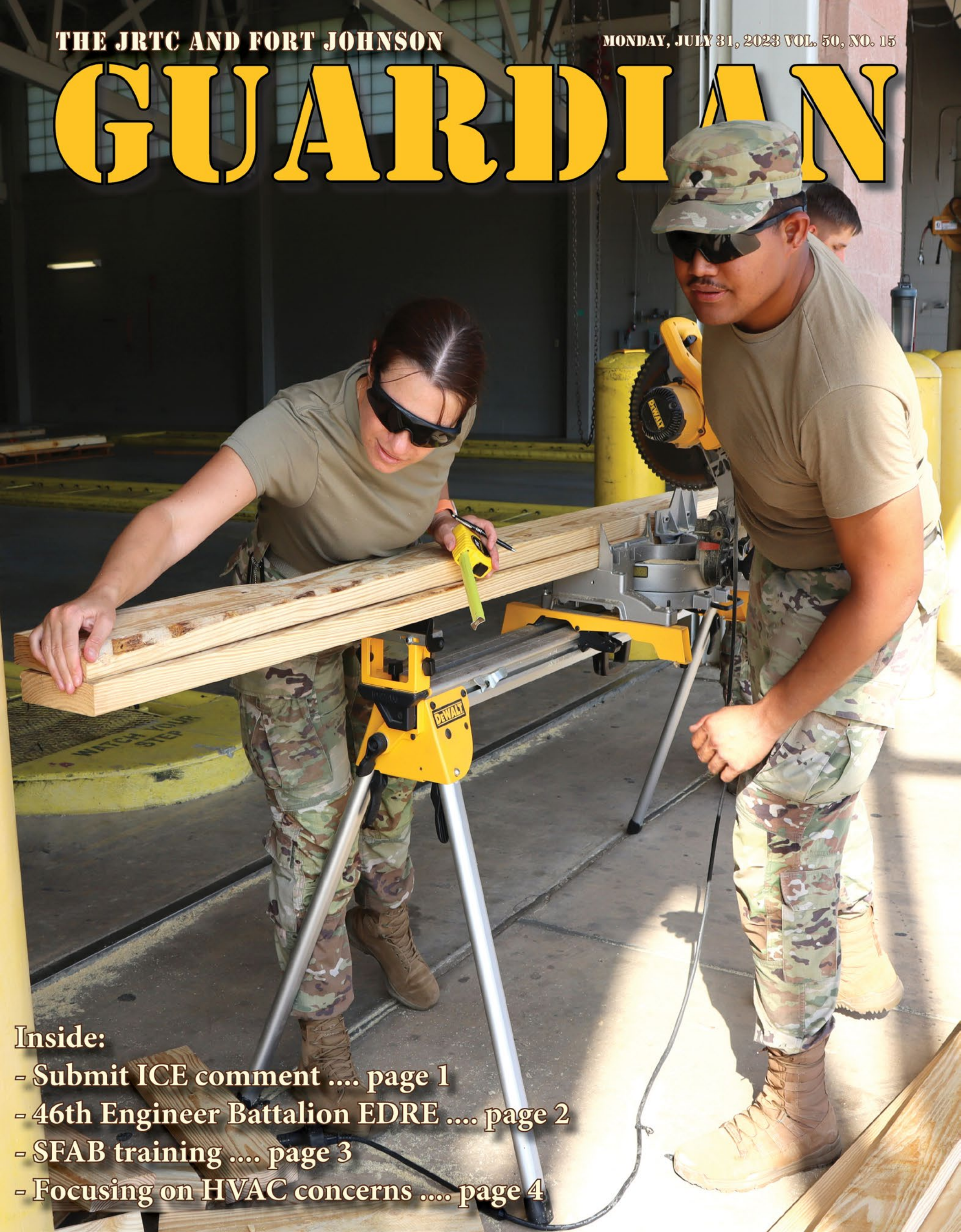


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Break ICE by sharing your customer experience

By **MELISSA BOX**
PAIO

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Fort Johnson's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office is asking customers to break the ice when it comes to interactive customer evaluations. By submitting their ICE comments, much like breaking the ice in a social situation, they can help create a more pleasant experience for everyone using services at Fort Johnson.

ICE is an approved Department of Defense web-based tool used to gather customer feedback about services on the installation and provides leaders with real time information.

The program also collects suggestions for improving the quality of service customers receive and identifies issues affecting their quality of life.

People may be surprised to learn most ICE comments are positive and customers are pleased with their experiences.

That doesn't mean things don't go wrong from time to time. The only way to make an improvement is to better understand what happened.

First, pinpoint the issue. Next, evaluate solutions. Finally, implement the changes needed to achieve the desired results.

There is an entire team dedicated to analyzing the installation's ICE comments, which makes it one of the best ways to make your voice heard. Whether you like a service or think it could be improved, write an ICE comment.

When you submit a comment, PAIO asks that you leave your contact information.

This allows them to provided a response, as well as contact you in case more information is needed to respond to the comment. If there is no contact information, it is impossible for them to gain more insight into the situation.

In addition, PAIO wants you to

understand there is no retaliation in conjunction with submitting ICE comments, absolutely none. ICE is simply the quickest way to get feedback from Fort Johnson customers. Once an ICE comment is submitted, experts are contacted for an answer.

ICE is a positive force on the installation and shows Fort Johnson ICE satisfaction rates are higher than other installations, on average.

Col. CJ Lopez, Fort Johnson garrison commander, said the ICE program is an important tool for Soldiers, their Families, Army civilians and retirees.

"The senior commander and I take ICE comments seriously and ensure every one of them gets a response. Bringing ideas and suggestions to our attention via ICE makes it the premier avenue for incorporating changes into the services we provide on Fort Johnson. We want customers to submit ICE comments and tell us how we're exceeding or falling short of expectations so we can offer the best resolutions to those concerns" Lopez said.

If you want to submit an ICE comment, the system can be accessed at <https://ice.disa.mil> from any device with internet access. Once there:

- Search for Fort Johnson as the base location.
- Find the service provider on the left-hand side, then click. More than 200 service providers are listed in ICE under Fort Johnson. However, if you don't see a service provider listed, or are unsure of who should receive the comment, don't worry. Leave it under site comment and PAIO will make sure it gets delivered to the appropriate service.
- Leave your comment.
- Hit submit.

On average, it takes about three

minutes to submit an ICE comment.

ICE is also the installation's access point to the Garrison Innovation Program, which was established to research innovative ideas meant to increase efficiency and enhance processes on Fort Johnson.

Improvement comments can be sent to PAIO through ICE. The GIP committee meets monthly to search through the latest comments and check on progress being made on previous comments.

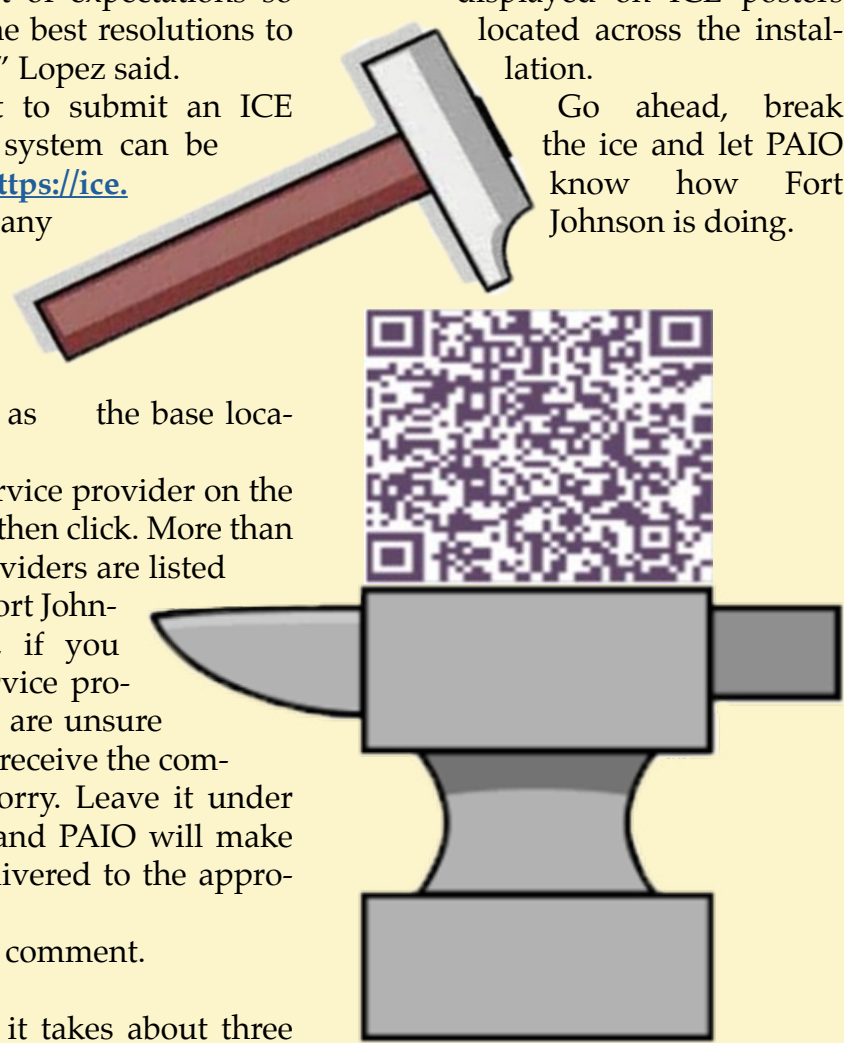
Once an answer has been established or an idea has taken fruition, the owner of that comment is contacted and informed of the outcome.

There are a few things ICE shouldn't be used for:

- It shouldn't be used to report crimes.
- It shouldn't be used to retaliate.
- Shouldn't be used in lieu of the chain of command.

If you need a reminder to make an ICE comment, the QR code is displayed on ICE posters located across the installation.

Go ahead, break the ice and let PAIO know how Fort Johnson is doing.



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Cover photo: 46th Engineer Battalion Soldiers cut boards to support containers filled with tools and supplies to be loaded in preparation for an emergency deployment readiness exercise. (Photo by ANGIE THORNE)



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2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade trains in Fort Johnson sweltering heat

By PORSHA AUZENNE
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Approximately 160 Soldiers from the 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade hailing from Fort Liberty, North Carolina, often called “the center of the military universe”, gathered at Tiger Land Theater to conduct an after-action review of their time at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson. The brigade arrived at Fort Johnson July 7 and spent two weeks simulating a large-scale combat operation in the grueling Louisiana heat as part of a rotational exercise.

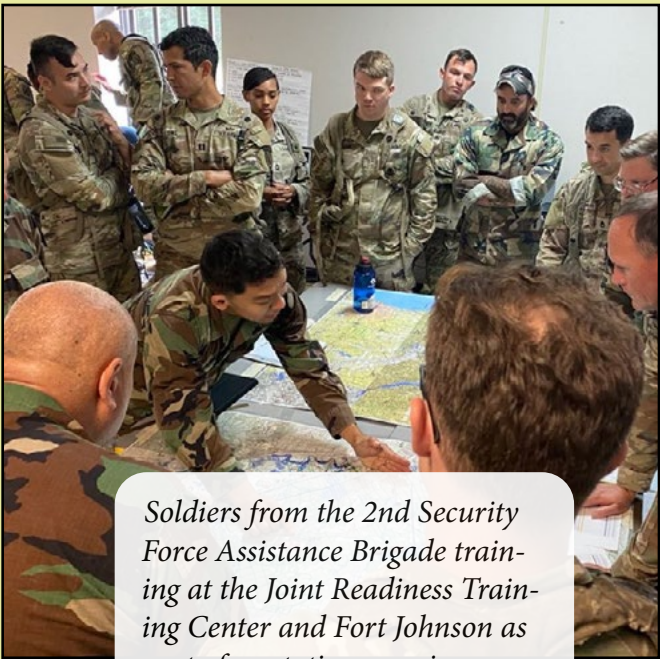
The 2nd Brigade, established November 2018 upon the 1st SFAB’s return from Afghanistan, are part of a specialized U.S. Army collective known as the Security Force Assistance Command. These highly trained Soldiers, also called advisors, are tasked with the core mission to advise, support, liaise and assess operations with allied and partner nations.

Col. Jason Clarke, 2nd SFAB commander, briefly went over the purpose of the exercise as well as his experience and the objective at hand.

“We are down here right now to prove a concept for a large-scale combat operation rotation with advisors,” Clarke said. “We had several

different training objectives that we needed to accomplish. Advisors have a series of different missions that include advising, supporting, liaising and assessing partner forces. We do this in competition through crisis into conflict. We are at JRTC to stress the systems in order to increase our ability as advisors with a peer-partner force in a combat operations scenario. Overall, we met our training objectives, and we will take what we learned at Fort Johnson and will continue to improve. Additionally we will share these experiences and lessons learned throughout our formation and with other SFABs to make us all better in large-scale combat operations.”

The AAR focused on achieving objectives during the rotation, advisor team activities, discussion on areas of improvement and the overall success of the exercise. The review concluded with Maj. Gen. Donn Hill, commanding general of the Security Force Assistance Command and the first brigade commander of 2nd SFAB, giving personal feedback from his observations during the training as well as recognizing Soldiers for their outstanding efforts and performance. Outside, the Soldiers came together in front of the famous “Tiger Land” sign for a final group photo before returning to their respective locations.



Soldiers from the 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade training at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson as part of a rotation exercise.



SGT. MAJ. NHEIM CHAU/2ND SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE BRIGADE



2nd SFAB Soldiers pose for a group photo in front of the Tiger Land sign after an after-action review July 26.

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Fort Johnson leadership is serious about staying cool

By **ANGIE THORNE**
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Due to the intense Louisiana heat and the health risks it can lead to, air conditioners are an essential tool to staying healthy and comfortable as temperatures rise. Fort Johnson leadership cares about your air conditioning concerns. That's why knowing who to call if your heating, ventilation and air conditioning system falters is a priority for the team at Fort Johnson's Directorate of Public Works.

Nathan Jernigan, DPW director, said from June through September, Fort Johnson facility HVAC systems are put to the test.

"There is a drastic increase in workload for our HVAC shop. In preparation for the summer heat, the team begins assessing two areas, manpower and parts, in the spring," Jernigan said. "It's critical that we lean forward and posture appropriately to react to system problems, ensuring that the maintenance staff are adequately resourced and equipped with the tools and parts needed to make necessary repairs. PRIDE Industries, our facilities maintenance contractor, has worked diligently to hire and retain qualified HVAC technicians and to stock routine parts and components."

HVAC issues that affect a whole building are considered emergencies and the customer should call in a demand maintenance order to (337) 531-1379. The line is manned 24/7 to ensure outages and issues are taken care of as quickly as possible, which can include after hours as well as weekends and holidays. An exception to this rule is the barracks and child development centers. A DMO should be put in if a single room within these facilities goes out.

The technician will respond to the emergency and make repairs on the unit at that time, if possible.

FORT JOHNSON HVAC REACTIVE INFORMATION

- HVAC issues that affect the whole building, CDC's and barracks rooms should be submitted at 337-531-1379.
- Emergency demand maintenance orders have a 2 hour response time.
- Point of contact will need to be available during this time; please provide correct contact information. Incorrect information slows or may negate service.
- Calling command does not initiate a DMO.



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ble. If parts are needed and have to be ordered, PRIDE will initiate a follow up on the DMO, which will result in the emergency DMO showing as closed in Army Maintenance Application.

Renea Boutte, DPW contracting officer, said once parts are ordered, PRIDE does their best to have major components overnighted.

"When parts cannot be overnighted, the contractor may supply temporary air units to the room and/or rooms affected. If the whole building is affected, a temporary AC unit may be provided to continue to cool the facility," Boutte said.

DPW has had 1,492 HVAC DMOs submitted from June 1 to July 27. There have been 916 Priority 1 (emergencies), 165 were Priority 2 (urgent) and 411 were Priority 3 (routine). The average completion time is 11 days. The response time for Priority 1 is two hours; Priority 2 have a required completion time of seven days, with no mandatory response time; Priority 3 has a required completion time of 30 days with no mandatory response time.

For an emergency issue customers should follow these directions:

- Call (337) 531-1379, provide a location, a description of the problem and give correct point of contact information.
- Be available for the next two hours to give the technician access.
- The technician will respond to the emergency. They will then let the customer know if parts are needed and will be ordered.
- Call (337) 531-9586 for any updates needed during the process.

For a routine issue customers should follow these directions:

- Create an account in ArMA at [https://](https://dpw.armymaintenance.com)

dpw.armymaintenance.com.

- Submit a DMO request via ArMA. Provide accurate information such as location, building and room number, phone number and POC name.

- The ArMA request is converted to a DMO and sent to the contractor.

- Once a request has been converted, ArMA will send an email with status to the POC.

- Technician will respond and give the POC a status/timeline on work to be completed.

- Routine (P3) DMOs have a 30-day completion timeline.

- Call (337) 531-9586 for any updates needed during the process.

Maintaining their customer's comfort and morale is important to DPW and the base operations contractor.

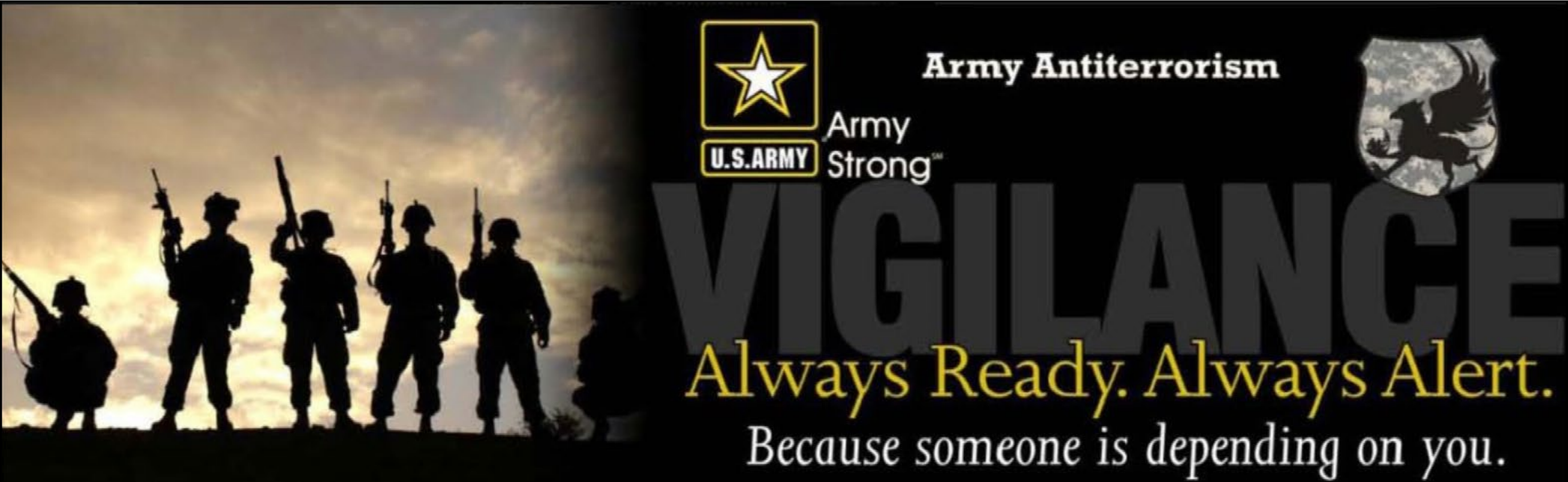
"The civilians employed on Fort Johnson are the major support for the Soldiers and their Families, providing comfort to them allows them to provide the best to the home of heroes," Boutte said.

Installation leadership continues the directed focus that quality of life includes the workplace, with both the senior commander and garrison commander's number one priority being people.

"During HVAC system failures that cause adverse affects, our garrison commander takes a proactive role in communicating concerns to affected organization leadership while maintaining a pulse on facility conditions, status of repairs and any potential decision points required" Jernigan said.

For more information visit <https://home.army.mil/johnson/about/garrison-directorates-and-support-offices/directorate-public-works>.

Editor's note: This information pertains only to government-run facilities.



Antiterrorism Month focuses on resilience, risk management

By MITCHELL SMITH
 Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

FORT JOHNSON, La. — The Army has designated August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The AT branch intends to use the opportunity to train, educate and increase the installation’s overall awareness. Vigilance must be maintained as violent extremism continues to pose a critical threat to the homeland and U.S. military operations overseas.

Acts of violent extremism undermine the rule of law and the protection of human and civil rights.

The threat is not limited to a single political, religious or ideological background. Regardless of its motivation, violent extremism can have devastating effects on both civilian and military communities alike (as evidenced by the attacks at Fort Hood, Allen, Texas, and the Washington Navy Yard, among others).

Although violent extremism is not a new phenomenon, rapid changes in online communications continues to evolve the threat. Violent ideologies and propaganda are now more accessible than ever, making it more difficult to identify and stop extremists before they act.

To prevent terrorism, you must stay ahead of terrorists and be on guard in your own community for signs of violent extremism. A wide variety of domestic violent extremism movements pose a threat to the U.S.

For example, race supremacists, ecoterrorists, or radical separatist groups. Some individuals become active members in groups (terrorist organizations, hate groups, etc.) and act within their affiliated group’s purview. Others, however (often referred to as “lone wolves”), don’t have direct connection with a specific group, but are inspired by the group’s rhetoric or group-sponsored violence. For example, in San Bernardino, California, 14 people were killed and 22 seriously injured.

The perpetrators were violent extremists inspired by jihadist terrorist groups but not directed by such groups and not part of any terrorist cell or network. Nonetheless, affiliating

with any specific group or espousing extremist beliefs does not mean an individual will commit violent acts. Police and local law enforcement, all other members of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson community, community leaders, friends, families, co-workers, teachers, retirees and community services play an important role in preventing vulnerable individuals from stepping onto the path to radicalization and violence.

Education, promotion of awareness and dialogue are important tools for prevention.

The overarching theme for 2023 is adapting AT to the evolving global security environment. This crosscutting theme, combined with the quarterly theme focus areas, seeks to address AT resilience and risk management in support of Army readiness. The 2023 focus areas are to help guide commanders on how to recognize and report suspicious activity, and actions to take to prevent terrorist activities.

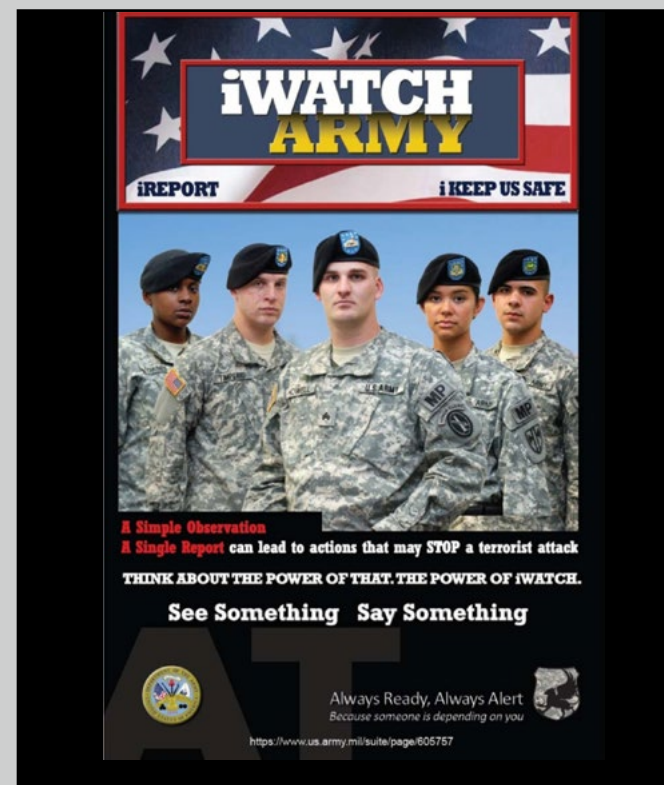
The Fort Johnson AT branch will also focus their efforts on heightening awareness and vigilance to protect the community from acts of terrorism.

Focused AT Awareness themes throughout the month of August are:

- Community resilience
- AT role in supporting Army readiness
- Risk management
- Setting conditions for the future

The goal is for all Soldiers, civilians and Family members to understand the concepts, principles, roles, responsibilities and suspicious activity reporting procedures. Last year, we introduced the AT Awareness and iWatch programs. The iWatch mission is to get the word out to Soldiers, Families, civilians and contractors about how they can help prevent terrorism and protect the Fort Johnson community.

The AT branch will provide the installation with posters, brochures and other visual aids during AT Awareness Month at different venues to ensure every Soldier and Family member knows what suspicious behavior and indicators are and to understand the importance of



reporting suspicious activities.

The Fort Johnson community must understand the terrorist threat, take actions to detect and deter terrorists and report all suspicious activities.

Many people have noticed something that raised their suspicions and made the call to (531) 531-2677. It only takes one report to prevent something atrocious from happening.

AT representatives will be available to answer any questions regarding AT Awareness and iWatch, as well as handing out brochures and other items that remind everyone to stay vigilant.

Every member of the Army community plays a part in this fight preventing terrorism by increasing their awareness and vigilance. If every individual recognizes and reports suspicious activities, we will succeed as a team ... the Army team.

If you have any questions regarding AT Awareness and iWATCH, call (337) 531-0413 or 531-6007 or email mitchell.smith3.civ@army.mil or adam.t.lynn.civ@army.mil. Remember if you See Something ... Say Something! Report all suspicious activities to 531-COPS (2677).

Pilot program streamlines behavioral health process

By JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES
BJACH PAO

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital was selected to participate in the Defense Health Agency Targeted Care pilot program to connect service members with behavioral health resources and improve access to care for specialty mental health services. During a recent DHA site visit July 19-20, the behavioral health staff, program and pilot were evaluated at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson, Louisiana.

J.C. Sarver, program manager for outpatient behavioral health from the DHA clinical management team, spent two days with the installation director of psychological health along with the military and civilian behavioral health staff at BJACH.

His team is responsible for the execution and implementation of DHA behavioral health policies. He spent some time discussing the goals of the Targeted Care pilot with public affairs to help educate the community.

Q: What is your primary job at DHA?

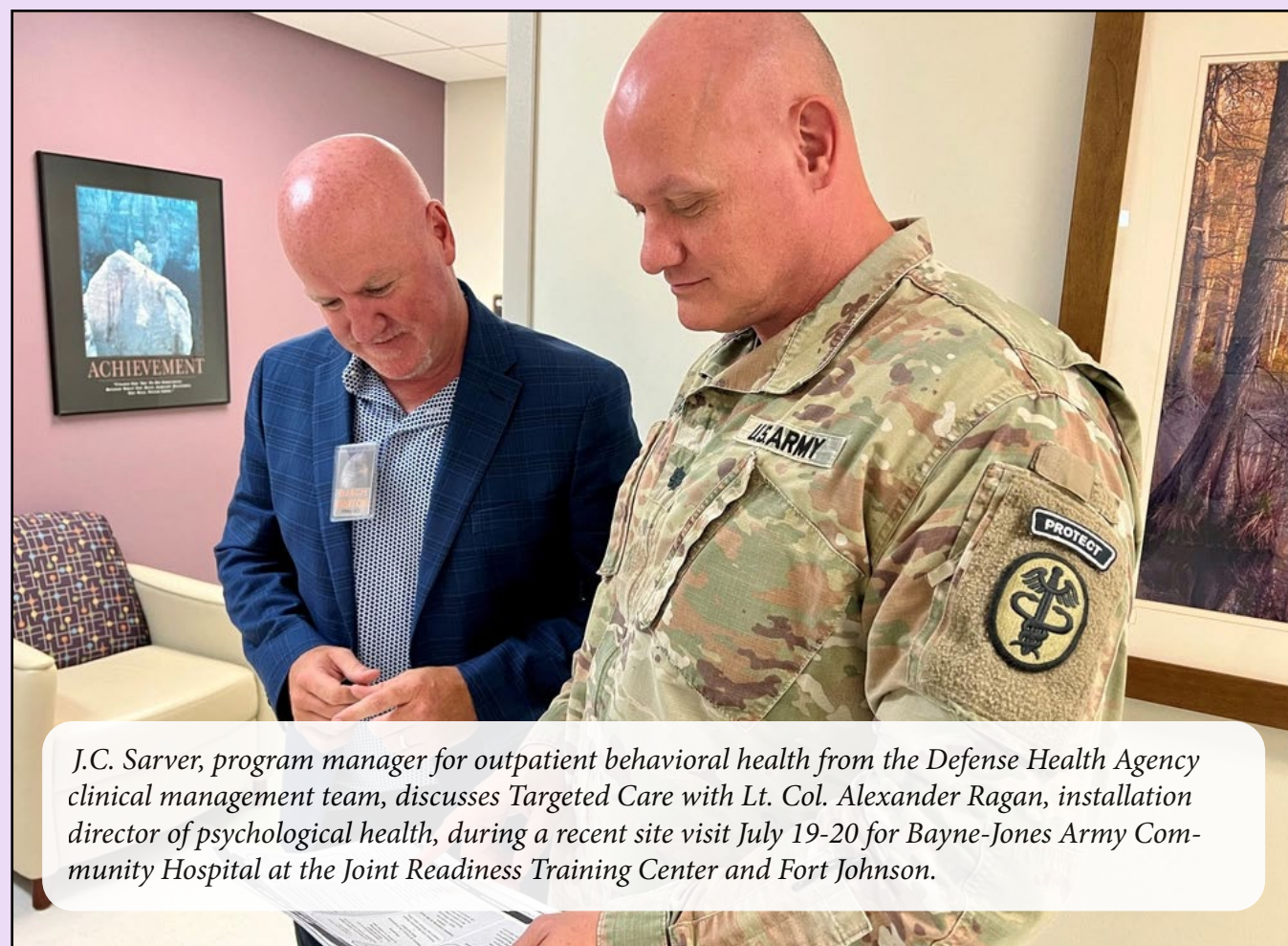
A: My role as the outpatient behavioral health program manager is to guide, define and create policy that impacts outpatient services. This includes embedded, multi-disciplinary and primary care behavioral health, as well as intensive outpatient programs. My colleagues and I work with the behavioral health clinical community to identify and make recommendations based on best practices.

Q: What is the role of the installation director of psychological health?

A: The IDPH's role at the installation level is to integrate all mental health and prevention resources to better serve Soldiers and their Families. Lt. Col. Alexander Ragan is the IDPH here. He is responsible for the psychological health of the installation and charged with coordinating the spectrum of care across the installation. Having a person like Ragan in this role gives senior commanders a better understanding of the mental health resources available for their unit personnel, as well as for transitioning individuals and patients to the resources that best suit their situation or needs. This puts people first and directs them to the right care at the appropriate time. Empirical data suggests the earlier and sooner a person gets the help they need, the better the outcome. Ragan helps integrate all the resources on Fort Johnson and works diligently to communicate the availability of specific services to those who will benefit from them the most.

Q: What exactly is the Targeted Care pilot?

A: Targeted Care matches individuals seeking care to the appropriate support. Examples of support include making an appointment with a specialty behavioral health care provider or a primary care behavioral health consultant, or connecting them to non-medical



J.C. Sarver, program manager for outpatient behavioral health from the Defense Health Agency clinical management team, discusses Targeted Care with Lt. Col. Alexander Ragan, installation director of psychological health, during a recent site visit July 19-20 for Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Johnson.

support such as military and family life counselors, chaplains, Military OneSource, etc.

Targeted Care is essentially a workflow process within outpatient behavioral health. The Air Force created the Targeted Care concept, and it was successful. Now we are trying to implement their success at Army and Navy medical treatment facilities. All MTFs in this pilot program volunteered to participate following a DHA-sponsored behavioral health summit in December 2022. The summit included all service branches, components of military and family programs, chaplains, TRICARE, and other DHA entities including senior executives.

Targeted Care is about getting active-duty service members and their Families the right care at the right time by incorporating outside agencies into our system of behavioral healthcare. Integrating these external resources allow us to more appropriately and efficiently provide a system of care tailored to the needs of everyone.

Q: Why is Targeted Care important?

A: Typical behavioral healthcare for most individuals is four to six visits. By vectoring people to appropriate nonclinical behavioral health care, we have created opportunities for patients to be seen in a more evidence-based and therapeutic way. What this means is that they can now be seen every two weeks versus every four weeks. Through this program we are better able to match a beneficiary's stress or distress level with the appropriate resources and provide them with the best care for their needs.

Q: What is vectoring?

A: Vectoring is a preliminary assessment to match an individual's needs with the right resource. Individuals can call or visit a specialty behavioral health clinic, and a behavioral health specialist will ask them to complete a vector assessment questionnaire that will evaluate the person from a risk and safety perspective. This helps determine if the person is in crisis. If they are not, the technician will identify their presenting conditions and, along with a provider, determine if they are appropriate for other counseling or non-counseling resources, or if they need specialty behavioral health services. If the assessment shows an external resource is most appropriate, a warm hand off will be conducted. The technician will make a connection to the right resource and facilitate an appointment for the individual.

Q: Why is it important to evaluate the Targeted Care pilot program?

A: Seeing and understanding the challenges and barriers that are faced at the MTF level and consolidating best practices is important. This visit to BJACH and Fort Johnson gives me the opportunity to talk to the behavioral health specialists who are on the frontline when it comes to targeted care. They are helping to shape what Targeted Care should look like for DHA. One of the reasons I wanted to come to Fort Johnson was because of the great job they are doing with the vector assessment tool. We will never refuse patient care. If an individual refuses to be vectored, they can still be seen in the specialty behavioral health clinic. However, vectoring can help a person get the right kind of help sooner if they take advantage of

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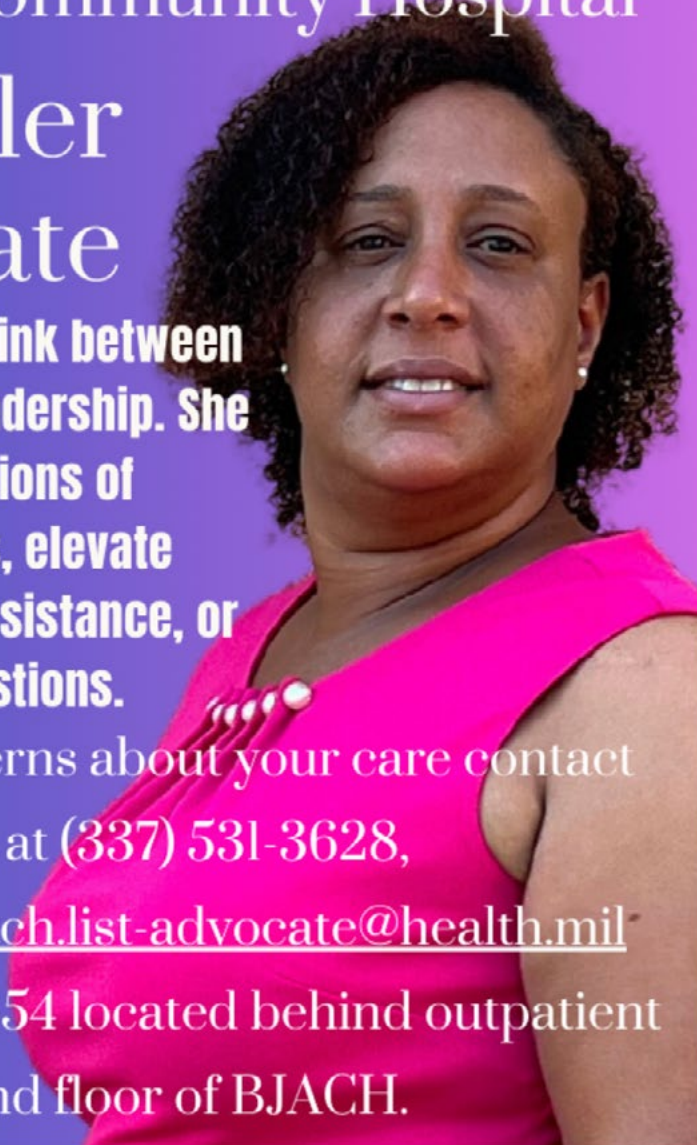
Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital



Mauney Tyler Patient Advocate

Our patient advocate serves as a link between you, the hospital staff, and our leadership. She serves as your liaison for expressions of satisfaction, to address questions, elevate concerns, to request individual assistance, or make recommendations or suggestions.

If you have questions or concerns about your care contact our patient advocate at (337) 531-3628, usarmy.johnson-medcom-bjach.list-advocate@health.mil or stop by her office in room 2654 located behind outpatient records, on the second floor of BJACH.



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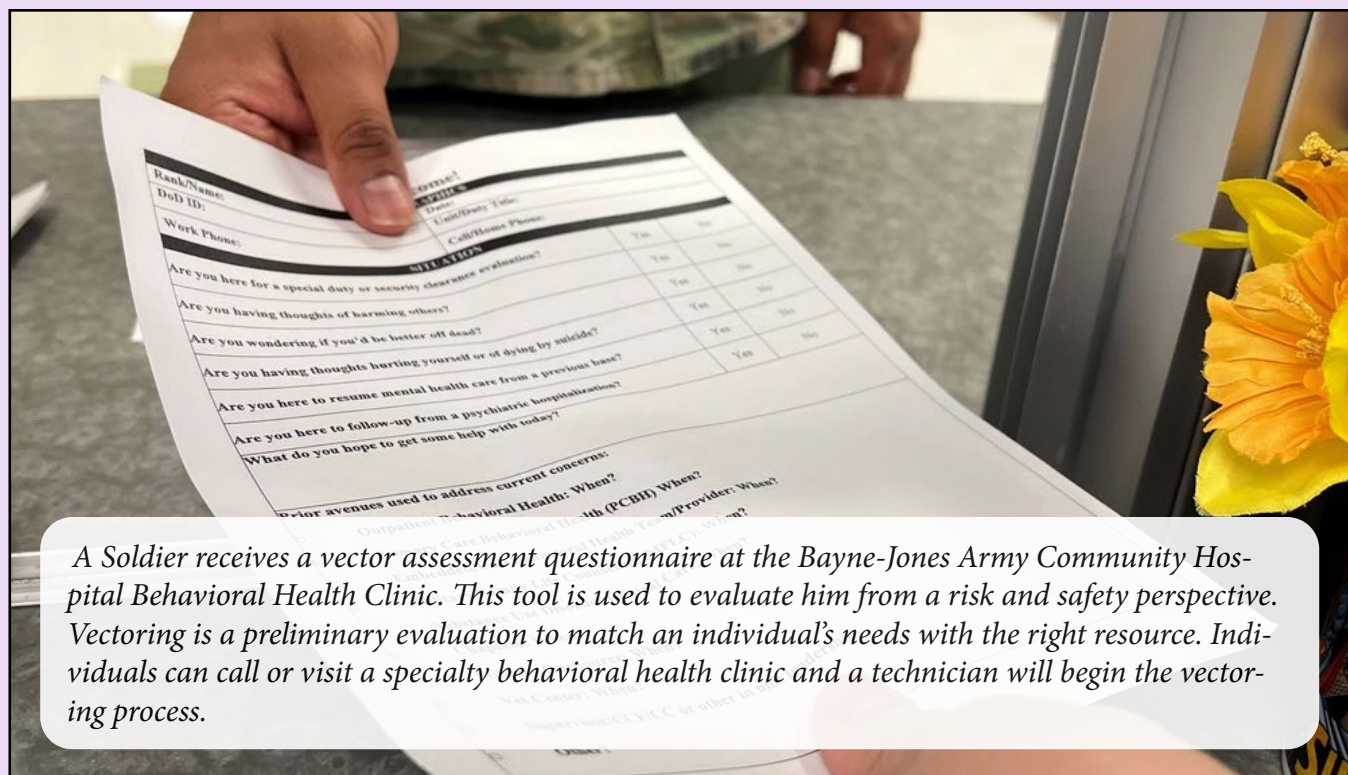
Q: Why is Targeted Care important?

A: Targeted Care allows providers to more efficiently use existing behavioral health resources to meet current demands. Through coordination and consolidation of installation resources, access to care will improve and wait times for initial and follow-up visits will decrease.

The result is increased readiness. On average, there are six to 12 walk-ins daily at the specialty care clinic. By vectoring people to other appropriate resources more efficiently, the behavioral health staff will have more time to focus on individuals who truly need medical intervention.

Q: What is the goal of the Targeted Care program?

A: Ultimately, we want our patients to have the tools necessary to successfully deal with whatever is causing the person to seek out behavioral health resources. The end state goal of the Targeted Care program is a tool to inform and educate individuals about what behavioral health resources are available on the installation for their specific needs, what the scope of care is for each external resource and to refer individuals appropriately along that continu-



A Soldier receives a vector assessment questionnaire at the Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital Behavioral Health Clinic. This tool is used to evaluate him from a risk and safety perspective. Vectoring is a preliminary evaluation to match an individual's needs with the right resource. Individuals can call or visit a specialty behavioral health clinic and a technician will begin the vectoring process.

um. This will enable us to optimize specialty behavioral health clinics.

Q: How would you rate your evaluation of the Targeted Care pilot program here?

A: During my interactions with the staff and the various behavioral health services here at Fort Johnson, I've gained valuable feedback

that will help us improve the implementation and sustainment instructions for the program after we conclude the pilots at all the Army and Navy installations. So far, Fort Johnson is one of our best pilot programs, and the lessons learned here will benefit other MTFs moving forward.



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Breastfeeding Awareness Month

This is a **FREE** post wide breastfeeding awareness and family health fair for expecting, new and seasoned parents to learn more about community resources.

- **LACTATION SUPPORT**
- **NEW PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
- **SAFE SLEEP**
- **WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)**
- **P3T PROGRAM**
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (POSTPARTUM)**
- **FAMILY ADVOCACY**
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Hire a veteran connect event

The Joint Readiness Training Center and Directorate of Human Resources Transition Assistance Program hosted the Hire a Veteran Connect Event at the Library and Education Center July 25. The event supports the National Hire a Veteran Day, Marine Corps veteran and Hire Our Heroes founder Dan Caporale created National Hire a Veteran Day in 2017 as a call to action for hiring companies and to encourage veteran job applicants.

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Volunter

The Fort Johnson Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony was held July 25 at the Warrior Center. Friends and Family gathered as their volunteers were honored by installation leadership for their many hours of hard work.



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Gather emergency supplies and follow local radio or TV updates.

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RECOGNIZE FLOOD RISK



- Identify flood-prone or landslide-prone areas near you.

- Know your community's warning signals, evacuation routes, and emergency shelter locations.
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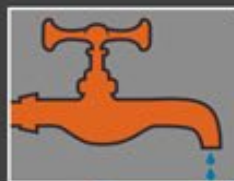
Tie down or bring outdoor items inside.

Throw away items that cannot be disinfected, like wall coverings, cloth, rugs, and drywall.

PRACTICE SAFE HYGIENE



Wash hands with soap and water to help prevent germs.



Listen for information from your local officials on how to safely use water to drink, cook, or clean.

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Use fans, air conditioning units, and dehumidifiers for drying.

For cleanup, wear rubber boots and plastic gloves.

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Acknowledging sacrifice during Purple Heart Recognition Day

By retired Lt. Col. MARK S. LESLIE
DPTMS director

FORT JOHNSON, La. — National Purple Heart Recognition Day is Aug. 7. The Purple Heart is the oldest American military medal with a unique history. The Purple Heart is not awarded for valor, courage, bravery or heroism. It is awarded for sacrifice. Sadly, many Americans do not know the significance or meaning of the medal. The Purple Heart medal is awarded to those who have been wounded or killed in combat.

Purple Heart Day is an observance that commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart medal in 1782 by Gen. George Washington. Originally known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was initially awarded to three Revolutionary War Soldiers in 1783.

The Revolutionary War ended, and the Purple Heart faded into obscurity until being later revived in 1932 on the bicentennial anniversary of Washington’s birth. Purple Heart medals were retroactively awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the armed forces during World War I due to enemy action on or after April 5, 1917. It is estimated that about 1.9 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since that time. It is also the most intricate and expensive medal in the inventory. Sgt.

COMMENTARY



Henry Johnson, this installation’s namesake, and a World War I Medal of Honor recipient, suffered 21 combat injuries and was awarded his Purple Heart medal posthumously in 1996.

Sacrifice of flesh and blood as well as recognition of one’s own mortality comes with the award of this medal. Unplanned sacrifice is one of the things that distinguish this medal

from the rest. Acknowledgment of this sacrifice is one of the things that separate the military profession from most others. It is something to be proud of and prepared for. On this Purple Heart Day. I will be reflecting on the actions of those that I have been privileged to serve with that have sacrificed and earned the oldest and most recognizable award in the US military award inventory — the Purple Heart.

Fisher House Foundation’s scholarships for military children awards 500 students

By MIKE PERRON
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Va. — For the 23rd straight year, Fisher House Foundation’s Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded deserving children of U.S. service members scholarship grants, providing an early leg up in funding their higher education dreams. This year 500 children were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the nonprofit foundation for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year.

Fisher House created the program in 2001 in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the commissaries’ role in enhancing the military’s quality of life.

Fisher House has continually improved the application process to support the increasing number of students applying each year, according to Marshall Banks, Fisher House Foundation’s director of community relations.

“The application process for the 2023-2024 Scholarships for Military Children program went extremely well,” he said. “We received 4,443 applications from 224 commissaries. That’s a 21% increase in applicants from last year.” He added that, in total, Fisher House

has provided \$22,126,500 in scholarships over the last 23 years.

Scholarship applicants submit their official transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants, or indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for students already enrolled in college; and an essay of 500 words or less, no longer than two pages. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants must ensure they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military dependent ID card.

The applicant must also be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2023 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship to attend a college or university or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

All rules and requirements for the program, as well as links to frequently asked questions

are available at the Scholarships for Military Children website as is the full list of this year’s winners.

“The window to apply for the 2024-2025 Fisher House Scholarships should open in December and close sometime in February, but the exact dates have not been set yet,” said Todd Heasley, DeCA’s scholarships program liaison. “Be sure to check the scholarship page in December for the date of the opening, as well as the new essay question for the year.”

Fisher House Foundation also has a custom scholarship search engine on its scholarship website, tailored to military families, called “Scholarships for Service.” It’s free, easy to use, and available on mobile devices or computers at militaryscholar.org.

“Fisher House Foundation has a long history of direct, critical support to service members and their families,” said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael Saucedo, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. “It’s an honor for us at the Defense Commissary Agency to promote these scholarship grants again this year, offering the children of service members a timely head start to their journey in higher education.”

Fisher House Foundation is ranked a four-star charity by Charity Navigator. No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

WARRIOR LANES KIDS BOWL FREE

**KIDS GET 2 FREE GAMES A DAY ALL SUMMER LONG.
SHOE RENTAL NOT INCLUDED.**

Getting kids back in the zone with back-to-school tips

By **HALEY WIGGINS**
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — Approaching the start of a new school year can be exciting and even a little stressful for students and parents.

Some children may have recently moved to Fort Johnson and are starting at a new school.

It's a big transition that can make children feel uneasy, but there are ways to gradually prepare for the new school year without it being overwhelming.

It's important to create a plan to get kids back on schedule as summer comes to an end. Once your child gets into a good routine, they will be ready for classes to resume.

The following are a few tips and tricks to make the transition easier:

- Start their night time routine 30 minutes earlier each day until they are back on a good sleep schedule.
- The week before the first day of school, wake them up at the time they would usually be up to get ready to head to class.
- Go back-to-school shopping early to avoid the crowds.
- Let them pick out a backpack and school supplies they like. It may help them feel more in control.
- If they have to wear a uniform, buy it ahead of time to make sure they are comfortable in it.
- Make sure they eat breakfast the first day.
- If they normally take the bus, try to drive them to and from school for the first couple of



days to ease their nerves.

- Check the cafeteria menu before hand to see if your child would rather bring their own lunch.
 - If they are entering a new school, assure them they will make new friends.
 - Openly communicate with your child about what they are excited or nervous about.
- A parent knows their child better than anyone, and it is important to be aware of how they feel in the days leading up to school. Talk to them and try to get a better under-

standing of what they need from you as they navigate through this transition.

There are many more helpful tips out there, but these should help you and your children make a positive start when it comes to kicking off the new school year.

Editor's note: Information for this story was gathered from the following websites: <https://www.care.com/c/101-back-to-school-tips-for-kids-and-parents/> and <https://pathways.org/tips-to-help-your-child-transition-to-a-new-school/>



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CDC HEALTH HACKS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUCCESS

**WASH
YOUR
HANDS**



**GET
VACCINATED**



**EAT WELL
AND
BE ACTIVE**



**LIMIT
SUGARY
DRINKS**



**AVOID
E-CIGARETTES**



**STAY
COOL**



**PLAN
FOR
EMERGENCIES**



**STAY
SAFE**



**CONNECT WITH KIDS AT HOME
AND SCHOOL**



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8 TIPS TO CLEAN UP MOLD



Protect Yourself

Put on personal protective equipment (gloves, mask, goggles) to protect your eyes, nose, mouth, and skin.



Toss!

Take it out! Anything that was wet with flood water and can't be cleaned and dried completely within 24 to 48 hours should be taken outside. Take photos of discarded items for filing insurance claims.



Air it out

Open all doors and windows when you are working, and leave as many open as you safely can when you leave.



Circulate

When electricity is safe to use, use fans and dehumidifiers to remove moisture.



Don't mix cleaners

If you use cleaning products, do not mix cleaning products together. **DO NOT** mix bleach and ammonia because it can create toxic vapors.



Scrub surfaces

Clean with water and a detergent. Remove all mold you can see. Dry right away.



Don't cover it, remove it

Painting or caulking over mold will not prevent mold from growing. Fix the water problem completely and clean up all the mold before you paint or caulk.



Dry it up

Dry your home and everything in it as quickly as possible – within 24 to 48 hours if you can.

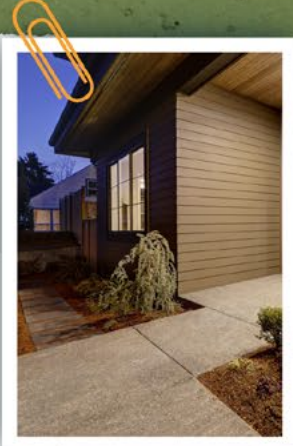
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MOLD MITIGATION

TIP #6

Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation so that water does not enter or collect around the foundation.



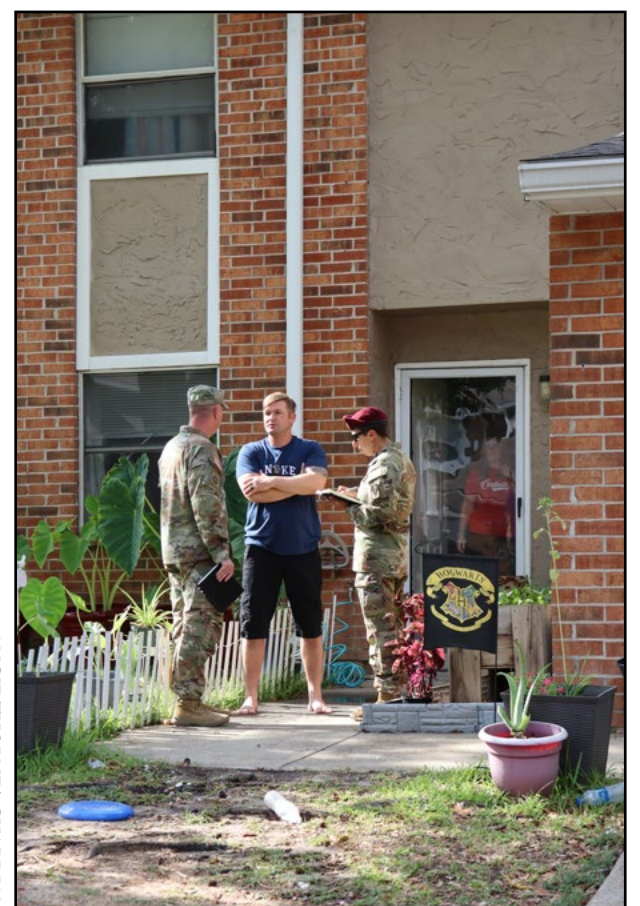
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Housing Town Hall

A walking town hall was held through the Dogwood Terrace housing area July 17. Members of Fort Johnson leadership talked to Soldiers and Families about their homes and if they were experiencing any issues.





AAFES birthday

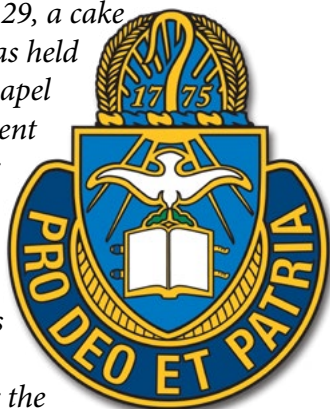
In celebration of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's 128th birthday, Col. CJ Lopez, Fort Johnson garrison commander, and Tammar Tracey, AAFES general manager, cut a birthday cake to share with customers July 25. Since 1895, the Exchange has proudly served the military in providing daily essentials. Beginning initially as "Sutlers", the focus was to go to the military's location during wartime. During their 128 years, their motto of "We Go Where You Go", has remained untouched. AAFES is a vital part of providing those daily essentials and much more. In addition, exchange benefits have provided \$3.5 billion in earnings for critical military quality of life programs and they can truly say they are proudly serving those who serve.

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Chaplain Corps birthday

To celebrate the 248th U.S. Army Chaplain Corps birthday July 29, a cake cutting ceremony was held at the Main Post Chapel July 28. Always present with Soldiers in war and in peace, the Chaplain Corps provides religious support to America's Army by nurturing the living, caring for the wounded and honoring the fallen. That story is told at the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Museum. Since July 29, 1775, approximately 25,000 Army chaplains have served as religious and spiritual leaders for 25 million Soldiers and their families.



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JAG birthday



The U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps held a cake cutting July 28 to commemorate their founding 248 years ago. The U.S. Army JAG Corps are the legal arm of the United States Army. It is composed

of Army officers who are also lawyers and who provide legal services to the Army at all levels of command, and also includes legal administrator warrant officers, paralegal noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted personnel, and civilian employees.

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Barbie night brings glamour, glitz to the Anvil Bar

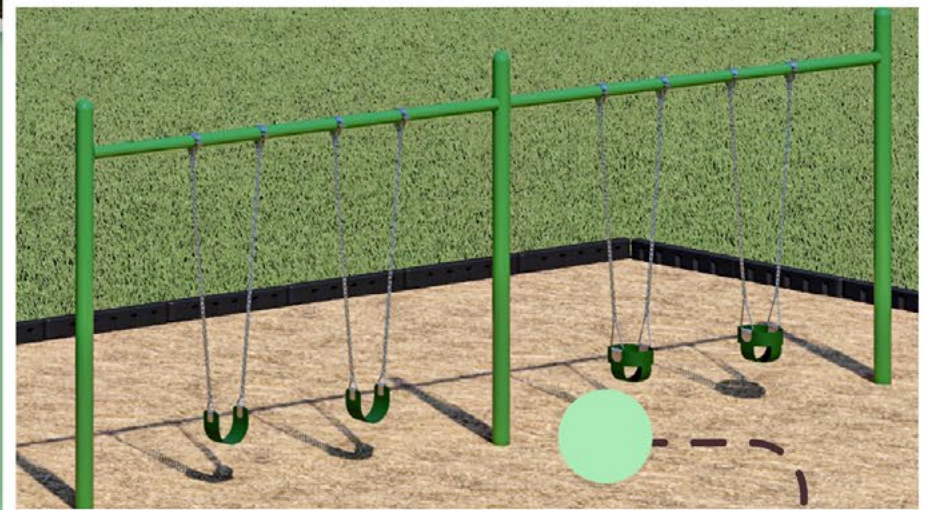


Barbie comes to life

Dear residents,



Our community playgrounds are a popular amenity that allow families to enjoy the outdoors and connect with neighbors. We are happy to share with you that we will be installing a new playground beginning in the fall of this year (in the Maple Terrance Neighborhood Park). The new playground will include swings and an additional play structure that will be similar to what is shown here.



Due to deterioration, it is necessary that we remove the playgrounds on Kyle Street, West Street, York Place, Worthington Court and Backfish Court. These areas will be returned to green space. Please be mindful of any posted signage at these locations and do not allow your family to play on or around these structures as removal is underway.

Building fun, faith with Legos at Vacation Bible Shool

By **HALEY WIGGINS**
Public Affairs Office

FORT JOHNSON, La. — At Fort Johnson, vacation bible school means a week full of fun and learning. Each year, Fort Johnson Religious Support Office staff and volunteers put together a new military based theme for VBS, and this year's theme is S.T.A.C.K.

Chrissa Gross, Director of Religious Education, said they do this because, though they could purchase pre-themed VBS packages, when they create their own themes they are better able to connect and support the needs of their military children and Families.

Military children often deal with difficult things that not every child has to go through. VBS gives them a sense of community and belonging, so they know they are not alone.

S.T.A.C.K. stands for stability, together, adversity, change and kneel. it's all about recognizing the struggle kids have adapting to military life and offering Families the opportunity to connect through their faith.

The S.T.A.C.K. theme uses Legos (a popular children's toy) to help VBS participants learn more about those concepts.

The Lego bricks used during the event fit together with every other piece, no matter what Lego kit they were originally designed for.

It's the same for those living the military experience, said Gross.

"Everyone who has an involvement with the military fits together because they can relate to one another," she said.

In addition to building Lego sets, the children also participate in Bible story time, games, crafts and small groups with their crew leaders. During their small group time they can talk about what they learned that day, and can practice their memory verses.

Kids can also work together to create Lego sets as part of VBS building challenges. There is a point system that decides which group is the winner for the day based on their teamwork.

VBS couldn't happen without their volunteers. The volunteers also practice teamwork to make sure everything runs smoothly throughout the week.

Anne Martyn is a volunteer who grew up doing service for others in her church. She said she loves participating and seeing the children's knowledge grow.

"I am thankful that I get to help out. VBS helps the children realize they aren't in a situation all by themselves. They see other kids their age going through the same challenges," Martyn said.



Children participating in vacation bible school at Fort Johnson let loose and have tons of fun while also learning about the Bible and growing their faith. Vacation bible school took place from July 17-21 at the main post chapel.



Carson McCann, 9, attends Parkway Elementary School, and took part in the Fort Johnson VBS program.

He said his favorite part of VBS is the Lego building and making new friends.

"This is my second bible school this year. I've made too many friends to count," McCann said.

But it's not just the kids that can have fun at VBS.

"My favorite thing is the noise in the chapel. It comes alive during VBS week. There's laughter, chaos, little footsteps in the halls and even a few tears," Gross said. "I think VBS gives the kids a safe place to just be kids. One of our



goals is that they can apply their faith and the things they're learning here in their everyday life. We want to make sure we make their lives a little better."

For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/view/fortjohnsonreligiousedstack/home>

Fort Johnson kids have fun at Camp Warrior



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Inspector General Newsletter

ALARACT 047/2023: Additional SHARP Program Guidance: Expedited Transfers, 24-Month SARC and VA Stabilization and SHARP Personnel Incentives

This ALARACT reinforces the implementation of Department of Defense guidance in accordance with the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Revisions to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs Expedited Transfer Policy," Feb. 10, 2020, which expands expedited transfer request eligibility and procedures and responsibilities and implements mandatory 24-month stabilization for full-time military SARCs and SHARP VAs who complete the SHARP career course. This ALARACT further provides guidelines for the assignment incentives program for full-time military SARCs and SHARP VAs who complete the SHARP career course.

ALARACT 055/2023: United States Army Appearance and Grooming Modifications

The purpose of this message is to provide notice that AR 670-1 is being revised to implement the new appearance and grooming policies. These actions will foster increased dignity and respect amongst our diverse United States Army while maintaining mission focus and combat readiness. These modifications will have a positive impact on both, which will benefit our nation.

Army Directive 2023-12 (Ask, Care, Escort Suicide Prevention Training)

This directive rescinds AD 2018-07-7, in part, by establishing ACE as the prescribed suicide pre-vention training for the U.S. Army. The objective of suicide prevention training is to support the development of knowledge on suicide-related, help-seeking behaviors and stigma; protective and risk factors; stressors and warning signs; early and crisis intervention; and postvention principles.

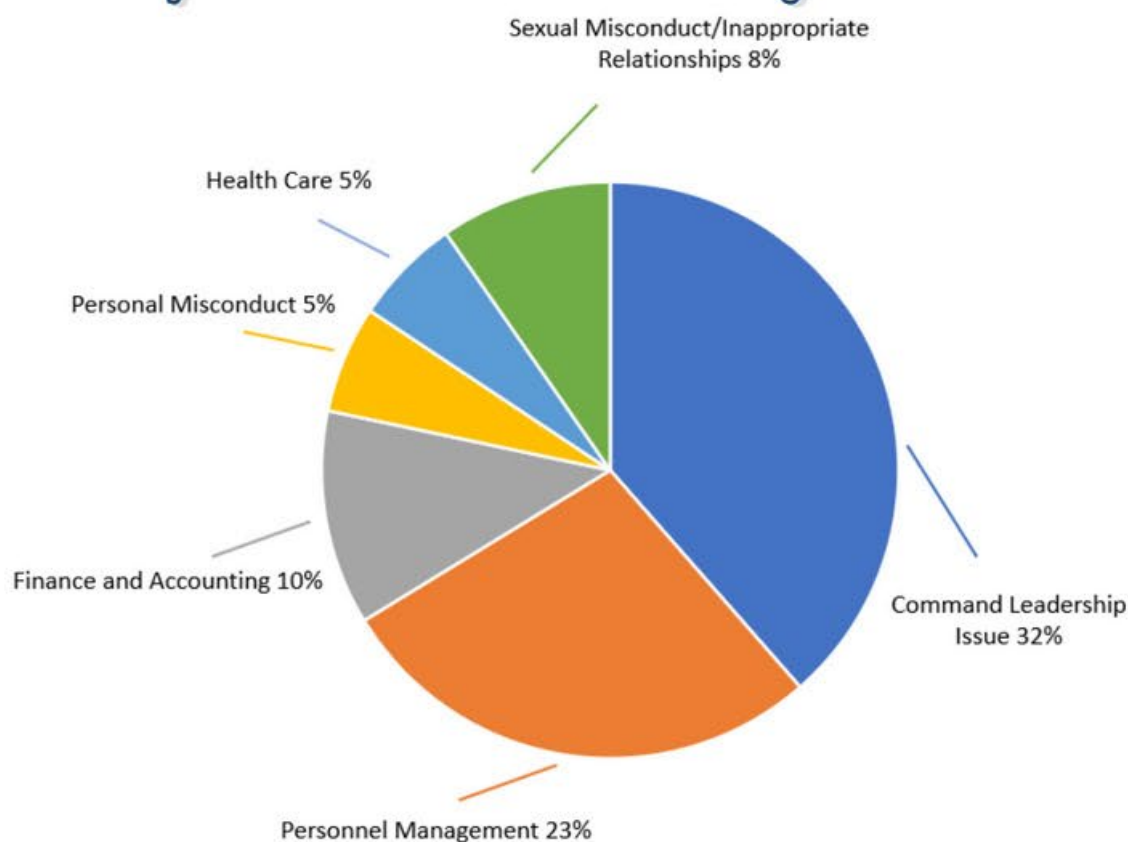
JRTC and Fort Johnson Policy 24: Wear of Apparel and Other Items Bearing of Voluntary Confederate Soldiers

This command is committed to fully supporting the U.S. government's civilian leadership and encouraging the same by all members of the command. This policy promotes full support of congressionally required change of name for this installation without causing any member of the command any undue hardship. HQDA EXORD 071-23 requires all of us to remove assets, memorabilia, and paraphernalia that commemorates the Confederacy or any person who voluntarily served in the Confederacy, including Leonidas Polk. The Army Physical Fitness Uniform is the standard duty uniform for JRTC and Fort Johnson Soldiers between the hours of 0630 and 0800, Monday through Friday, unless engaged in physical readiness training requiring the OCP (i.e. foot marches). Effective June 13, 2023, unit distinctive I-shirts and sweatshirts may not commemorate Leonidas Polk, nor any other person who voluntarily served in the Confederacy. Effective June 13, 2023, no Soldier may wear any item commemorating a person who voluntarily served in the Confederacy while on duty. No Soldier will be required to purchase a unit distinctive t-shirt or sweatshirt. When off duty, Soldiers may wear apparel containing references to Fort Polk, if not otherwise in poor taste, or bearing vulgar or obscene slogans, exactly as civilian clothing is worn, JAW Standards of Conduct, paragraph 16. Effective June 13, 2023, personnel assigned to Fort Johnson, especially leaders, employed by, working on, or associated with this installation should, to the greatest extent possible, refrain from wearing apparel or displaying any memorabilia or paraphernalia that commemorates the Confederacy or any person who voluntarily served in it.

Latest Administrative Publishings

- [ALARACT 053/2023: Army Green Service Uniform Class B Update](#)
- [MILPER 23-262: Unknown \(AUN\) Duty Status Code](#)
- [ALARACT 054/2023: Physical Security Personnel Security Reliability Program](#)

July 2023 Assistance and Investigations Trends



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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 from 8-11:20 a.m., Aug. 3, 17 and 31 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. 1.

For more information call 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. 2 from 5-6 p.m.

For more information call (337) 531-4661.

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

Fall open house

The Middle School and Teen Center (building 744) will be holding an open house Aug. 1-4. From 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. parents can view fall programming activities, field trips and upcoming parent nights.

For more information call (337) 531-1992.

Friday night live

Come out Aug. 4 for an NFL-themed night full of games, drinks, food and prizes at the Warrior Center! The evening will feature trivia and a jersey contest! Design your own Jersey and bring it or wear it for a chance to win a prize! This event is for ages 18 and over.

Yard games

Anvil Field is hosting XL Yard Games Aug. 5. Yard pong, body bowling, and softball toss will be included. All ages and DOD ID card holders welcome. Cost is \$20 for adults, 10\$ for ages 4-11

and free for ages 3 or younger.

To register, please visit or call Wheelock Fitness Center at (337) 531-6795.

Doggy days at Splash Park

Bring your four-legged best friend out Aug. 6 from 6-8 p.m. to beat the heat at Splash Park. Cost will be \$3 per dog. Proof of vaccination will be required for dogs to enter the park.

For more information please call (337) 531-1988.

CYS fall soccer 2023

Registration for the 2023 CYS fall soccer season is ongoing until Aug. 11.

For more information call (337) 531-6004.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/happenings/cys-fall-soccer-2023>

Back-to-school movie night

Go back to school in style! Allen Memorial Library will be hosting a back-to-school outdoor movie night Aug. 18 starting at 5 p.m.

A school supply drive will be held with all donors being entered into a raffle for prizes. All supplies will be donated to North Polk and Parkway Elementary.

<https://johnson.armymwr.com/calendar/event/outdoor-movie-night/6055439/81062>

FORT JOHNSON THINGS TO DO

Aug. 1: National Night Out Lake Charles, La.

From 6 - 9 p.m., the Lake Charles Police Department and City of Lake Charles will host a free National Night Out Community Event at the Lake Charles Civic Center (900 Lakeshore Dr.). Attendees will have the opportunity to meet officers from the department, view demonstrations from the various divisions, including SWAT, K-9, traffic motorcycles and more.

Free resources and information from a variety of vendors will also be available. National Night Out will also feature a jambalaya and pastalaya cook-off, activities for children, giveaways and more.

<https://www.visitlakecharles.org/event/national-night-out/45031/>

Aug. 3: Downtown Art Gallery Crawl Monroe, La.

The Downtown Art Gallery Crawl is held bi-monthly on the first Thursday of that month in downtown Monroe and West Monroe. Enjoy art, food, music, and fun with friends!

<https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/events/downtown-art-gallery-crawl/>

Aug. 5: 2nd Annual Back-to-School Bash Leesville, La.

The Leesville 3rd Street Market will be kicking off their second annual back-to-school bash from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 5. The bash will include

a waterslide, bounce houses, food trucks, vendors, free school supplies and more!

Aug. 11, 12, 13 and Aug. 18, 19 : Variety show

DeRidder, La.

The Impromptu Players present The Snow White Variety Show at the Wooten Theatre. The show centers around the dwarves as they tell their version of events before a live audience. The show should be lots of fun for the whole family. Show dates include a dinner show Aug. 11 at 7 p.m., a non-dinner show Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee Aug. 13.

There is a nondinner show Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. and a dinner show Aug. 19. For tickets visit https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/impromptu-players/63c71ee08e82410e-4b16eb64?ots-cmpgn-refer=hs-SOCIAL-3W&utm_source=OnTheStage&utm_medium=hootsuite&utm_campaign=hs-SOCIAL3W

Dinner shows must be reserved online or at the door. Concessions is cash only.

<https://www.facebook.com/ImpromptuPlayers>

Aug. 16-20: Delcambre Shrimp Festival Delcambre, La.

The Festival honors the shrimping industry with events including a shrimp cook-off, queens pageants, fais-do-do's, carnival rides, food, boat parade and more.



<http://www.shrimpfestival.net/>

Aug. 24-27: Gueydan Duck Festival Gueydan, La.

The Gueydan Duck Festival is usually held the last full weekend in August.

The event highlights the hunting heritage of the Acadiana region and offers the public entertainment with a Duck and Goose Calling Contest, Skeet Shooting, Dog Trials, Duck Dash and Decoy Carving.

In addition, enjoy great food, nightly bands, junior and senior queens pageants, a parade, cooking contests, and a carnival. The Gueydan Duck Festival gives everyone an excuse to meet old friends and make new ones. This "joie de vivre" ensures that a great time is had by one and all! "Laissez les bon temps rouler ... let the good times roll!"

<http://duckfestival.org/index.html>

