

WELCOME TO FORT JACKSON

Graduation Day is an exhilarating experience for the Soldiers who have worked diligently to reach this important goal. It is a day in which you will want to take part, a day for your Family to treasure as an exciting milestone in your Soldier's life. Soldiers graduating this week have proven they have what it takes to join the ranks of the U.S. Army. In the past weeks of training, we have placed a lot of demands on these young Americans. You will notice they will stand a little taller, walk a little straighter, but most importantly you will see a young American who understands and accepts their role as a Soldier.

1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

Tuesday, November 22, 2011-FAMILY DAY:

7:00 a.m.-512 Trolley Café-serving coffee, hot/cold espressos, bagels and muffins; Located on the corner of Marion Ave. and Semmes Roads.

8:00 a.m.-Retail Zone-Located in the Solomon Center, the Retail Zone sells Army and Fort Jackson memorabilia. Open Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. , Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.-Official Graduation and Family Photos from **ProPhotoToGo.com**. (Located in the Solomon Center). 1) Secure your appointment early with our professional photographers 2) Bring your Soldiers to the studio in the Solomon Center. 3) Take your photos home with you! Photo packages are delivered while you wait. Sessions take about 15 minutes. Need a dress uniform? We have uniform "cutaways" available for your use. Cash and credit card (Visa/MC) accepted.

9:00 a.m.-Firehouse Productions-1444 Marion Street. We can embroider your message on almost anything or personalize a special gift. Open daily 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Family Day Briefing at the Solomon Center (The Solomon Center is located at 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd.)

Delta and Echo Companies: 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Bravo and Charlie Companies: 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Receive important information from the Battalion Commander and learn about the unit. After the briefing, Soldiers have an ON-POST pass and must return to the barracks by 8:00 p.m.

Basic Training and Graduation Ceremony DVD's will be available for purchase at the Videorama concession trailer. This is your opportunity to get your 40 minute DVD. Want to see the DVD first? Ask our sales personnel to show the DVD from your Soldier's company.

Family Night at the NCO Club **Dinner Tickets** available for purchase. **ProPhoto Portraits** and information available.

We're glad you're here! Stop by any of the facilities listed. All locations are open to graduating Soldiers and their Guests to enjoy time together in a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere.

ENJOY LUNCH AT ONE OF THE CLUBS **The food and service is great!**



Officers' Club: 3630 Semmes Rd. - A wide variety of menu choices, daily from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

NCO Club: 5700 Lee Rd. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. A popular choice for a great lunch buffet for the reasonable price of \$8.00 per adult.

Century Lanes: 4464 Gregg St.- Open daily 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. for bowling. Visit the newly renovated Strike Zone Eatery; serving pizza, calzones, burgers, salads and a variety of sandwiches.

VIDEO/DVDs OF YOUR SOLDIER'S BASIC TRAINING**

Capture the moments of your Soldier's experiences in Basic Training on our Professional quality, 40-minute DVD. This is actual video footage of your Soldier's company in training. Our videographers have followed the company through their training and recorded and edited the most challenging moments. With music and narration, this action packed memory is something every Soldier and Family will want to have. DVDs of your Soldier's graduation ceremony are also available. For more information and DVD previews, the Videorama sales associates will be available at the Family Day Briefing, the Family Night Dinner and at the Graduation Ceremony, or call (803) 790-4210 or (803) 751-4162.

** This is not the yearbook slide show your Soldier was offered early in training.



The Solomon Center: 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd. Open 8:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. for drinks, snacks, videogames, shopping and portraits with your Soldiers. A place for everyone to relax, play board games, X-box, Wii and enjoy time together. A rock climbing wall and bounce house for children will be set up from 2:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A snack bar and Dessert and Coffee Bar are open from 2:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Golf Club Snack Bar: 3652 Semmes Rd.-10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- It's a nice place to relax, spend the afternoon and enjoy the great views.

Palmetto Greens Mini-Golf: Try the 18-hole mini-golf challenge, located next to the **Solomon Center**. Fun for all ages! Open Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY Evening Dinner

Please buy your tickets for the dinner in advance at the Family Briefing. Don't forget your Soldier needs a ticket, too.

Enjoy dining with your Soldiers' unit and their Families at the Fort Jackson NCO Club for a Seafood Buffet :

Open to all Graduating Soldiers and their guests. Enjoy a Seafood Buffet with a variety of fried shrimp, clams, stuffed crab and baked fish (a non-seafood selection is also available). Enjoy a relaxed evening in a casual dining atmosphere with continuous seating from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Meal includes assorted side items, salads, desserts and beverage. Adults - \$12.95 each; children, (ages 4-11) - \$6.50

1/61 Dining Facility is open at 5:00 p.m. for Soldiers and Families

1/61 Infantry Worship Service: 4:00 p.m. at Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper Ave. Join your Soldiers at the Chapel for a special worship service with Chaplain Erik Gramling.

Concert with Eric Horner at 5:00 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Concession stand will be open.

Wednesday, November 23, 2011-GRADUATION DAY

Breakfast

NCO Club-Delicious Breakfast Buffet, with omelet station-\$6.50 adult, \$3.25 child. Served Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. **see coupon on back of flyer for discount.

10:00 a.m.-GRADUATION CEREMONY at Hilton Field

Inclement weather location will be at the Solomon Center:

Delta and Echo Companies at 10:00 a.m.

Bravo and Charlie Companies at 11:30 a.m.

Soldiers departing Fort Jackson, by private vehicle, for their next duty station may leave immediately following the graduation ceremony.

Soldiers will have an off- post pass after the ceremony and must return to the barracks no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 24 Nov 2011.

1/61 Dining Facility will be open to Soldiers and Families for lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and for dinner from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Century Lanes Bowling Center-11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Palmetto Greens Mini-Golf- Tuesday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

AG & Finance Corps Museums-10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.-Free Admission

Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens-(located off I-26 /downtown Columbia)
Free Admission on Graduation Day to Soldiers in uniform that are accompanied by a guest. Purchase discounted tickets for Families at Victory Travel (in the Solomon Center) or call 803-751-5812.

IMPORTANT FAMILY DAY and GRADUATION DAY RULES

1. Soldiers are not allowed to leave post on Family Day, but can go off-post on post on Graduation Day. Soldiers must return to their company area no later than 8:00 p.m. on Family Day, and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 24, 2011.
2. Soldiers are NOT allowed to drink alcohol, use tobacco products, or drive a privately owned vehicle.
3. Soldiers must remain in uniform at all times.
4. Soldiers are not allowed to display public affection.

