjoyed interacting with her colleagues outside of the office setting.

“I think every department in the hospital can benefit from R2 training,” she said. “With

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Rosepine support signing

Col. CJ Lopez, Fort Johnson garrison commander (right), and Rosepine Mayor Donna Duvall signed a 10-year Intergovernmental Support Agreement Aug. 21. The agreement provides custodial services to 127 facilities on the installation, totaling just under one million square feet, and will continue to allow for Rosepine to reap economy of scale savings that will be used to invest within their community and Fort Johnson to realize the benefits through cost savings.



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the mental and cultural diversity, and the high-stress environment healthcare professionals experience, team building, and resiliency training might be very beneficial. I feel like we can incorporate what was taught into our everyday lives and hopefully learn to better understand each other.”

The training was great for Jeffery Stuhlman, publications, and forms manager at BJACH.

“I thought this was beneficial for our team,” he said. “Being on a team like ours, with very distinct areas of expertise, made this exercise extremely useful helped us learn more about how each of us think and processes information.”

Stuhlman said all teams can benefit from R2 training.

“Team building in the workforce is extremely important,” he said. “We spend more time with our coworkers than we do with our own families. We may not be best friends, but we always need to be professional. This type of training could bring a lot of understanding in any workplace.”

Stuhlman was impressed that Rushford designed the training exercise specifically for our team.

“I’m looking forward to next month’s lunch and learn,” he said. “Ms. Kimmie did an awesome job of bringing out each of our individual styles and thought processes. It was kind of like group therapy. We work together every day, but this made us focus on a non-work-related task. We learned that despite our differences in



Kimmie Rushford, a performance coach at Fort Johnson’s Ready and Resilient Performance Center, coordinated a team building lunch and learn exercise Aug. 10, for the Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital public affairs team.

JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES/BJACH PAO

processing information, we all had input into completing the goal by listening to each individual and putting everything together.”

Stuhlman initiated the training to learn more about the R2 performance center and the programs they offer. But in the end, he learned more about himself and his team.

“I figured out and found the first two clues quickly, but for the second two and final exercise, I had to rely on Janice and Jeff. At one point I found myself frustrated I didn’t have the answer, which highlighted a personality flaw: I’m extremely impatient. This exercise made me look inward and understand I may not have all the answers, and that’s ok. I’ve got a great team who are strong in areas where I

am weak,” Stuhlman said.

The JRTC and Fort Johnson R2 Performance Center is in building 2380 on Alabama Avenue and will set up training events for military and civilian organizations wherever and whenever a unit or team requests it.

Performance experts at R2 can accommodate large or small groups and tailor the training to focus on building trust, resolving conflicts, increasing commitment, accountability, and results of teams and work groups.

For more information call the R2 Performance Center at (337) 531-2427. To learn more about the Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness, visit: <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/>.

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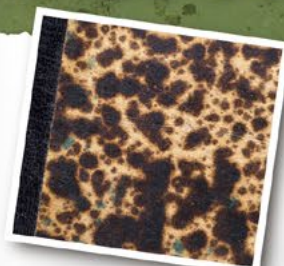
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DIFFERENCE**



MOLD

Molds include all species of microscopic fungi that grow in the form of multicellular filaments, called hyphae. Molds can thrive on any organic matter, including clothing, leather, paper, and the ceilings, walls and floors of homes with moisture management problems. Mildew often lives on shower walls, windowsills, and other places where moisture levels are high. There are many species of molds. In unaired places, such as basements, they can produce a strong musty odor.

mildew

Mildew refers to certain kinds of mold or fungus. The term mildew is often used generically to refer to mold growth, usually with a flat growth habit.



If you live in on-post privatized housing and believe you have a mold problem, call the Fort Johnson Housing Office at (337) 531-6000. For those who live in the barracks, contact Directorate of Public Works through Army Maintenance at <https://dpw.armymaintenance.com> or call (337) 531-4701.

Watch for those carrying out **illicit** discharges at storm drains

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

FORT JOHNSON, La. — On Fort Johnson, waterways are continuously monitored to ensure they are well maintained and healthy. This is done by erosion control, annual sampling and visual assessments. The best method to ensure the health of installation waterways is to keep unnatural materials out. One way to do that is to report illicit discharges. That's where you come in. Illicit discharges are defined as any discharge to a storm drain not composed entirely of storm water or any discharges authorized under a storm water general discharge permit.

Should you see any of the following, please call (337) 531-9626 and provide a facility location and building number or address and a description of any of the following:

- Leaks from exterior water lines or pipes
- Illegal dumping
- Soapy and foaming pipe discharges
- Excessive sediments entering a storm drain
- Wet conditions during dry weather
- Excessive trash/litter
- Illegal dumping of wastes into a storm drain
- Sanitary sewer overflows
- Visible observation of pollutants entering the storm drain



COURTESY OF CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FLORIDA

Spills fitting the following description should be reported to the Fort Johnson Directorate of Emergency Services.

- Spills of petroleum, oil and lubricants greater than 10 gallons

- A hazardous substance, material or waste
- All spills which occur in a water source or have the potential to enter a storm drain inlet and discharge to a water source (puddles excluded)

Service Culture Campaign focuses on pledge to customers

By Melissa Box

Plans, Analysis and Integration Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Hunt the good stuff. That's what people are told to do. Unfortunately, life is filled with situations that can leave folks feeling less than satisfied on an almost daily basis, especially when it comes to customer service.

For instance, when a customer is told by a sales clerk they will be right back and the customer waits, but no one ever comes back. If that's happened to you, then you understand good customer service can be hard to find. Luckily, the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson community doesn't have to look very hard to witness great examples of customer service every day.

Customer service is at the forefront of the principles that guide Fort Johnson's Service Culture Campaign. The SCC is a sustained readiness plan launched by Installation Management Command to develop a highly effective team capable of supporting installation senior commanders and Army readiness requirements. It's built on the premise that excellence in customer service is a byproduct of how employees are treated. Which means if employees are treated well, they will treat the customer well.

The goal is to establish an environment

where employees have engaged leaders, feel valued, are loyal to the organization and treat each other with dignity and respect.

Installation Management Command handles the day-to-day operations of U.S. Army installations. It's basically a community that provides the services found in any small city. It's no surprise that the IMCOM principles create the acronym S.E.R.V.I.C.E., which reinforces the message IMCOM provides service to the Army and nation by enabling Army readiness.

SERVICE: We will value Soldiers and Families. We are committed to serving them.

EXCELLENCE: We will execute our mission to the highest standard possible.

RESPECT: We will treat everyone with courtesy, dignity and respect.

VISION: We will anticipate and remain agile in a dynamic environment.

INTEGRITY: We will hold ourselves to the highest professional standard.

COMMUNICATION: We will connect and engage with our communities, customers and with each other.

EMPOWERMENT: We will make a positive impact on the lives of each other and those we serve.

Fort Johnson garrison commander, Col. CJ Lopez, and his team set the example to provide superior service for Soldiers, Families, Army civilians and retirees. At the garrison all-hands

presentation, Lopez, garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Nielson and garrison directors signed a leadership pledge.

"Taking care of our customers begins with taking care of our employees," Lopez said. "Leaders should have the same concern, respect and caring attitude that we expect from our team."

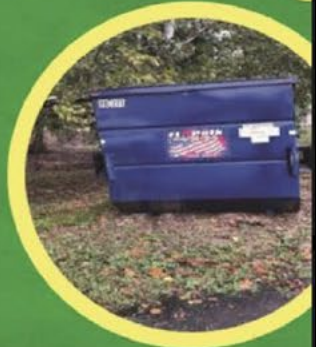
To instill the guiding principles set by IMCOM, Operational Excellence was adopted as the premier platform for customer service training. This foundational training is attended by new garrison employees as part of the on-boarding process. Garrison employees are also required to take an annual OPEX refresher class. OPEX serves as a reminder of the importance of customer service and is used to improve the process of serving customers, internally and externally.

The major components of Operational Excellence are:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Empowering employees
- Ongoing and improving of existing processes

So, next time you are on the receiving end of exceptional service, know it did not occur by accident. Many hours of training and practice led to that moment. More importantly, remember that S.E.R.V.I.C.E. is alive and well at JRTC and Fort Johnson.

Fort Johnson Solid Waste



CONSOLIDATED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION POINT

MONDAY – FRIDAY | 0800 – 1530
(337) 535 - 1155

SOLID WASTE (SCRAP METAL AND WOOD DISPOSAL)

QRP/RECYCLING CENTER

Bldgs. 3620 & 3622 - Corner of Georgia and Maine Aves.

MON-FRI 0800 -1600 (337) 531-7556

• Organizations should turn-in scrap metal to the QRP facility.

8300 BLOCK

MON-FRI 0800 -1530 337-535-1155

• Organizations should turn-in scrap wood to Solid Waste Consolidation Point (8300 block).

• Wood greater than 3 ft. long cannot be placed into the dumpsters.

• Don't place scrap wood next to dumpster.

• Used furniture/bulk items must be disposed of at the 8300 block.

• No hand receipt items.

BULK ITEMS IN HOUSING DISPOSAL INFORMATION:

All residents living in South Fort & North Fort military housing are authorized to dispose of bulk items into the roll off located at Corvias Warehouse site marked "**RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY**". This is for "Housing Residents Only" not from barracks, Garrison entities or from off post. The site is located @ 6528 Holmlund Street next to the Dogwood "Bark Park". Operating hours are M-F 0800-1700.

KEYS TO SOLID WASTE SUCCESS

- Keep dumpster lids and doors closed to comply with Louisiana regulations to avoid state action (Title 33, Part VII, ref. 507.D).
- Don't bury, burn, or dispose of waste in the field or garrison.
- Sort hazardous and regulated waste from insert waste at the point of generation.
- Purge refrigerators, ACs, and freezers with freon before disposal at QRP Recycling Center.

Personal appliance DMOs are not accepted.

(FAQ) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I request a roll-off for a large amount of scrap wood and how long can my unit keep it?

Call (337) 535-1155 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with your facility number or location, name, phone number.

POC is responsible for items and other materials that are placed inside roll-off. Wood only. No trash or debris.

Where do I deliver scrap metal?

QRP recycling center, building 3620. Call (337) 531-7556 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Can my unit dispose of bread racks in dumpsters from our field training exercises?

No. Deliver to building 4366 cold storage facility on Virginia Avenue for reuse.

Can my unit deliver used/damaged furniture to the CSWCP 8300 block?

Yes, but furniture must not be on the organization's hand receipt, and units must provide a detail to unload.

How does my unit request solid waste support for upcoming training or ranges?

Call (337) 535-1155 and provide unit name, POC, grid location or range number and dates needed.

Why didn't my unit or facility dumpsters didn't get serviced today?

The dumpster was blocked by a vehicle or equipment, too heavy from unauthorized items, had safety issues or contained a restricted item.

Where can my unit dispose of bags of leaves, pine straw, tree limbs and other yard waste from unit area cleanup?

The 8300 block on North Fort. All plastic bags must be emptied into the roll-off. For assistance call (337) 535-1155 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where can I dispose of clean cardboard?

Any green dumpster, building 3620 (QRP) or building 830 north of the Thrift Shop (old commissary) parking area.



Women's Equality Day focuses on remembering, celebrating women's right to vote

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON — Women's Equality Day is celebrated Aug. 26. The day, which honors the women's suffrage movement and acknowledges the challenges women have overcome in their stride towards equality and progress, was first introduced as a motion in 1971 and formally adopted in 1973.

That date honors the enactment of the 19th Amendment, which states "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

This observance is the culmination of the decades-long struggle of suffragists determined to shape the course of the republic. On Women's Equality Day, the efforts of those activists are commemorated by celebrating their remarkable achievements and reaffirming a commitment to equality under the law.

Although the 19th Amendment was ratified Aug. 18, 1920, it was not until its certification by proclamation — meaning it had been ratified by a two-thirds majority of states — a week later, on Aug. 26, that it was officially enacted. Women's Equality Day reminds the country of the hurdles overcome by the women who faced violence and discrimination in their efforts to continuously advance their movement.

Despite the fact the right to vote, the cornerstone of democracy, belongs to all citizens, this right was not originally afforded to women.

In the early 19th century, American women, who generally could not inherit property and made half of a man's wages in any available jobs, began organizing to demand political



rights and representation.

The women's suffrage movement was successful because a broad and diverse group of women and men worked together to promote change. They demanded rules written by men and for men be reformed to include women. Women's rights groups pointed out the hypocrisy of fighting for democracy in Europe while denying it to half of the American citizenry.

Changing the Constitution was a lengthy and complicated struggle and began in 1848 with the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York.

The Seneca Falls Convention had more than 300 attendees, including organizers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. The meeting

launched the women's suffrage movement, and it was where the rights of American women were outlined in the Declaration of Sentiments and signed by 68 women and 32 men, including Frederick Douglass.

The struggle for women's suffrage was the first step toward equality for women. Women have made great strides towards equity, diversity and full inclusion.

In virtually every sector of society, women are significant contributors to enriching life experiences in the United States.

Their resolve, innovation, leadership, passion and compassion have changed the world and continue to inspire future generations of women.



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Fort Johnson American All-Star team celebrates successful season

By ANGIE THORNE
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — The smell of fresh cut grass; the feel of the sun beating down on your shoulders; the sound of an umpire calling a strike and the sight of a well hit line drive merge to make your senses pop as they create the perfect picture of summer baseball.

The reality of those experiences, whether you're playing ball or watching it, has led to stellar year for Child and Youth Services Fort Johnson American All-Star team.

Brian Lowman, head coach, said the kids and their parents put their heart into the team.

"The team sometimes practiced five times a week to prepare for the season," Lowman said.

The all-star team was comprised of 11 boys and 1 girl, ages 7 and 8. As an All-Star team, the players were nominated by their regular season coach. The team was represented by at least one player from each of the five regular season teams.

The all-star team had a successful year. They competed in the sub-district tournament with a record of three wins and two losses and placing second in the tournament. This qualified the team for the district tournament in Ville Plate, Louisiana. They finished with a record of 2-2, placed fourth and qualified for the state tournament in New Orleans, where 24 teams from across the state competed in a round robin tournament. The Fort Johnson American All-Star team played a total of three games at the tournament.

Kids and parents were thrilled about winning and said the all-star team was a great experience for them.

Many of the Soldiers and their Families were in the process of moving during the season. It didn't stop them from participating.

"We had parents drive back and forth from Fort Stewart to participate in this All-Star experience. Soldiers were deferring their orders and commanders were letting Soldiers off to participate," Lowman said. "This is a big event. An All-Star team has never been done before with this age group in the Army. The kids and their Families working together made this happen. It was amazing to watch this great baseball family with players from across country and parents of all different ranks come together," Lowman said.

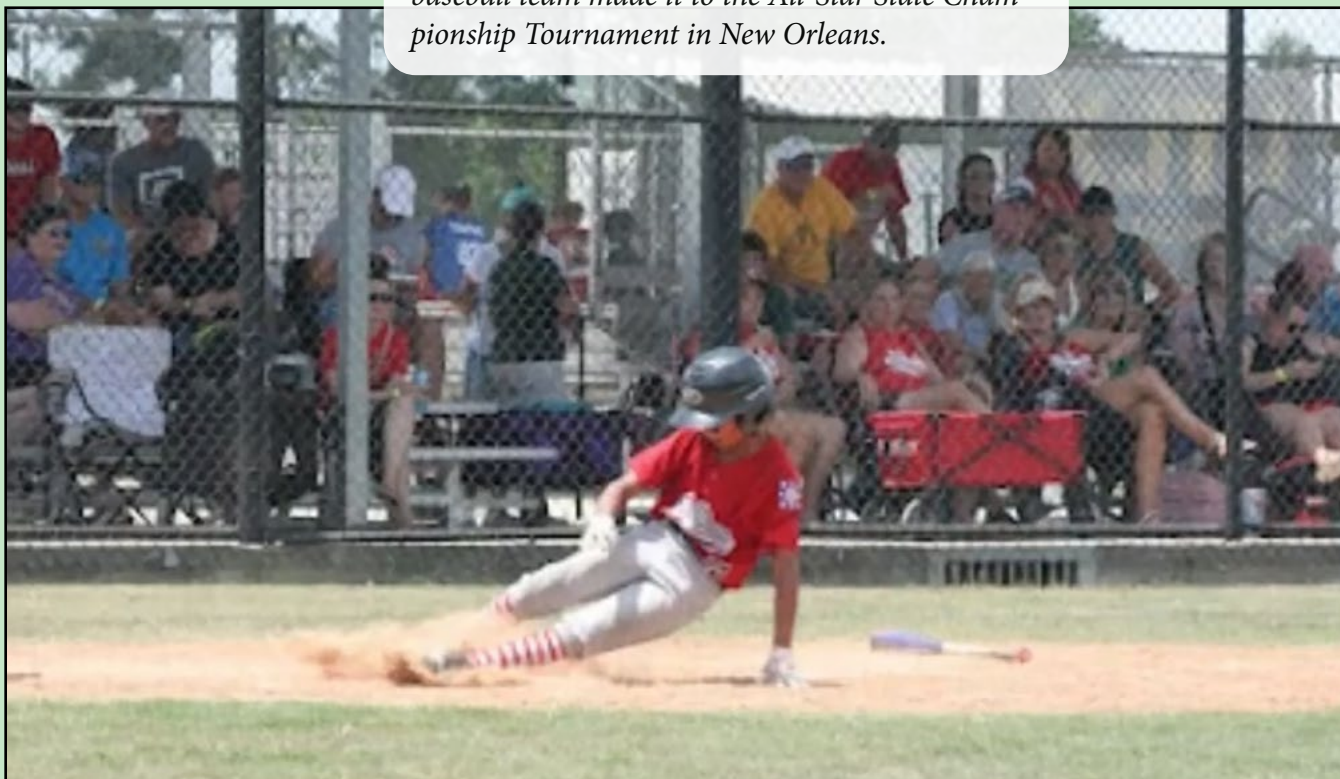
Players who participated on the team mastered a variety of baseball and life skills.

"They learned things like respect, dedication, motivation, a sense of team and how to support one another," Lowman said. "The community off the installation also embraced us and showed great support."

Lowman is proud of every parent, kid and coach, not to mention the support from Fort Johnson's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Child and Youth Services.



Fort Johnson's Child and Youth Services Sports baseball team made it to the All-Star State Championship Tournament in New Orleans.



If you have any questions about seasonal Fort Johnson sports teams, call CYS Youth Sports at (337) 531-6004.

CYS YOUTH SPORTS HOMESCHOOL P.E.



*REGISTRATION BEGINS **AUGUST 1**
 *CLASSES BEGIN **SEPTEMBER 7**
 *CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON **THURSDAYS** AND WILL BE SPLIT UP BY AGE GROUP:

*\$10/MONTH

*LOCATED AT THE YOUTH GYM (BLDG 2070)

*MUST BE REGISTERED WITH CYS AND HAVE A CURRENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT

PLEASE CALL **337-531-6004** FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS



Hearing Readiness, building 3508, is closed for walk-in testing as of Aug. 28



Soldiers eligible for hearing tests should attend birth month Soldier Readiness Processing. If hearing readiness is red more than 30 days prior to birth month SRP, scan the QR CODE provide full name and phone number and you will be called with in 72 hours for an appointment.

HOW MUCH ARE YOU DRINKING?

WHAT'S IN A STANDARD DRINK?

5 oz of wine
12% ALCOHOL



1.5 oz or a "shot" of 80-proof spirits or liquor
40% ALCOHOL



12 oz of beer
5% ALCOHOL



8 oz of malt liquor
7% ALCOHOL



Each of the drinks above is a "standard drink."
 Because beer, wine and liquor all have different amounts of alcohol in them, standard drinks come in various sizes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A standard 16 oz plastic drinking cup can help you measure a "standard drink." The lines on the cup show you how much to pour of beer, wine or liquor without overdoing it.
- Be aware that the drink you order at the bar could be equal to two or three "standard drinks." It depends on the type and amount of alcohol in the drink.

LEARN MORE AT ownyourlimits.org/responsible-drinking

Plastic Cup



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.

2011	Cadillac	DTS	6891
1995	Jeep	Cherokee	9563
1999	Honda	Accord	5783
2012	Hyundai	Elantra	8154
2016	Mazda	3	5679
2008	Chevrolet	Impala	9420
2010	Chevrolet	Cobalt	6002
2002	VW	GTI	2558
1981	Yamaha	XJ650	8637
1994	Ford	F-250	3432
1997	Dodge	1500	3720
2003	Nissan	Altima	6157
2014	Chevrolet	Cruze	0491
2002	Pontiac	Grand Prix	1285
1995	Dodge	1500	8277
2016	Jeep	Patriot	9883
2005	Buick	LeSaber	7593

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BJACH hosts summer clinical rotation for Army Nurse Corps Cadet

By JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES
BJACH PAO

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital concluded the annual nurse summer training program with a graduation ceremony in honor of Cadet Jasmine Savant, a nursing student from the University of Louisiana, Monroe Aug. 15 at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson.

1st Lt. Justin Sinlao, NSTP manager at BJACH, said the program is a 28-day clinical immersion experience and the pinnacle training event for future Army Nurse Corps officers. The goal of the program is to provide nursing students in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps with a clinical experience in a military medical treatment facility while simultaneously introducing them to the duties, roles and responsibilities expected of an Army nurse.

Savant is member of the Tiger Battalion, ROTC program at Grambling State University and is the only ROTC Cadet in her nursing program at ULM.

Born and raised in Opelousas, Louisiana, Savant currently serves as a unit supply specialist in the Louisiana National Guard and is assigned to the 528th Engineer Battalion in Monroe, Louisiana.

“I always knew I wanted to be a nurse,” she said. “Serving in the National Guard has motivated me to become an Army nurse.”

Working with and shadowing Sinlao was Savant’s favorite part of the three-week rotation.

“Learning from 1st Lt. Sinlao helped me understand my weaknesses and areas I need to work on,” she said. “He helped me learn more about things to do, best practices, and things I should not do when working with patients.”

Savant gained a lot of great experience that she will take back for her next semester at ULM.

“While working in the labor, delivery and postpartum ward, I was able to witness the birth of a baby, which was really cool to see,” she said. “In the emergency department, I got to work with Jeff Cooley. He was really nice and used his downtime to show me other things that I can take with me as I continue my education and will help me be a better nurse.”

Savant’s experience at BJACH solidified her goals of becoming an Army Nurse Corps officer.

“Since I was the only Cadet at BJACH for this summer rotation, I got all the attention,” she said. “At first, I thought there would be other Cadets here, but being the only one this year was a benefit for my personal and professional growth.”

Savant spent time on the mixed medical surgical ward, the OB-GYN clinic, LDRP, physical and occupational therapy clinic, and the operating room.



Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital concluded its annual nurse summer training program with a graduation ceremony in honor of Cadet Jasmine Savant, a nursing student from the University of Louisiana, Monroe, Aug. 15 at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson. Savant’s sister Aaliyah Zachary (left), and mother Shantelle Savant, a registered nurse from Opelousas General Health System, attended the ceremony.



Col. Takako Barrell, deputy commander for nursing at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital presents Savant with a certificate of a achievement for her completion of Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital annual 28-day clinical immersion experience and the pinnacle training event for future Army Nurse Corps Officers.

“Eventually, I want to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist, so I enjoyed my interactions with them during my rotation through surgery,” she said. “I’ve changed my major numerous times, but as I’ve shadowed other people during my clinical rotations, I’ve learned about CRNAs, what they do, and I know this will be my next goal. Hopefully, I can achieve it through my service in the Army.”

Jeff Cooley, a registered nurse in the BJACH

emergency department, served as a preceptor for Savant during her rotation.

“Certain nurses made the difference in my career,” he said. “I know it is very important to support, influence and encourage future nurses.”

Cooley believes the experiences students have with seasoned nurses can make or break

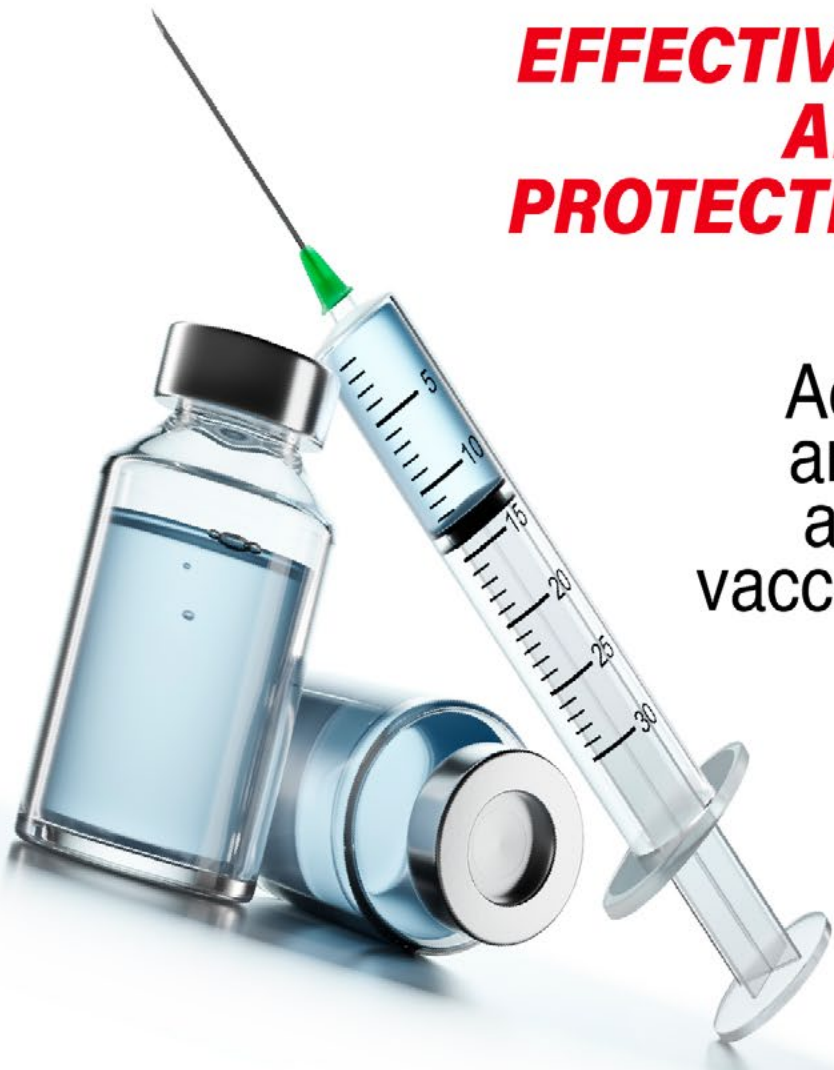
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ATTENTION

EFFECTIVE AUG. 1 ALL SERVICE MEMBERS ARE "RED" IN THE ARMY MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS) DUE TO REQUIRED FLU VACCINATION.

Administered annually between August and October, MEDPROS automatically annotates red for all Soldiers until new vaccines are administered. The vaccine is currently not available at Fort Johnson.

Soldiers should not report to their assigned troop clinics for vaccination until notified to do so.



Cadet

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their desire to get into the field of nursing.

"Jasmine was really outgoing and willing to put forth the effort," he said. "That's the first step to success. She is very career oriented, eager to learn, and I think she will achieve her professional goals as a nurse and beyond."

Jessica McMickin, registered nurse on the BJACH LDRP ward, enjoyed serving as a preceptor for Savant.

"She was such a sweet and smart girl who was always excited to experience and learn new things," she said. "It says a lot that we are able to host the NSTP at BJACH every summer."

This was McMickin's first time being a preceptor.

"It is so beneficial to the Army to show students what we do to take care of Soldiers and their Families," she said. "This was a great experience for me too. It was an honor to help. Serving in this capacity means I'm looked at as a leader, a positive example of what nurses

should be, and I know a student's experience with us can be a determining factor on if someone becomes a nurse or not."

Col. Takako Barrell, deputy commander for nursing at BJACH, served as the keynote speaker during Savant's graduation ceremony.

Barrell shared a Japanese saying — kokoro no kate — meaning "of use to and from the heart." She asked Savant, her family and those gathered to keep the saying in mind as she shared her interpretation of a 2019 Forbes article "Change Leadership: Why Your Head, Heart and Gut Are Critical To Listen To."

"Imagine your head, heart and gut as three brains," she said. "Each brain has several functions. Our head is great for thinking, our heart is led by emotions and our gut focuses on our sense of self and is the root of our courage."

Barrell challenged Savant to listen to all three brains during her nursing journey.

"To paraphrase the article, our three brains should be applied to make a difference in us

as change agents," Barrell said. "Our heart determines how passionate we are as leaders and nurses. Our head determines the achievement of our end state. Our gut is where our courage lies."

Barrell questioned Savant how she will follow her head, heart, and brain to communicate, act and make decisions in her personal, educational, and vocational life.

"As a company grade officer, you will have the ability and responsibility to directly influence your subordinates," she said. "As a nurse you will be defined by your actions. As an Army Nurse Corps officer, you will be preserving the strength of our nation by providing trusted and highly compassionate care to the most precious of our military Family — each patient."

Barrell encouraged Savant to let her heart, head, and gut guide her and thanked her family for influencing and shaping her into the great future Army Nurse she will soon become.

BRIEFS

Ladies day

Every third Sunday of the month, ladies get half off range fees at the MWR Recreational Shooting Range.

For more information please call (337) 531-7552.

BJACH walk-in

BJACH will hold a walk-in contraceptive clinic Aug. 31 from 8-11:20 a.m. on the fourth floor of the OB/GYN clinic.

Women's league

Nine, Wine and Dine is a new ladies golf league that takes place each Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. Women are invited to participate. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, enjoy a night of golf (nine holes) and then opting to have dinner and wine at the Forge Bar and Grill.

The cost is \$22 for members and \$27 for nonmembers. The event takes place at the Warrior Hills Golf Course. The next Nine, Wine and Dine is Aug. 29.

For more information call (337) 531-4661.

Wednesday night scramble

The Warrior Hills Golf Course hosts a nine hole scramble each Wednesday. The cost is \$20

for members and \$25 for nonmembers. The next scramble is Aug. 30 from 5-6 p.m.

For more information call (337) 531-4661.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/happenings/wednesday-night-scramble>

Doggie days at Splash Park

Bring your furry companion out to Splash Park Sept. 3 from 6-8 p.m. to beat the heat! Cost is \$3 per dog. Proof of vaccination will be required upon arrival to the park.

For more information call (337) 531-1988.

HBB market

Come support our Fort Johnson spouses and community at the first home based business market of the month. A wide variety of items will be available for purchase including sweets, candles, jewelry, tumblers and more. Happening Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Home of Heroes Thrift Shop parking lot.

Monthly bass tournament

Get ready to catch the big one! The Toledo Bend Army Reservation Park's monthly bass tournament takes place Sept. 2. Participants will depart at first light and return for weigh ins at 3 p.m. This event is open to the public.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/calendar/event/monthly-bass-tournament/5931879/64783>

Second sunday brunch

Whether it's breakfast or lunch you crave, be our guest Sept. 10 at the Warrior Center! From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. attendees can order delicious food and beverages including mimosas, homemade omelets, chicken and waffles, french toast, scrambled eggs and more.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (337) 531-7668.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/calendar/event/second-sunday-brunch/6090077/81480>

Military spouse workshop

Are you a military spouse interested in finding a job? Army Community Service will be hosting their "Stars Are Lined Up" free federal application workshop Sept. 12 to help guide spouses through the USAJobs process, give tips on resume writing and help with sharpening up interview skills.

The class will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Seats are open to eight participants per class.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/calendar/event/stars-are-lined-military-spouses-federal->

FORT JOHNSON THINGS TO DO

Aug. 31-Sept. 4: Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival

Morgan City, La.

The oldest chartered harvest festival in Louisiana honoring the two industries that built the area. Activities include an arts and crafts show, live music, children's activities, carnival, a blessing of the fleet, street parade, 5K run/walk, fireworks, car show, gospel stage, art show, an outdoor mass, and plenty of food. This event is free!

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

Sept. 4: Flying Heart Local Music Festival

West Monroe, La.

Flying Heart presents the Local Music Festival featuring Clayton Maza, Kirby Rambin, Carlos Tenorio, Jon Brakefield, and Albert Moore. This is part of a two-day festival happening at Flying Heart Brewing & Pub. Don't miss out on great live music!

<https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/events/flying-heart-local-music-festival/>

Sept. 8: Red River Quilt Show

Shreveport, La.

This year's quilt show is in celebration of our Ruby Anniversary, 40 years of fun and service. The venue is a 26,000 sq. ft. facility with 200+ quilts on display. Admission is \$10 for ages 11 and up, \$5 for ages 5-10 and free for ages 5 and under.

<https://www.explorelouisiana.com/events/>

[festivals/red-river-quilt-show](https://www.rapidesymphony.org/never-a-story-of-more-woe)

Sept. 9: Never a Story of More Woe

Alexandria, La.

"For never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

At 7:30 p.m., the Rapides Symphony Orchestra will be showing a rendition of "Never a Story of More Woe" at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available for purchase.

<https://www.rapidesymphony.org/never-a-story-of-more-woe>

Sept. 14-17: Louisiana Food & Wine Festival

Lake Charles, La.

The inaugural Louisiana Food & Wine Festival will take place in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Sept. 14-17. This four-day, ticketed event will highlight the area's Cajun/Creole cuisine and fresh gulf seafood from prepared by a wide selection of chefs, as well as hundreds of beer, wine, and spirit tastings. This is your opportunity to take in Lake Charles' exclusive, luxury food scene while experiencing interactive, scenic, and unique dining experiences.

<https://louisianafoodandwinefestival.com/>

Sept. 16: Highland Jazz & Blues Festival

Shreveport, La.

Enjoy live music at the always unique and funky "party in the park" with the Highland

Jazz & Blues Festival. This free annual event features local and national jazz and blues artists, great food, and local artwork in the historic Columbia Park in Shreveport, Louisiana.

<http://www.highlandjazzandblues.org/>

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JOSHUA ZONA - MUSIC DIRECTOR

Never a Story of More Woe
with Play On Theatre Company (Artistic Director - Kody Walker)

GIUSEPPE VERDI Overture to La forza del destino
GEORGE BIZET Suite from Carmen
SERGE PROKOFIEV Suite from Romeo and Juliet

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 at 7:30pm

Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center
RapidesSymphony.org 318-442-9709

Scan here for tickets

BACK TO SCHOOL



BASH



The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a back to school bash Aug. 18. To send the youth of Fort Johnson back to school in style, activities included getting to handle Luigi the Louisiana pine snake, fishing at Catfish Cove, Splash Park, a magic show, balloon animals, complimentary popcorn and a showing of Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.



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Key Takeaways

- DOD Civilian Retiree ID cards are being phased out.
- Current cards are valid through Aug. 31, 2023.
- Retirees will continue to have limited MWR privileges at the discretion of the installation commander.
- A REAL ID and a retirement document are the new requirements to access limited MWR facilities.
- As with all other individuals seeking installation access, civilian retirees are subject to a one-time background check (e.g., criminal records, terrorism) before being granted access.
- After initial enrollment, retirees only need their REAL ID to enter the installation.
- Enrollment is necessary at each individual installation.
- Enrollment is valid for three years or one year after the last visit to the installation. If a retiree's REAL ID expires, the retiree will need to reenroll with a new REAL ID.
- DOD ID cards issued to retired service members and their family members are not affected by this change.

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Termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree Identification Card

Background

The Defense Department has stopped issuing new DOD Civilian Retiree identification (ID) cards and will no longer renew existing cards. Advancements in installation security access control systems and procedures, and the implementation of the REAL ID Act, have necessitated the termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree ID card. Previously issued cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, 2023.

Highlights

The termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree ID card does not impact any DOD civilian retiree benefits or privileges. DOD civilian retirees will continue to have limited morale, welfare and recreation facility privileges when authorized by an installation commander. The combination of a REAL ID Act-compliant ID or driver's license and a retirement document (either Standard Form-50, Notification of Personnel Action or other official DOD agency civilian employee retirement document) is the alternative for enrollment for installation access at the installation visitor control center. The retirement document is proof of purpose to facilitate installation access and is only needed at the time of enrollment. Once enrolled at an installation, DOD civilian retirees need only their REAL ID-compliant driver's license for return visits to the installation. DOD civilian retirees may request retirement documents from their local human resources office or the Civilian Personnel Records Office at the National Archives and Records Administration National Personnel Records Center.

Additional Information

Visit your state's driver's licensing agency website to find out what documentation is required to obtain a REAL ID.



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