Community Information Exchange
April 2017

Calendar of Events

APR 2017

- Month of the Military Child & Child Abuse Prevention month
- Financial Literacy Awareness month
- Sexual Assault Awareness month
- 23-29 APR: National Volunteer Week: 23 APR Movie Madness, 1700, Post Theater, Movie CHiPS; 25 APR Bowling Extravaganza, 1100-1400, Century Lanes;
- 26 APR FREE Seminar “Volunteer Time Counts,” 0900-1100, Post Library;
- 27 APR ½ price breakfast at the NCO Club, 0800-0930, $3.50
- 28 APR Installation Awards ceremony, NCO Club, 1530
  Events open to ALL FJ volunteers
- 25 APR: Retirement Review, 1600, Post Theater
- 28 APR: Wine Tasting at Riverbanks Zoo
- 28 APR: Installation Awards ceremony, 1530, NCO Club
- 29 APR: Sparkleberry Fair, Sandhills Extension

MAY 2017

- 04 MAY: Newcomer’s Orientation, 0800, NCO Club
- 04 MAY: Retiree Council Meeting, 1800, Strom Thurmond Bldg. Rm 213
- 05-07 MAY: Special Olympics, Register online at www.SO-SC.org for volunteer opportunities
- 05-06 MAY: SC Air National Guard Show, McIntire Airbase
- 06 MAY: Rosewood Crawfish Festival, Rosewood, Columbia
- 12 MAY: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 13 MAY: 100 mile FJ Centennial Bike Ride, 0600-0630, Hilton Field
- 13 MAY: FREE Youth Tennis Clinic, POC: Darius Lane, 751-7451
- 12-14 MAY: Myrtle Beach Bike Week and Spring Rally
- 15-18 MAY: Virtual Military Spouse Symposium
- 18-20 MAY: Retiree Appreciation Days
- 19 MAY: Relay for Life of Lexington
- 19 MAY: Stable Call, 1600, NCO Club
- 20 MAY: Armed Forces Day
20 MAY: Governors Cup Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk, 0700, Main St. Columbia Register online at www.GovernorsCupSC.org, use code MILITARY 20 for 20% off registration

20 MAY: Blythewood Butterfly Festival, Blythewood, SC
20 MAY: SC Tour de Cure-benefits the American Diabetes Assoc. Columbia
20 MAY: Spring Arts & Crafts Show, Columbia
23 MAY: Retirement Review, 1600, Post Theater
26 MAY – 11 JUN: Spoleto Festival USA, Charleston

JUNE 2017

01 JUN: Newcomer’s Orientation, 0800, NCO Club
1-10 JUN: 100TH Fort Jackson Centennial Celebration
03 JUN: FREE concert featuring Hunter Hayes & Kellie Pickler, 1900, Hilton Field
10 JUN: Army Birthday Ball, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1700-2130, Hosted by AUSA
24 JUN: Youth Fishing Derby; Heise Pond, 0930-1200
27 JUN: Retirement Review, 1600, Post Theater
30 JUN: Stable Call, 1600, NCO Club

FJ Community calendar: http://jackson.mhsoftware.com
South Carolina-Calendar of Events: www.sciway.net

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

ARMY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Army Volunteers – “Service for Life”
FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Family Advocacy Skills Training (F.A.S. T.) Support

Child Safety Awareness (Child Abuse) Initial Training: Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and qualified Family members. This two hour initial training workshop provides information on how to recognize, identify and report child abuse. It is a requirement for law enforcement, legal, chaplains, CYSS employees/volunteers, teachers and other installation personnel whose employment requires contact with children. A certificate of attendance is provided upon completion. The class is offered the 1st Monday of each month, 1700-1900 hrs at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street room 10. Please register at (803) 751-6325.

Healthy Relationships: Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and qualified Family members. Healthy Relationships is an interactive discussion-based class, designed to encourage positive, emotionally healthy relationships. Topics discussed will include open communication, dealing with conflict, self-esteem, roles of independence and respect and how to recognize, grow and maintain healthy relationships. Your relationship with intimate partners, Family members, and friends is worth the time to attend the Healthy Relationships class. The class is offered the 1st Tuesday of each month from 1100-1200 at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street room 10. Please register at (803)-751-6325.

Child Safety Awareness (Child Abuse) Annual Refresher Training: Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and qualified Family members. This one hour refresher training workshop re-emphasizes information on how to recognize, identify and report child abuse. It is an annual requirement for law enforcement, legal, chaplains, CYSS employees/volunteers, teachers and other installation personnel.
whose employment requires contact with children. A certificate of attendance is provided upon completion. The class is offered the 3rd Monday of each month, 1700-1800 hrs at the FAP Classroom, 5614 Hood Street room 10. Please register at (803) 751-6325.

**Stress Management:** Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and qualified Family members. This workshop is designed to raise awareness to the significance of stress related problems. It focuses on identifying and managing stressors, and learning to relax. Participants identify personal stressors and discuss ways to eliminate/reduce the effects. The class is offered on the 1st Thursday of each month, 1100-1200 hrs, at Family Advocacy’s Classroom 10, Bldg 5614, Hood Street and a certificate of attendance is awarded upon completion. To register, call 803-751-6325.

**Baby Basics:** This class offers expectant parents training/information in preparation for the routine care of their newborn baby. Topics include handling, bathing, diapering, feeding and safety concerns. The class is conducted on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 1000-1200 hrs at FAP Classroom 10 in bldg 5614 on Hood Street. Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and qualified Family members expecting or who have a newborn up to six weeks old. Child care may be available. Please register at (803)-751-6325.

**Anger Management:** Open to active duty, retired service personnel, DoD civilians and Family members, this workshop is designed to help participants learn to identify anger triggers and how to control their responses. The class focuses on identifying and managing anger triggers, anger intensity, and consequences of inappropriate, uncontrolled anger expressions. The class is offered on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 1100-1200 hrs, at Family Advocacy’s Classroom 10, Bldg 561. A class certificate is provided. Register at 803-751-6325.

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**FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM**

**It’s a coupon class!!!**

*Buy One, Get One*

[Image of coupons]

**Coupon Craze!!!**

Learn to stretch your monthly budget and maximize your savings!

**11 MAY 2017**

**1130 – 1300**
Come learn the art of doubling, tripling and stacking coupons, price matching and more. Get tips on how to prepare for grocery store trips. This is a great opportunity to learn new strategies, meet other coupon users, and share your own ideas. Each class participant will receive a special gift, compliments of Army Community Service.

INVESTMENT BASICS SEMINAR
Special Guest: COL(R) Jamie Houston

Seminar will cover:
$ Investment Options (Stock, Mutual Funds, Bonds, etc)
$ Investment Pyramid
$ Investment basics
  • The ‘Rule of 72’
  • Dividend Re-Investment Program
  • Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA)
$ No Load vs. Load Funds

This is a great ‘free’ way to broaden your knowledge about investing and have your unanswered questions finally answered.

Date: Tuesday, 11 JUL 2017
Time: 1130 - 1300
Location: Army Community Service
(Bldg. 9810, Lee Road)

Call Army Community Service to RSVP at (803) 751-5256
*Please bring your lunch with you, lunch is not provided.
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Army Community Service (ACS) Financial Readiness Program (FRP) offer a wide range of services to assist active duty and retired Soldiers, their ID card Family members, and DA civilian employees. Services include but not limited to financial education classes, consumer advocacy, budget and money management counseling, debt liquidation services and emergency financial assistance via Army Emergency Relief and the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Financial readiness is an integral part of Army readiness! The FRP staff consistently take a holistic approach to providing premier financial services in order to help build a financially resilient Soldiers and Families.

Services Offered:

- Seminars/classes regarding financial and consumer subjects
- Free and Confidential Financial Counseling
- Assistance with Debt Liquidation
- Consumer Advocacy/Complaint Resolution
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Emergency Food Assistance

Please call Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program at 751-5256 for a information on class dates, time and location.

Social Media

Find us on Facebook (Ft Jackson ACS) and follow us on Twitter for great financial tips and upcoming classes and events @fjfinancialread

You can also check out our website: https://jackson.armymwr.com/us/jackson/programs/financial-readiness-progra
APRIL IS NATIONAL CAREER ASSESSMENT MONTH!!
Let ACS help you reach your Employment and Education Goals!!!

During the month of April, military spouses are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the ACS Employment Readiness Office to complete an on-line career assessment; meet with a certified Career Coach to review your assessment results and assist in developing career action plans. Call 803-751-9460/5452 today!!

Volunteer Time Counts!! Did you know that Federal, State and many private sector agencies count volunteer time on a resume? Join us to learn how write a resume to land you a job!! April 26, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library, Bldg. 4679, Lee Road. Call 803-751-9460/5452 or email Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil to register.

Job Searching Strategies for Military Spouses. Seeking employment on Fort Jackson or in the surrounding area? Get a jump-start on your job search by obtaining relevant information about employment, education and volunteer opportunities. Topics include on/off post employment opportunities, Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP), job searching tips, SC WORKS WIA Program, learn basic resume writing techniques, interviewing skills and much more!! All military spouses of active duty/retired military personnel and Survivors will be eligible to enroll in the ERP to receive one-on-one employment assistance, receive ongoing e-mail job postings and have resume sent to prospective private sector employers!! Only need to attend one session: April 4, 25, May 9, June 6, 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 9810 Lee Road. RSVP is requested NTL 2 business days before the workshop date. Call 803-751-9460/5452 or email sherry.major.civ@mail.mil to register.

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses. Attention job seekers! Looking for federal employment? This workshop will walk you through every step of the way!! April 12, May 5, June 13, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 9810 Lee Road Call 803-751-9460/5452 or email Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil to register. RSVP is requested NLT 2 business days before the workshop date.
Is Business Ownership Right for You? Are you thinking about being a small business owner? What are your options? Where do you look for answers? The Entrepreneur’s Source will provide information and resources on starting a small business. You will also hear from 2 success veteran business owners. To register contact Matt Thornton, 888-896-9444. **April 26, May 24, June 28**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Fort Jackson Education Center, Room B-205. Co-sponsored by the Soldier for Life: Transition Assistance Office and the ACS Employment Readiness Program. Open to all military personnel, spouses and DOD civilian employees. Limited seating—register early!!

**Are you Job Ready?? Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Workshop.** This workshop is designed to provide you with tools and knowledge useful in building your resume and improving your interviewing skills. Workshop is conducted by BlueCross BlueShield Human Resources Department. Excellent opportunity to network with BCBS personnel!! Open to everyone!!! Many of our clients who attend this class had success in being employed with SC BlueCross BlueShield. **April 11, May 16**, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 9810 Lee Road. RSVP is requested NLT 2 business days before the workshop date. Call 803-751-9460/5452 or email. Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil to register.

**Dream BIG… Discover your perfect Career!! Career Exploration for Teens**

Are you planning to attend college or are you looking for a job after high school? Career choices can be a difficult decision. Plan to attend this workshop and discover a variety of options that are available to you—from picking a college major to finding a job. Don't delay, get started on your career right away! **June 27**, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 9810 Lee Road. RSVP is requested NLT 2 business days before the workshop date. Call 803-751-9460/5452 or email. Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil to register.

**EFMP**

**Exceptional Family Member Program**

**Where:** Century Lanes Bowling Center
(4464 Gregg Street)

**When:** 19 May 2017

**Time:** 1630 - 1800

**Must RSVP to participate**

**Must be enrolled in EFMP**

**Cost:**
* $1.25 – game (per person)
* $1.00 – shoes (per person)

For more information:
EFMP
5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd.
Rm 120
751-5256
Creative Journey Family Art Outing

Please join us for a fun filled creative evening of visual arts sponsored by the Creative Journey Program. Enjoy the art of making pottery, painting, drawing, sculpturing and more. Come out and discover the artist in you!

When: Tuesday, 09 May 2017
Where: Art Center, Parks and Recreation
1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC
Time: 1700
RSVP: Please call 751-5256. No cost.

FREE Sensory Movie Day

EFMP will host a FREE ‘Child Friendly Movie w/Lights On & Sound Down’!

Location: Fort Jackson Theater
3319 Jackson Blvd,
Columbia, SC 29207

Date: June 09, 2017
Time: 1000 am
Movie Showing: TBA

*Open to all Soldiers and Family members (targeted audience are individuals with special needs & Families enrolled in EFMP)

What does sensory friendly mean?
A unique movie showing where the lights are turned up and the sound turned down in a safe and accepting environment.

No outside food permitted unless individual has dietary restrictions.

Concession Snacks will be available for purchase.

Must RSVP to attend. Call 751-5256.
Mission Statement: The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors

Service to the Armed Forces:
Emergency Communications Messages & The Hero Care Network

Fort Jackson Volunteer Opportunities:
Fort Jackson American Red Cross Office:
- Administrative Assistant(s)
- Hero Care Network-caseworker
- Volunteer Partner to the Station Manager
- Volunteer Engagement Leader

Moncrief Clinic Opportunities:
- Greeter/Concierge Desk; Front Desk and/or Info Desk
- Pharmacy Volunteers-various shifts and locations
- Managed Care/ Medical Records and more…
Midlands and Columbia Area Volunteer Opportunities:
Blood Delivery Drivers—multiple routes to regional S.C. hospitals
Emergency and Disaster Support—everything from Drivers to Mass Care (episodic)
Support for Special Events/Information Tables
Preparedness Health & Safety Services—Instructors and Instructor Aides needed

Fort Jackson-based Youth Program—VolunTeens

Other American Red Cross Programs Supported:
- Adopt a National Guard Unit
- Animal Visitation—Morale Dog Program
- Resiliency “Reconnection” Workshops (for varied audiences)

To Become an American Red Cross Volunteer: Go to www.redcross.org/volunteer and begin your account in our ‘Volunteer Connection’ database. You’ll enter your Zip Code and be referred to the local Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Tyler. Express your interest in Service to the Armed Forces or any of the other Lines of Service Volunteer Opportunities, and Erin will refer you to the correct Point of Contact! WELCOME!

Contact Fort Jackson American Red Cross: Beth Kirschner, Station Manager, office 803-751-6516 cell. 803-636-5409 Elizabeth.Kirschner@redcross.org
Volunteer Services Contact: Erin Tyler, Volunteer Coordinator, 803-540-1242, Erin.Tyler@redcross.org

CUB SCOUTS/BOY SCOUTS
Contact: Matthew Ewers- Cub Master/Scout Master
803-409-9568
FortJacksonPack89@yahoo.com

FORT JACKSON
CUB SCOUTS
& BOY SCOUTS
Fort Jackson Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be participating in the national Scouting for Food drive on Saturday February 11th. This is a service project collecting non-deliverable perishable food items for local food banks. If you would like to donate please use the contact information above to arrange pickup or items can be dropped off to the Scouts at the Commissary between 9-5 on Feb. 11th.

For more information please contact:

FortJacksonPack89@yahoo.com  (For Cub Scouts)
FortJacksonTroop89@yahoo.com  (For Boy Scouts)

GIRL SCOUTS
**If you know someone interested in becoming involved with Girl Scouts as a scout (child) or as a volunteer (adult) contact your Fort Jackson Girl Scout coordinators at Ftjacksongs@hotmail.com.**

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC)

**PWOC… A place to belong! A place to grow! A place for YOU!**

THRIFT SHOP 787-2153
Mini Mall, Building 4713 on Lee Road

All are welcome to shop in The Thrift Shop; however, you must have military ID card to consign.

08-12 MAY – Mother’s Day Surprises each day the Thrift Shop is open

Brown Bag & silent auction going on weekly; Newspapers and plastic bags are always needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – UP TO 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE WHILE VOLUNTEERING

FRGs are able to participate in Adopt-A-Day to earn money. FRGs may still contact the manager to work in the shop and earn extra money. POC is Kim at 803-787-2153.

Thrift Shop Store Hours: Tues and Thurs 0900-1500 and Wed 0900-1700
Thrift Shop welfare request continue throughout the year. Groups serving the military community may apply. The welfare request form can be found at www.ftjacksonthrift@bellsouth.net.

VICTORY SPOUSES CLUB

Who We Are
Victory Spouses’ Club (VSC) of Ft. Jackson is an all inclusive, social, non-profit organization. Our purpose is to organize social and recreational activities for members, and to support charitable and educational endeavors by fostering a spirit of FRIENDSHIP and GOODWILL.
Our membership is open to all ranks, retirees, DOD civilians, all services, and their spouses.

Social events
Get to know your fellow spouses! We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. VSC hosts a variety of social events each month. Check us out to see if our club is right for you – there is no obligation to join our club at your first luncheon.

Board Positions for Next Year!
We have multiple board positions open for next year! Considering investing your time and talents and supporting your fellow spouses.

Scholarships!
We will be announcing our scholarship recipients on or about May 15, 2017!

Charitable Causes!
VSC invests in the Fort Jackson community and its members. We give back to the community and families through a variety of fundraising efforts. VSC’s flagship cause in the military dependent scholarship which offers money for higher education to those who qualify.

Connect With Us
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VictorySpousesClub
Email: vscmemberships@gmail.com
Website: www.victoryspousesclub.org
Mayors Needed: The Mayoral Council is looking for energetic volunteers to serve as Mayors for the Ft. Jackson Housing Communities. Being a Mayor allows you to be a voice for your community. You can bring ideas and suggestions for improving the quality of life while residing on Ft. Jackson. In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, you will meet new people and receive valuable training. Child care is provided at no cost.
while performing Mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at: vickie.d.grier.civ@mail.mil

Community Yard Sale: The Housing Community Yard Sale will be held on 13 May from 0800-1400. Registration and to have address added to Yard Sale map is 1-9 May. For more information contact Balfour Beatty at 803-738-8275.

Resident Satisfaction Surveys: Let your voice be heard!! The 2017 Resident Satisfaction Surveys will run 27 Apr thru 27 May 2017. More info can be found in an upcoming Leader article, Balfour Beatty and Housing Facebook pages. This year’s prizes include:
  Free month’s rent for one family
  (5) $100 Raffle Prizes
  Miscellaneous prizes and free give a ways
  Block party for neighborhood with highest participation and score

Neighborhood Huddle: Housing residents are invited to attend the Neighborhood Huddle to meet the Housing staff, and Garrison Leadership to discuss housing related concerns.
  16 May 2017 @ 12 noon, PT's 1-7 @ BB Community Center
  15 June 2017 @ 12 noon, HV/MM @ BB Community Center
  12 July 2017 @ 12 noon, PT's 1-7 @ BB Community Center
  22 Aug 2017 @ 12 noon, HV/MM @ BB Community Center

Yard of the Month: Program will kick-off with yard judging on 20 Apr. If you have or see well-kept yards deserving to be recognized, please submit your nomination(s) to Debbie Rector, 803-738-8275 director@bbcgrp.com or Vickie Grier, 803-751-7567, vickie.d.grier.civ@mail.mil. First date for judging will take place on 20 Apr.

Presentation dates/times are:
  10 May @ 0930
  9 Jun @ 1000
  14 Jul @ 0930
  9 Aug @ 0930
  8 Sept @ 0930
FORT JACKSON

WORLD WIDE CASE LOT SALE

Commissary case lot sale shoppers get "bargains by the case"

MAY 19-21, 2017

0900-1800

Check out our web page at www.commissaries.com under the “locations” link
‘Customer Appreciation’ event
Stateside case lot sales offer over-sized savings

By Kevin L. Robinson,
DeCA public affairs specialist

Note: To see a video on the agency’s YouTube page related to DeCA’s Customer Appreciation Case Lot event, press the “Ctrl” key click on the photo or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tph2MkHsmdk.

To see photos on DeCA’s Flickr page go to https://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157682182469486.

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary patrons stateside will be able to stock up on their favorite items at significant savings during the Defense Commissary Agency’s spring Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sale event.

“Many of our military members and their families relish the opportunity to buy cases of items similar to what they’d see in commercial club stores,” said Tracie Russ, DeCA’s director of sales. “On top of shopping in bulk, our patrons realize huge savings – that’s a deal they can’t afford to miss.”
Each stateside store hosts an individual two- or three-day case lot sale. The majority of sale dates occur in late April and throughout the month of May, while in some locations, like Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, sales begin as early as mid-April. Patrons are encouraged to check https://www.commissaries.com/case_lot_sale.cfm for case lot schedules. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating.

Commissaries in Europe and the Pacific, while not officially participating, may have substitute events such as sidewalk sales.

In addition to the case lot formats found in commercial club stores, commissary case lot events also offer additional “mix and match” packages of similar items in bulk-size cases. These include grocery items such as barbecue sauces; canned tomatoes, beans and vegetables; certain pasta meals; cold cereals; snacks; yogurt; water, tea and juices; pet food; and body washes, soaps and shampoos.

Customers have a variety of options to choose from. Sale items include products in the following categories:

- Fruit snacks, crackers, cereals, pastries, popcorn and potato chips
- Water and flavored water, juices, juice mixes, sodas, sports drinks and milk
- Frozen family meals
- Pet supplies to include bagged and canned food, treats and cat litter
- International foods such as Italian, Asian and Hispanic items
- Cookies, brownies, pancakes and muffin mixes
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Sandwich, storage and freezer bags; paper products and cleaning supplies such as bathroom tissue, fabric sheets and laundry detergent
- Health and beauty care including diapers, wipes, soaps and body lotions

“These events continue to be popular with our patrons because they can shop and save on a bulk scale,” Russ said. “It’s definitely worth the trip!”

-DeCA-

About DeCA: The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Commissaries provide a military benefit and make no profit on the sale of merchandise. Authorized patrons save thousands of dollars annually on their purchases compared to commercial prices when shopping regularly at a commissary. The discounted prices include a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.
Stay Connected to Your Commissary Benefit

COMMISSARIES.COM: Visit www.commissaries.com to learn more about the Defense Commissary Agency: check out the latest news, find a store near you, see what's on sale, create a shopping list, learn of food and product recalls, scan employment opportunities, read frequently asked questions, submit a customer comment form online through DeCA’s Your Action Line and more.

COMMISSARY CONNECTION: Stay connected with the latest news about your most valued benefit, Hot Links to additional savings, shopping sprees, contests, commissary promotions, events and more, go to www.commissaries.com/subscribe.cfm and subscribe to the Commissary Connection newsletter.

FACEBOOK: Visit www.facebook.com/YourCommissary, DeCA’s Facebook page, where you can post comments and share news, photos and videos.

YOUTUBE: To see DeCA’s latest videos, visit www.youtube.com/DefenseCommissary.

TWITTER: To see DeCA’s latest "tweets," visit www.twitter.com/YourCommissary.

PINTEREST: To see DeCA’s theme-based image collections, visit http://www.pinterest.com/YourCommissary.

FLICKR: To see DeCA’s latest photographs, visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/.

Commissaries highlight Month of Military Child with savings

Commissaries are observing April, the Month of the Military Child, with giveaways and savings for the entire family. “At the Defense Commissary Agency, we do all we can to provide our military children and their families with significant savings on groceries and household items,” said Tracie Russ, sales director for the Defense Commissary Agency. “With events such as ProCamps and our ‘5-2-1-0’ nutritional message, we recognize the unique challenges our youth experience because of the demands of military life.” DeCA’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries in April to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Patrons can also see the Sales Flyer at www.commissaries.com or get a copy at the store entrance. Go to https://commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2017/DeCA_19_17.cfm for more details.

Nutrition guide program helps patrons meet health, wellness needs

Since January, patrons worldwide have seen color-coded shelf tags in their commissaries, spotlighting products featuring one or more of five popular nutritional attributes such as low sodium, no-added sugar and high fiber. The labels also highlight organic products. “Military service is all about readiness and resilience, and the foods we eat play a big role in that,” said Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu. “By highlighting the products with key nutrient attributes our commissary patrons look for, our nutrition guide program makes shopping much more convenient and effective to help service members and their families meet their health and wellness needs.” The NGP is based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture criteria and standards. DeCA collaborated with key DOD agency and service branch health and wellness experts to align NGP with the Go for Green nutrition education program, which uses traffic light colors to identify food choices in military
dining facilities. For more information, click on https://commissaries.com/healthy-living/nutrition-guide.cfm.

Commissary store brand names unveiled
The Defense Commissary Agency has chosen the names “Freedom’s Choice™” and “HomeBase™” for its private label product assortment. Private label, also known as store brands, will begin appearing on commissary shelves in May. “Commissary patrons have been telling us for quite some time that they want to take advantage of the value offered by store brands, but commissaries have not had their own brand until now,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO. Freedom’s Choice will be the commissary brand name for food items and HomeBase for nonfood items such as paper products and other household items. “Our private label products will also be equal or lower in price to commercial grocery store brands,” he added. For more on DeCA’s private label program, go to https://commissaries.com/documents/contact_deca/faqs/ transformation.cfm.

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

Protestant Services

- Sunday
  08:30 a.m.  Anglican/Liturgical  Bayonet Chapel
  09:00 a.m.  Worship Service  McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)
  10:00 a.m.  Hispanic Protestant  Magruder Chapel
  09:30 a.m.  Worship Service  Main Post Chapel
  10:00 a.m.  Gospel Worship Service  Daniel Circle Chapel
  10:45 a.m.  Sunday School Class  Main Post Chapel
  11:15 a.m.  Worship Service  Memorial Chapel
  11:00 a.m.  Chapel Next  Bayonet Chapel
  (Contemporary Worship Service and Children’s Church)

Protestant Bible Study/Prayer Service

- Sunday
  09:30 a.m.  ChapelNext Bible Study  Bayonet Chapel
  09:45 a.m.  Memorial Chapel Adult Bible Study  RSO Conf Rm

- Monday
  07:00 p.m.  Women’s Bible Study (PWOC)  Main Post Chapel

- Tuesday
  07:00 p.m.  Men’s Bible Study (PMOC)  Chaplain Family Life Center

- Wednesday
  07:00 p.m.  Gospel Bible Study  Daniel Circle Chapel

Thursday
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  Fresh Encounter Bible Study  Chaplain Family Life Center

Catholic

- Sunday
  07:30 a.m.  Confessions  Solomon Center
  08:00 a.m.  IET Catholic Mass  Solomon Center
-Monday-Thursday and First Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass Main Post Chapel

-Sunday
8:00 a.m. Mass Solomon Center
9:30 a.m. CCD (Sep – May) Education Center
10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appt) Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. Mass Main Post Chapel

-Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Rosary Main Post Chapel
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry (Sep – May) Main Post Chapel

Eastern Orthodox
-Sunday
9:00-11:00 a.m. Eastern Orthodox MACH Chapel (4th Floor)
(Confessions by appt only, call 751-4961/4966)

Islamic
-Sunday
8:00-10:00 a.m. Islamic Studies Main Post Chapel

-Friday
12:45-1:30 p.m. Jumah Service Main Post Chapel Jewish

-Sunday
09:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service Memorial Chapel
10:15-11:15 a.m. Jewish Fellowship Post Conference Room

Church of Christ
-Sunday
11:30 a.m. Church of Christ Worship Service Anderson Chapel

Latter Day Saints
-Sunday
9:30-11 a.m. Latter Day Saints Worship Service Anderson Chapel

-Wednesday
3:00-5:00 p.m. Latter Day Saints Family Social Anderson Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. Latter Day Saints Scripture Study Anderson Chapel

Pagan Sacred Well Congregation
-Sunday
1100 Magruder Chapel

Chapel Addresses and Phone Numbers
Anderson Chapel - (803) 751-7032
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Blvd
Bayonet Chapel - (803) 751-4101/4542
9476 Kemper Street
Chapel Next - (803) 751-6322/4542
9476 Kemper St. (conducted at Bayonet Chapel)
Chaplain’s Family Life Center - (803) 751-4961
Bldg 5460 Marion Ave (to the side of the POV Lot)
Daniel Circle Chapel - (803) 751-1297/4478
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Blvd
Education Center
4581 Scales Ave
Moncrief Army Community Hospital (MACH Chapel (4th Floor)
4500 Stuart Street – (803) 751-2492/2245
Magruder Chapel – (803) 751-3883
4360 Magruder Ave.
Main Post Chapel - (803) 751-6469/6681
4580 Scales Ave.
McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
5411 Leesburg Road, Eastover, SC
(Exit Gate 5 @ Semmes Road, turn left, keep straight 16 mi. - McCrady Training Center on left)

Memorial Chapel - (803) 751-7324
4470 Jackson Blvd

Moncrief Community Hospital Chapel (MACH)
4500 Stuart Street, 4th Floor

Warrior Chapel - (803) 751-5086/7427
1895 Washington St. (Located in 120th AG BN)

Religious Support Office Address and Phone Numbers
4356 Hardee Street
(803) 751-3121/751-6318

MEDDAC

Moncrief Army Health Clinic Updates

Website: www.moncrief.amedd.army.mil
Social Media:
✓ Like and Follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/MoncriefClinic

Moncrief does not have an Emergency Room. In the event of a true emergency, you should proceed to the nearest Emergency Room or call 911.

Retiree Health Fair
The Fort Jackson Retiree Appreciation Day /Expo will conclude with a Retiree Health Fair at the Solomon Center May 20. Come out and see all the services available to our beneficiary population (Active Duty and Family members are also welcome to attend).

JOES Surveys
Patients should receive a Joint Outpatient Experience Survey (JOES) within 72-hours of their visit to Moncrief. This survey is standardized across all services, and will enable the Department of Health Affairs to get an accurate picture of the state of military healthcare. The survey takes five minutes to complete. It will give healthcare providers and leadership the feedback necessary to improve quality of care, patient experience and satisfaction. We take all comments and ratings seriously, and the surveys will be confidential; so when you receive one, please respond either by mail or electronically.

No-Show/Cancellations:
Please do not miss a scheduled appointment. No-show appointments result in a loss of resources and prevent other patients from accessing medical care. Over 7% of our appointments go unused due to no-shows and last minute cancellations. We need your help in reducing or eliminating wasted provider appointments. To cancel your appointment any time log onto www.tricareonline.com or alternatively call 751-CARE (2273) during regular business hours. Cancelling appointments in advance will allow MAHC to use that appointment for someone else!

Save Time with TRICAREOnline.com
www.TRICAREOnline.com (TOL) is the Department of Defense Military Health System’s online portal for beneficiary health care services (such as making appointments), benefits and health information.

- View, schedule, and cancel clinic appointments for yourself or your authorized family members. *You can cancel appointments even if they were not booked on TOL!*
- Receive email and text message appointment reminders
- Refill and check the status of your prescriptions at your military hospital or clinic
- View, download, or share your personal health data via the **Blue Button**

A feature within TRICARE On Line (TOL) allows authorized adult family members to schedule, view and cancel both primary care and select self-referral specialty appointments on behalf of: Themselves, Other adult family members (who have granted access) Minor children (under 18 years of age). Beneficiary may access this feature by logging into www.tricareonline.com using their CAC, Premium DS Logon, or DFAS MyPay account. For More Information contact TOL customer service which is available 24hrs/7days a week at 1-800-600-9332.

Moncrief Army Health Clinic Offers Eye Exams to **ALL ID Card Holders**. Call 751-2273 to schedule your Optometry Clinic appointment today.

**AAFES (Army & Air Force Exchange Service)**
**FORT JACKSON, SC**

Thomas Kuttamperoor, General Manager
Fort Jackson/Shaw AFB Exchange
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Email: mailto:JordanRo@aafes.com
Military Spouse Appreciation Day
12 May 2017
Time: 1100-1300
Location: The Main Exchange

- Cake Cutting Ceremony 1100
- Free Carnations For All Military Spouses 1130-1330
- Fashion Show 1200
- Manager Specials

Door Prizes
*Must Be Present To Win
Retail & Food Specials

Manager’s Specials
Retail And Food Specials

25% OFF ladies Watches When You Use Your Military Star Card
10% OFF All TV’s $599.00 And Up - 15% OFF When You Use Your Military Star Card
10% OFF All FIT BIT - 15% OFF When You Use Your Military Star Card
Buy A Grill And Get A FREE Bag Of Charcoal
35% OFF All Seeds And Bulbs
Additional 50% OFF Clearance Tennis Shoes
Buy 1 Meal And Get The Second 1/2 OFF OR 20% OFF A Single Meal With A Valid I.D. Card
At The Main Store Food Court

Services Specials
Simply Perfect Nail Salon Will Offer The First 5 Customers
To Come In For A Pedicure Service
A FREE Manicure As Well As Offering
10% OFF Coupons Throughout The Day!
JCK Beauty Shop Will Offer 25% OFF Retail Shampoos And Conditioners
After Your Regular Service

ACSC
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE
Heart Life Solutions for Successful Army Living
Fort Jackson Exchange Managers Listen and Respond at Event for Shoppers

Fort Jackson — At the Fort Jackson Main Exchange, military shoppers are always No. 1. That’s why Exchange managers want to meet them and listen to their questions, comments and concerns.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s Meet the Manager program gives Soldiers, families and retirees a chance to learn more about their Exchange benefit and let managers know whether any aspect of the shopping experience needs improvement.

The next Meet the Manager event will be from 1300 to 1500, 21 APRIL 2017, at the Fort Jackson Main Exchange, 4110 Moseby Avenue, Fort Jackson SC.

Topics will include Exchange support of military Quality-of-Life programs, MILITARY STAR card updates and offers, the You Made the Grade Program, price match policy, shopmyexchange.com and upcoming community events at the Fort Jackson Main Exchange.

“Fort Jackson shoppers should have a say in how their local retail benefit serves them,” said Fort Jackson Main Exchange General Manager Thomas Kuttamperoor. “We want the best for Soldiers and their families, and that starts with knowing their wants and needs. Don’t be shy—we’re here to listen.”

All feedback gathered during Meet the Manager discussions is sent back to Exchange headquarters in Dallas and evaluated for possible future programs and execution.

Authorized shoppers can contact the Fort Jackson Exchange at 803-787-1950 for more information on the Meet the Manager program.

Media Notes:

For more information or to schedule an interview with an Exchange representative please contact Theresa Spraggins, 803-782-7739 or newcombt@aafes.com.

Follow the Exchange:
Facebook: www.facebook.com/shopmyexchange
Twitter: https://twitter.com/shopmyexchange
Instagram: @shopmyexchange
Fort Jackson Schools:
http://www.am.dodea.edu/scstewartcuba/Fort%20Jackson%20Schools.html

4 May School Board Meeting/12:00pm
29 May No School/Memorial Day
2 June Last Day of School/11:30 Dismissal

Army School Liaison Officers
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Bde/Bn/Tenants/Battalions
are “Adopting” Schools

In conjunction with Army Regulation 360–1, The Army Public Affairs Program, Fort Jackson has “adopted” 43 schools with additional schools requesting partnership. For more information, please contact the School Liaison Office (751.6150 ext.2).

MISSION:

The mission of the Adopt-A-School program is to routinely contribute military resources and services to schools in order to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of children in the greater Fort Jackson area. Through interaction with positive role models, the Adopt-a-School program helps to ensure that children succeed and live their dreams.

The Vision the Adopt-a-School program is to partner with local schools and increase public awareness of the Army’s mission and foster good relations with local communities. This also addresses the following Campaign Plan Objectives:

Fort Jackson Campaign Plan Objectives

5.0 - Enhance quality of life (QOL) for Soldiers
5.3 - Implement/Execute community covenant (Soldier Focus)
6.2 - Enhance community covenant (Family Focus)
6.3 - Enhance QOL for Families, Fort Jackson, and our surrounding school districts

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS and EMAIL INFORMATION

Important Dates:

Please contact your student’s school district to verify high school graduation dates, locations, and times.
Fort Jackson Schools: 
http://www.am.dodea.edu/scstewartcuba/Fort%20Jackson%20Schools.html

4 May School Board Meeting/12:00pm
29 May No School/Memorial Day
2 June Last Day of School/11:30 Dismissal

Richland School District One: 
http://www.richlandone.org/

26 May Last Day of School

Richland School District Two: 
http://www.richland2.org/

29 May Memorial Day/No School
31 May Half-Day for All Students
1 June Half-Day for All Students/Last Day of School

Kershaw County Schools: 
http://www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/

25-26 May Half-Days for Students
26 May Last Day of School

Lexington County School District One 
http://www.lexington1.net/

29 May Memorial Day/No School
30 May Half day of School for Students
31 May Last Day of School

Lexington School District Two: 
http://www.lex2.org/

29 May Memorial Day/No School
2 June Last Day of School

Lexington/Richland School District Five: 
http://www.lex5.k12.sc.us/

29 May Memorial Day/No School
30-31 May Half-Day for Students
1 June Half-Day for Students/Last Day of School
2 June Possible Inclement Weather Make-Up Day

Fairfield County School District 
http://www.fairfield.k12.sc.us/
Department of Defense Education Activity Attendance Policy

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has implemented a system-wide attendance policy for students in DoDEA schools throughout the world. The policy has specific guidance on attendance, absences and identifies support services for students at-risk for not fulfilling the grade or course requirements.

Below are a few of the highlights of the policy:

• All students are required to attend school for 180 instructional days per school year.
• Academic penalties will not be imposed for excused absences.
• Whenever a student needs to be out for more than five days, the teacher will provide a Student Educational Monitoring Plan to lessen the impact of a student missing instruction in class.

**Excused absences can include:**

- Personal illness
- Medical, dental or mental health appointment
- Serious illness in the student’s immediate family
- A death in the student’s immediate family or of a relative
- Religious holiday
- Emergency conditions such as fire, flood, or storm
- Unique family circumstances warranting absence and coordinated with school administration.
- College visits that cannot be scheduled on non-school days
- Reasonable amounts of time surrounding deployments and reintegration providing missed schoolwork is obtained in advance and completed upon return.

The policy establishes a balance between the need for military families to spend time together following deployment, while emphasizing the importance of education.

**11th Grade (Juniors ~ Rising Seniors) Information**

Examine your Post-Secondary Options: Graduation 2018 (military, work, apprenticeships, two-year or four year colleges) South Carolina requires 24 credits for graduation. Check graduation requirements for your State.

Don’t forget to record your extracurricular activities and community service projects.

**12th Grade (Seniors) Information**
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!!!

Are You Ready for Life After High School? Graduation Summer 2017. See your counselor about transcripts, GPA/Rank and Career Focus.

Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission

The Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) oversees the implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. **All fifty (50) States are now members of the compact.** The purpose of the compact is to ease some of the transition issues faced by military students as they move from state to state and district to district. For more information on the interstate compact and the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission, please visit the commission’s website at [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net) or contact the School Liaison Office at 803.751.6150.

THE FEDERAL IMPACT AID PROGRAM

Many local school districts across the United States include within their boundaries parcels of land owned by the Federal Government or land which has been removed from the local tax rolls by the Federal Government. Since Federal property is exempt from local property taxes, sometimes these school districts are operating with less local revenue than is available to other school districts.

Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to these local school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children, including children living on Indian lands. The Impact Aid law (now Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)) provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property.

*How do school districts use Impact Aid?*

Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Most recipients use these funds for current expenditures, but recipients may use the funds for other purposes such as capital expenditures. Some Impact Aid funds must be used for specific purposes. All payments are distributed by wire transfer directly to the bank accounts of school districts.
School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be used for the extra costs of educating these children.

Cited from the U.S. Department of Education’s Website
For more information about Federally Impacted Schools, visit: www.nafisdc.org

SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICATION POLICY CHANGE

New South Carolina Vaccination Regulation

A new South Carolina immunization regulation requires all seventh-graders in South Carolina to have booster shots for tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough. DHEC is putting on free vaccine clinics in the coming weeks to make it easier for parents to get the Tdap booster. All seventh-graders need proof of the Tdap booster before beginning school this August. For more information, please call DHEC at 803.785.2698.

Over-the-Counter Medications

Over-the-counter medications will no longer be administered at school without a written medical order (prescription). South Carolina laws require school nurses to have a medical order from a health care provider for all medications administered to students. For more information, please call the school nurse.

CHOOSING A SCHOOL….WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?

Choosing a school is a very important decision that parents/guardians must make for their children. In our local area, your child's school placement is determined by zoning. If there is a school that you are considering, your residence must be in an area zoned for that particular school. For example, if you are living on post, your child(ren) will attend on post schools. If living on the installation, children in grades 7 and 8th are zoned for Dent Middle School and students in grades 9th through 12 are zoned for Richland Northeast High. If you are considering other school districts, please visit their district’s website or contact that district’s registrar.

Richland School District One Information

Richland One School District announces hurricane makeup days for students

1. Richland One students will go to school January 13, March 31 and April 17 to make up the three days they missed when schools were closed October 5-7. On October 4, Gov. Nikki Haley ordered schools in Richland One and several other districts to close for the next three days due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Matthew on various parts of the state and the need for massive evacuations.

January 13, March 31 and April 17, which would have been student holidays/staff professional development days, were designated as student makeup days, if needed, in Richland One’s 2016-2017 academic calendar. State law requires all school districts to build three makeup days into their calendars.
Because schools were closed for three days, some adjustments had to be made to marking periods and report card dates. Those changes are reflected on the 2016-2017 academic calendar that is posted at www.richlandone.org; click on the District Calendars link.

For more information, please contact your child's school.

2. Richland One Enrolling Pre-K, Kindergarten and First-Grade Students in Language Immersion Program

The Richland One Language Immersion Program will begin accepting applications in January for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade classes for the 2017-2018 school year. The program, which began in August, is based at Carver-Lyon Elementary School and currently serves 98 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. It will expand by one grade level each year through fifth grade. First-grade classes will be added to the program next year. About half of the students’ instructional time is taught in English and the other half is taught in either Mandarin Chinese or Spanish.

Families interested in enrolling their children in the Richland One Language Immersion Program must attend one of the parent information sessions that will be held in January and February to receive the online link to apply for the program. Parents who would like additional information may contact the program’s lead teacher Della Thigpen at 343-2900.

Richland One Announces 2017-2018 Pre-K Registration Parent Information Sessions

To be eligible:
Children must be 4 on or before September 1, 2017 and parents must reside within the Richland One School Zone.

The Richland One Prekindergarten Registration Process has 4 steps:
1. Attend a Parent Information meeting. Parents will register for a screening appointment at this meeting
2. Register through InfoSnap online at www.richlandone.org (Available March 1, 2017)
3. Provide COPIES of all registration documents to the Department of Early Childhood before the child's screening appointment.
4. Bring the child to the scheduled screening appointment
   (a parent interview and a document review will be completed at that time)

For more information, please call the district office at 803.231.7000 or go online to www.RichlandOne.org

Richland One Announces Student Transfer Application Dates

Starting March 1 at 8:30 a.m., Richland One will begin accepting applications for school transfers within the district. Richland One parents requesting a student transfer to a new district school must apply March 1 - May 1, 2017 to be considered for a transfer for the 2017-2018 school year.

Application forms and other general information will be available on the district's website at http://bit.ly/2mpDqo6.
Application forms will not be accepted until March 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Any applications turned in before that date and time, as well as incomplete applications, will not be considered.

Completed applications can be submitted in the following manner: by fax to (803) 231-6949; by scan/email to registrar@richlandone.org; or in person at the Registrar's Office, 1310 Lyon Street.

Parents seeking additional information should contact the Registrar's Office at 231-6944 during its normal business hours of Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Richland School District Two Information

Richland School District Two’s District Office has moved to the Richland Two Institute of Innovation (R2i2)

The new physical location for Richland Two’s District Office is the Richland Two Institute of Innovation (R2i2), located at 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

You must provide certain documents to enroll. Please review the documents required to enroll K-12 students

Kindergarten Enrollment

Your child must be at least 5 years old on September 1, 2017, to start kindergarten in August 2017. If your child is currently enrolled in a Richland Two Pre-K program, you do not have to submit a New Student Kindergartner enrollment.

Richland Two's kindergarten registration begins on Feb. 6, 2017. If your preschooler will start kindergarten in August 2017, visit https://www.richland2.org/Departments/Enrollment-Registration/New-Enrollments/Kindergarten-Enrollment to review registration information and process.

1. Remember, your student must be at least five years old on September 1, 2017, to start kindergarten in August 2017.

2. For additional information on Pre-K Classes and Montessori Programs, contact Richland School District Two or visit https://webapps.richland2.org/choice

Remember, your student must turn either three or four prior to September 1, 2017 to be eligible for Richland Two's 3- and 4-year old programs.

2017-2018 Magnet and Expanded Choice Information

Richland Two offers 37 Magnet programs. Available slots for Magnet programs vary based on each program. In addition to magnet programs, Richland Two offers an Expanded Choice Program. Traditionally, students are assigned to schools based on their residential address. Expanded Choice offers parents and students residing in Richland Two the opportunity to apply to attend a school other than their residentially assigned school. Choice is only available
to Richland Two residents. Each school that is open for Expanded Choice is allowed 20 transfer slots through the process. The 20 slots may increase based on the number of students leaving that school through the Choice Program. Parents must provide transportation for students who choose programs that are not at their residentially assigned school.

Schools closed to Expanded Choice are Bethel-Hanberry Elementary, Blythewood High, Summit Parkway Middle and Spring Valley High. Conder Elementary, which was previously closed to Expanded Choice, is now open.

For additional information on Magnet programs, contact Dawne Whitley at 738.3248 or on Expanded Choice, contact Roger Wiley at 738.3265. R2i2 is located at 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC in the Village at Sandhill.

For additional information on Expanded Choice and Magnet Program(s) options, please contact your student’s school district.

**Adult Education Programs in Richland School District Two**

The Rogers Center offers classes to complete your high school diploma requirements, GED test preparation, WorkKeys, English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education. Applicants enroll at the Rogers Center, 750 Old Clemson Road. For more information call (803) 736-8787 or visit the center’s Web site [http://www2.richland2.org/tech/RogersCenter/](http://www2.richland2.org/tech/RogersCenter/)

Students may take classes to complete their high school diploma requirements 8:30-12:10 PM Monday through Thursday and 6-8 PM on Tuesday and Thursdays.

**GED preparation Classes** are Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 12:10 PM and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-8 PM.

**Adult Basic Education** class is Mondays 8:30-11:30 AM.

**WorkKeys Career Readiness Class** is Wednesdays 8:30 - 11:30 AM.

**English as a Second Language** classes are Tuesday – Thursday 9:30- Noon or Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7 PM.

**Introduction to Computer Class**: This course is for the complete beginner and is the perfect starting point to help you with a personal computer. You will learn basic skills such as how to use a mouse and navigate around the desktop. From the first class, you will have your hands on the keyboard and have plenty of time to practice and build your confidence. Class limited to 10 persons.

**Introduction to Computers II**: This class is for persons who have completed the Introduction to Computer Class and would like to further their training. This class addresses your special concerns and builds your confidence and skills.

For more information, please contact:

W.R. Rogers Adult, Continuing and Technology Education Center
Annual Proof of Residency: Richland Two verifies the addresses of all K-12 students annually. All kindergartners and students new to the district must provide three (3) verifying documents of residency. Students currently enrolled must provide one (1) verifying document. Acceptable proof includes: a current electric bill, land line phone bill, water bill, cable/satellite bill, completely executed rental lease or real estate purchase contract. Specific details can be found on the district’s Web site, www.richland2.org. Waiting to verify a student’s address, could delay the date the child starts school next year. For more information contact your child’s school or district registrar Roger Wiley, 738.3314.

Richland Two Charter High School: Richland Two Charter High School has opened its doors to rising juniors and seniors. Their aim is to provide these students with 21st century skills while earning their high school diploma in a flexible learning environment. Students will take classes via the Richland Two Virtual School to earn credits toward their diploma and will also be provided with internship opportunities. The nature of the virtual school will allow students to take their classes at any time of the day or night, wherever they have access to an internet connection. The facility is located at 750 Old Clemson Road and will be open between the hours of 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. It will be staffed at all times with certified teachers, a guidance counselor, and other qualified staff to assist students with their school work and their internship opportunities. Free tutoring in reading and math is available.

Youth Educational Services

Student Online Achievement Resource (SOAR)
http://militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org/236/soar

SOAR is a free website providing students and parents with resources to:

1) Identify academic strengths and weaknesses in math and reading.

• Students in grades 3 through high school have access to comprehensive and skill specific tests to help identify skills that students have mastered and skills where additional instruction might be needed.
• Assessments are aligned to state learning standards and immediate feedback is provided to students and parents.

2) Instruct the student in math, reading and language arts through interactive tutorials.

• Skill specific tutorials provide additional instruction and review to students.
• Lessons are self-guided and have audio components so students can work independently or with parents.

3) Involve parents by providing educational resources written specifically for parents.
• Parents can access their child’s account to see how they have done on tests and the tutorial activities any time.
• Hundreds of activities are provided that parents can work on with their child.

**Tutor.com**

There is a program for all military connected students. This is the site for students at which they can register for free tutoring service provided by the Army FREE!!! The cost occurs to the Army when the tutoring service is provided.

The link is: [http://Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)

For students to get their own password, they need to go to [http://myarmonesource/cvys_tutor](http://myarmonesource/cvys_tutor) and follow the directions. They will be asked for garrison name, email address, and gender. They then will be given a specific password, sent to their e-mail address, only for him or herself. The garrison will be credited with a census count for each student who logs on and then the count will continue throughout the year.

**Home-Schooling Information for South Carolina**

For more information on Home-schooling in South Carolina visit: [http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/South_Carolina.pdf](http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/South_Carolina.pdf)

**On-Post Home-Schooling Information**

For more information about Fort Jackson’s Home School Group, please contact Bethany Storlazzi; [johnlazzi@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlazzi@yahoo.com) Contact Number: 419-0760.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers meet once a week throughout the school year.

**Disclaimer:** The United States Army neither states nor implies any endorsement, association or recommendation with regards to private organizations or businesses referred to in this information.

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**CYSS 751-4869**

**FORT JACKSON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT**

Parents interested in enrolling their children for CYSS Summer Camp programs should come to Parent Central Services in the Joe E. Mann Bldg. Enrollment is open to children and youth in grades Kindergarten* thru 12th grade. Each week features a different theme along with scheduled activities and fun filled field trips. Summer programs are open to all Military, DOD Civilians and contractors working on Fort Jackson.

**Registration Hours:** 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri.
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tues & Thurs.
**Location:** CYSS Parent Central Services office in the JOE E. MANN Bldg
3392 Magruder Avenue

**Contact Number:** (803) 751-4865/4824

All summer programs require CYS registration. Appointments are required to register. *Successfully completed Kindergarten

**DFMWR 751-4215**

**FREE** Youth Tennis Clinic with Brian Clark, Spring Valley Country Club Tennis Pro, Saturday, 13 MAY, 0900. For more information contact Darius Lane, 751-7451.
FLOURISHING AS A PARENT

Strategies for working towards a balance with work and family life

The guest speakers are
MAJ Jameela Grover, 193rd BDE Operations Officer
MAJ Laurel Cofellrashti, Ph.D., Drill Sergeant Academy Psychologist

The luncheon presentation will include:
- Common pitfalls that working moms experience
- Strategies for balancing competing demands and requirements
- Strategies for nurturing flourishing family relationships despite time and resource constraints
- Parenting and family support resources available locally and beyond

PoC: Mrs. Yolanda Brown
Email: yolanda.f.brown.civ@mail.mil

"Please RSVP with Mrs. Brown by noon on 24 April 2017 to ensure proper preparation for this event."
Investing in the Relationship with Our Daughters

Improve how you communicate with your daughter about her goals to provide mother-daughter mentorship

**Bring Your Daughter (or Mother)**

The guest speaker is Dr. Treva Anderson, Lead Master Resilience Trainer, Certified Sport Psychology Consultant, Member of the United States Olympic Committee - Sport Psychology Registry, AND her 8 year old daughter, Abby.

The luncheon presentation will include:

- Overview of importance of Role Modeling for our the young women in our lives
- Communication skills to enhance relationships
- Time to Practice Communication skills (BRING your daughter/mother to practice with)

PoC: Mrs. Yolanda Brown
Email: yolanda.f.brown.civ@mail.mil

“Please RSVP with Mrs. Brown by noon on 22 May 2017 to ensure proper preparation for this event.”
Do you find Army resources confusing and overwhelming? There are many resources at your disposal, and the online Community Resource Guide can help you quickly and easily find exactly what you need!

**YOUR Installation has a CRG at:**
https://crg.amedd.army.mil.guides/tradoc/jackson/Pages/default.aspx

What is the Community Resource Guide (CRG)?
- Inventory of community services at more than 50 Army installations worldwide
- Mobile-friendly index of services
- Referral resource for commanders, community leaders, and program managers

What can CRG do for me?
- Provides descriptions and contact information on hundreds of programs and services.
- Easily explore guides for installations around the world.
- Continuously updated and improved based on your use