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## News UPDATE

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## New law enforcement center opens

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Fort Gordon's new law enforcement center opened Oct. 3 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The MPs can finally say they've caught up with their firefighting partners," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Foley, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general.

The \$4.5 million 17,000 square-foot facility is located on Rice Road next to the fire department.

The new center has increased capabilities such as a state of the art 9-1-1 call center.

Richmond County, Columbia County and Grovetown came just as quickly, he said.

"It was under control only because of our partnerships. It happens everyday in the Central Savannah River Area. This will enable us to take it to the next level," he said.

In addition to the new 9-1-1 center, the building has an interview room and a holding area for up to eight people at one time. Most people are held only three or four hours. In the event of a longer hold time, they are transferred to Lincoln County.

There is also a personal property room for lost items.

While the new building is important, Maj. Dominick Nutter, Fort Gordon director of emergency services, said it's not all about the building.

"The building is nothing without the people," he said.



Photo by Charmain Z. Brackett

Col. John Holwick, garrison commander, Lt. Charles Woods, Maj. Dominick Nutter, director of Emergency Services, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Foley, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Butler, Military Police Corps regimental command sergeant major cut the ribbon at the new Law Enforcement Center Oct. 3.

### Holiday closures

All Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center clinics, Outpatient Pharmacy and PX Pharmacy will be closed on **Oct. 13**, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Emergency Medicine will be open for emergency room visits only.

For information call (706) 787-3400.

Most offices across the post will observe a training holiday today and close Oct. 13. Visitors to post should call the office where a visit is planned to ensure that the office is open.

### Mayor opportunity

Fort Gordon is seeking dedicated housing residents to help make the housing community an even better place to live. The recent mayor election did not draw the needed concerned "mayor" in McNair and Maglin housing areas. The community mayors are volunteers who present their designated community's issues and concerns to the command. This person has a real voice to make a difference with regular suggestions for improving housing areas, making sure the command knows your community needs and thoughts about quality of life concerns for Fort Gordon Soldiers and Families living on the installation. Individuals interested in becoming the Mayor/Assistant Mayor should call Valerie Scott at (706) 791-9658 no later than close of business **today**.

### Airmen banquet

Nancy Colo'n Charles Dryden Greater Augusta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., is hosting the Annual Tuskegee Airmen Banquet **Oct. 18** at the Gordon Club main ballroom. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; banquet starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Dress is semi-formal attire. Dr. Gerald Oliver is the guest speaker. The theme is "Challenging Our Youth to Soar."

For more information or to purchase tickets contact retired Sgt. Maj. Ulysses Mays at (706) 956-9534 or Dianne Gilyard at (706) 738-5584.

## Attorney general fighting domestic violence cycle

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Thurbert Baker has made good on his vow. As a child, Baker, who now serves at the Attorney General for the State of Georgia, knew a woman named Mrs. Brown.

When the neighborhood children would run through her yard, she never scolded them, said Baker who was the keynote speaker at Monday's Domestic Violence Awareness Month program at Alexander Hall.

"She never had a harsh thing to say. She always had a smile on her face," he said.

However, the smile was always on a bruised and swollen face.

"I didn't ever see her when her face wasn't badly bruised," he said. "We all knew what was going on. What I couldn't understand was why the adults let it happen."

It was then that Baker made a vow.

"If I was ever in a position to help women like Mrs. Brown, I would not hesitate to do so," said Baker.

As Attorney General, Baker has worked to toughen laws against perpetrators of domestic violence.

He fought for the state's Crimes Against Family Members Act, which toughens penalties for those committing domestic violence and makes it a crime if the violence was committed in front of a child.

"Children tend to learn this behavior when they see it," he said. "They are three times as likely to become batterers if they've been where this occurred; 3.3 million children witness their mother or other female caregiver being abused."



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(Above) Thurbert Baker, State of Georgia attorney general shares his experiences with domestic violence during the Fort Gordon command program Oct. 6. (Right) Spc. Eric Chan lights a candle in memory of domestic violence victims Oct. 6 on Fort Gordon as (from left) Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephanie Cuevas and Petty Officer 2nd Class Soraida Ivanos wait to light candles.



Photos by Charmain Z. Brackett

## Jam-packed job fair turnout pleases organizers

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The aisles in the Fort Gordon Army Reserve Center's main conference room were jammed with people seeking information about employment opportunities at local businesses.

"I'm surprised at the amount of people here," said Eddie Ferguson, transit ser-

vice manager for Fort Gordon's Army Career and Alumni Program and coordinator of the Job Fair, who estimated more than 1,000 people attended the fair in the first two hours.

Job fairs are held twice a year at Fort Gordon - one on the first Tuesday in May and the other on the first Tuesday in October.

More than 70 employers such

as Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, Shaw Industries, T-Mobile, the Secret Service and several police departments took part in the fair.

"We don't invite employers to come to collect resumes. They have to be actively hiring," Ferguson said.

The fair was open to the military and civilian communities.

Luis Ramos, who works as a substitute teacher and is considering joining the Air Force, was one of the civilians taking part in the fair.

"They have a great variety of employers. It's a little crowded, but it's great," he said.

Some employers were taking resumes at the fair while others were suggesting applicants visit the company's websites.

Employers said the job fair is a good place to find qualified applicants especially technically trained military such as Signal Soldiers and military intelligence.

Teresa Seebode, director of operations for Peak Employment Services, said her company has been part of the job fairs for three years. Not only

do they focus on Soldiers separating from the military, but they work with military spouses and teen dependents.

"We don't have a problem helping military Families," she said.

In addition to ACAP, the Georgia Department of Labor and Army Community Service helped sponsor the event.

Kathryn Palmer, with ACS, said she was hoping to recruit corporate members to the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. Palmer works with businesses in this partnership to help provide a quality labor pool for the companies to choose from.



Photo by Charmain Z. Brackett

**Crowds packed into the Army Reserve Center and cycled through the aisles of employers to find employment opportunities during a job fair Oct. 7**