

# Armistice Day recognized during Massing of Colors

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A traditional ceremony with its roots in the era of the Roman Empire was held Sunday at Fort Gordon's Alexander Hall.

Veterans' organizations, JROTC units and civic groups came together for the Military Order of the World Wars annual Massing of the Colors ceremony.

"This is such a historic ceremony," said Brig. Gen. Jennifer Napper, commander of the 7th Signal Command (Theater), who served as the keynote speaker for the event. "For 85 years, we've remembered a tradition; we've remembered the sacrifices made during the first World War and in subsequent generations."

Founded in 1919 by officers who'd served under Gen. John Pershing, the Military Order of the World Wars held its first Massing of the Colors on Armistice Day in 1922. Armistice Day marked the end of fighting in World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of November.

"After five years and millions of casualties, the Germans signed the Armistice. People around the world celebrated and prayed that it was the war



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to end all wars," she said.

The Massing of the Colors is part religious and part patriotic. During the service patriotic hymns such as The Battle Hymn of the Republic are sung and several prayers including a prayer over the flag are said.

Sometimes known as "Old Glory" or the "Stars and Stripes," the American flag is "one of the most widely recognized" banners, said Napper.

Armistice Day is the precursor of the modern-day Veterans Day. And on Sunday which followed several Veterans Day observances in the community, Napper said it was important to continue to remember those who'd gone before and those who are still serving.

"Give thanks by not wasting those freedom soldiers have sacrificed to give you," she said.



Photos by Charmain Z. Brackett

Members of the Hephzibah High School JROTC presented the colors during the ceremony.

## Information and referral at your service

*Army Community Service*

Information & Referral is an Army Community Service Program that is located in the Soldier and Family Support Center, or commonly called Darling Hall, building 33720.

This program specializes in maintaining resource information, referral procedures, contact numbers for all military service members and their families. We are here to assist whether you are just getting here, or have been here for several years. All Soldier and Family Support Center staff can

provide assistance or information you may need, or staff will refer you to the appropriate agency for assistance. We maintain resource contacts that are on the installation and within the local community. By maintaining this information we help to promote readiness by providing accurate information and referral assistance to you. This also helps to reduce your time away from your job. This is your "one-stop-shop" to gathering information or location of resources.

Here's just a quick view of some services we can direct you to immediately:

- \*Child and Youth Services
- \*ID Card Center
- \*Local Women, Infant and Child Program (WIC)
- \*Immigration and Naturalization Information
- \*Fishing License
- \*Car Tag/Title Information
- \*Drivers License Information
- \*Local School Information and much more.

### Contact Information

Army Community Service Information and Referral is located in Darling Hall, in Suite 224, Chamberlain Avenue. Our website is [www.gordon.army.mil/acs](http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs). Two other useful websites are [www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com) or [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com). For additional information please contact us at 706-791-3579/0792 or email us at [Christine.Hernandez1@us.army.mil](mailto:Christine.Hernandez1@us.army.mil).

## Fort Gordon's Army Community Service picked for pilot program

*Army Community Service*

The Army Family Covenant lists standardizing Family programs as one of the ways to improving Family Readiness. In less than a year, the Army Community Service staff at Fort Gordon are several steps closer to meeting the Army's goal.

Hand-picked by Department of the Army to participate along with four other military communities, Fort Gordon's ACS has been involved in a pilot program that is scheduled to end Nov. 30. The goal of the pilot program has been to fine-tune new training

materials for ACS and Family Program Master Trainers.

The proposed DA initiative prepares select staff members, both paid and volunteer, from every ACS center Army-wide and family program personnel in the National Guard and Reserve to become Master Trainers. Upon graduation from the ACS Master Trainer Course, staff will then conduct training in the areas of instructing, briefing, and facilitating. For new staff members it is an opportunity to learn, and for seasoned staff members it is an opportunity to hone skill sets. The overall goal of this new program is to ensure our military mem-

bers and their families receive dynamic and professional instruction and briefings on ACS programs and services.

Training at Fort Gordon began July 17. The two day Instructor Training Course covered topics such as How to be an Effective Instructor, Platform Skills, The Adult Learner Audience, Managing the Learning Environment, Methods of Instruction, and The Preparation Process. The Briefer Training Course was first offered on July 31 and covered Types of Briefings, Audience Analysis, Briefing Tips and Techniques, Logistics and Environ-

ment, and How to Make the Briefing Your Own. The Facilitator Training Course was offered for the first time on October 30 and 31. The topics covered included The ABCs of Facilitation, Facilitator versus Facilitation, and Facilitating the Group.

Fort Gordon's eight ACS Master Trainers, Vanessa Stanley, Lynn Harshman, Lanny Valentine, Kathryn Palmer, Tim Crosby, Barbara Brown, Sara Clow, and Renee Brent, have conducted six training sessions. So far 36 have completed the Instructor Training Course; 23 have completed the Briefer Training Course; and 15 have completed the Facilitator Training Course.

## Chapel Call

### Collective Protestant Services

#### Sunday Worship

- 9:00 a.m. – Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service, Friendship Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. – Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
- Noon – Faith Gospel Service, Good Shepherd Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. – Bicentennial Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. – Friendship Chapel

#### Catholic Services

- Daily, Mon – Fri, 11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel
- Daily, Mon, Wed, Thurs. 11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
- Saturday, 3:30 p.m., Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
- Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

#### Sunday Masses

- 8:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
- 10:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
- 11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel

#### Jewish Activities

- Holy Day, Sabbath and Daily
- Services available off post
- Jonathan Shoenholz, (706) 787-1353

#### Islamic Services

- Jumah (Friday) Prayer Services, Islamic Activities Center, Building 38804 Academic Drive
- Oct-Apr, 12:45-1:30; and Apr-Oct, 1:15-1:45
- Retired CPO Marshall Abuwi - (706) 772-4303 (Leave message)

#### Denominational Services

- LDS Service – Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel
- LDS Representative is Ralph Wright - (706) 364-6297
- Wiccan Service – Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. at Rel Support Ofc. (706) 868-8781

#### Religious Education

##### Children & Youth Classes

- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Ed Ctr
- Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Sacramental Preparation, Religious Ed Ctr (Sep-May)
- Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Classes, Religious Ed Ctr
- Youth Groups and Other RE Programs, Randy Dillard – (706) 791-4703

##### Adult Bible Studies

- Sunday 9:30 a.m., Protestant Adult Studies, Religious Ed Ctr
- Sunday 11:30 a.m., Catholic "God and Coffee", Family Life Ctr
- Sunday 11:30 a.m., RCIA at Rel Support Office, (706) 791-4703
- Tuesday Noon, EAMC Bible Study, Din Facility, 3rd floor
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Prot Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Little Rock Study, Good Shepherd Chapel
- Thursday 9:30 a.m., Prot. Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
- Wednesday 11:30 a.m., Post-wide Luncheon, Bicentennial
- Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Training, Friendship Chapel
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Svc at Rel. Ed. Ctr.
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m., LDS FHE, Rel Support Ofc. (706) 364-6297
- Tuesday Noon., 513th at Motor Pool Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday 11:30 a.m., 116th MI GP Conf. Rm., Bldg 21719



**Volunteer Corner**  
Interesting opportunities available

If you are interested in giving your time and efforts to any of the following volunteer opportunities in the Central Savannah River Area, contact Alia Naffouj at [alia.naffouj1@us.army.mil](mailto:alia.naffouj1@us.army.mil). Provide your name, rank, organization, work and home telephone numbers. If your class is interested in accepting the cause as a community relations project, provide the complete names and rank of each volunteer with a designated point of contact and contact information. For more information, call (706) 791-1871.

### "CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP SPECTACULAR"

"Christmas Light-Up Spectacular" is looking for 20 volunteers from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 for set-up and breakdown.

### NATIONAL VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:

This Library of Congress project is aimed at collecting oral history interviews, memoirs, letters, diaries, photographs, and other original materials from veterans of World Wars I and II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf Wars and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001- present). Those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, United Service Organizations workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also encouraged to contribute their personal narratives. Currently, the Augusta Historical Society and its volunteers are interviewing World War II veterans in the Central Savannah River Area as part of this project. If you are a history buff and are interested in first-hand accounts of this war, you are needed to help interview these veterans. You will be given a 30 to 40-minute briefing that will teach you the skills you need to do the job. If that's not your forte, volunteers are also needed to download the interview tapes from the video camera to a DVD. For more informa-

tion or to volunteer, contact Fred Gehle at (706) 738-8242 or Doug Hastings at (706) 832-6483.

### DECEMBER DASH

Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy is in need of volunteers for their December Dash 10K 6:45 to 11 a.m. Dec. 6 at Phinizy Swamp Nature Park. Volunteers will be registering runners, calling time, tallying finishing times and helping direct traffic on the race course.

### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BURN VICTIMS

The Southeastern Fire Fighters Burn Foundation is looking for 30 volunteers to help setup for a benefit concert, provide security and a variety of other tasks from 10 a.m. to 7 P.m. Nov. 22 at the GreenJackets Stadium in Augusta.

### Volunteer in Santa's Workshop

Volunteer to sort and organize toys and other donations for children and Families on Saturdays in November or December. Men, women, and supervised children are welcome.

### Volunteer in the Christmas Toy Shop

Assist in the distribution of toys, food, and clothing. Takes place Dec. 16-18. Adults only.