



FRG HAPPENINGS



STB, Third Army, ARCENT

1 February 2013

Sponsor a Spouse Program Looking for Volunteers!

PCS season is right around the corner. As the FRG prepares to welcome new Families into Third Army, ARCENT, HQ/STB, we are ramping up our Sponsor a Spouse program.

Sponsoring a new Family is a great way to meet incoming Families while sharing the valuable information you have gained since joining Third Army, ARCENT, HQ/STB. Once assigned an incoming spouse, Sponsors typically send the incoming spouse a welcome email with contact information and preferred contact method so that the incoming spouse is not left to wander the streets of Shaw looking for information. In conjunction with the welcome email, our FRSA will send the incoming Family a welcome packet filled with information regarding Shaw AFB, Sumter, Columbia, and the surrounding areas including maps, community organizations, school information, and much more! As a sponsor, you would be invited to attend one of 2 trainings being offered in April (specific dates TBD). The training will provide you with the knowledge and resources necessary to set up new spouses for success!

Together *we can do it!* With your assistance as sponsors, we can ease the transition into our community for our new Families. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please email Christiane Turlington at turlingtonc@hotmail.com.



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Did you know? The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is on both Shaw AFB and Ft. Jackson? Call Cheryl Jackson, Ft. Jackson EFMP Manager, at (803) 751-5256 or Jerome Brown, Shaw AFB EFMP Manager at (803) 895-1252 for information and assistance with your EFMP needs.

Third Army/ARCENT 

FRG Town Hall

ASK THE CHIEF
And THE BATTALION CDR

BG Taylor and COL Cannon will be online
to answer the questions you have always
wanted to ask but didn't have the
opportunity.

21 FEB
1900 EST
FRG Facebook Page
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Questions may be submitted
on the FRG facebook page
in advance

Volunteer Spotlight: FRG Secretary

*Submitted by Teresa Prier,
outgoing FRG Secretary*

A year ago I was barely involved in the FRG, but decided it was time to make a change. When I decided to take the Secretary position I thought all it involved was taking notes. Surprisingly, it gave me the opportunity to help out in more ways than I



ever imagined! The FRG Secretary responsibilities include attending all steering committee and FRG meetings and taking detailed notes, record attendance at meetings, write and type meeting minutes, and manage the Sponsor a Spouse Program. In the process of doing these jobs, you would also be a part of planning FRG events. If you've been thinking of becoming more involved, please consider this position. You would become an instrumental part of the FRG, and in turn be rewarded immensely!

If you have any questions about the secretary position or would be interested in filling the position, please contact Teresa Prier at tprier@ftc-i.net

Mark Your Calendars!

February Hearts Apart: Ready for Reunion Social

6 Feb at the Shaw AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center, 5:30p.m. Plenty of food for parents and children plus activities to keep the kids busy will be provided. This free program features reunion and reintegration prep for spouses. Please RSVP to brian.melton@shaw.af.mil or call 895-1253.

Deployed & Remote Family Dinner

Feb 25, 6:00 p.m. at the Carolina Skies Club & Conference Center, Free, RSVP at www.shawchapel.org. Fun activities for the kids and socializing for the waiting spouses.

Looking for upcoming events on Shaw AFB

& Fort Jackson activities? Check out www.20thfss.com and www.fortjacksonmwr.com for the latest details!



Chicken Dinner: deep fried goodness brings good cheer to FRG members!

Over 100 FRG members enjoyed the first Third Army/ARCENT FRG Chicken Dinner Night, a tradition brought to us by the Kreis Family. Thank you to all Families who shared a side dish and dessert for the potluck portion of the evening. Along with a hearty meal, participants enjoyed making Valentine's Day cards, practicing their "Hooah!" and saluting! All who attended agreed that the relaxing dinner and good conversation was a great break from the winter blues. Stay tuned for the next chicken night. You certainly don't want to miss out in the fun.



FRG Member Spotlight: Chazia Miles

Chazia Miles, originally from Niceville, FL, currently calls Fort Jackson, SC home. Chazia is married to SSG Chad Miles and is surely kept very busy as mom to Ashley, 16, Katelynn, 13, and Chad II, 8. As well as being a mom and wife extraordinaire, she also works as a Human Resources/Office Automations Specialist with the Training Development Directorate on Fort Jackson.

Chazia's advice for succeeding while living distant from her Army unit: "Reading the Fort Jackson Leader newspaper to keep current on local news, activities, and events. Stay in contact with your FRG. Find out who your contact is and try to get involved as much as possible for morale and support."

Fun Facts about Chazia: "I was born an Air Force Brat, from a non-commissioned father and commissioned mother, I joined the Army, and married an Active Duty soldier. This is my 12th duty station in my lifetime! I've never been without a military ID!"

True Love in the Army *by Jodie Cain Smith with contributions by Christiane Turlington*

"Marriage. Marriage is what brings us together today. Marriage, that blessed arrangement, that dream within a dream." The Impressive Clergyman, *The Princess Bride*

As a young bride, I fantasized about the "dream within a dream" that would surely be my marriage: a kiss at the door to begin the day, dinner with him at 6 p.m. over a pristinely set table, leisurely afternoons at the park, romantic date nights at end the work week. Years into my marriage, I have come to realize that "Love, true love" looks a little different if your one-and-only is in the Army.

True Love in the Army is ...

- Cooking dinner even though your Soldier won't eat until after you have already gone to bed
- Moving after you finally found your dream job (Well, at least my resume is up to date now.)
- Pulling up Google Maps to locate where on Earth your next PCS will take you
- Constantly living in the honeymoon phase because of constant separations
- Complete joy when you receive a handwritten letter from your soldier rather than an email
- Having a pre-PT cup of coffee at 5 a.m. with your Soldier just so you can look at his or her face for a few minutes (and then going back to bed because only Soldiers and farmers are up before dawn!)
- Rushing to find same day service at a dry cleaners because you forgot to take his dress uniform to the cleaners a month earlier when he asked before he went TDY
- Watching Monday night football with him rather than *Revolution* because it is the one game he will catch all season
- Filling weekly packages at the Dollar Store (Each item costs \$1 but says, "I love you. I miss you.")
- Date night over Skype (And, if you are like me, actually fixing your hair and make-up for a Skype date because he will never ever know what you really look like during deployments!)
- Picking your soldier up from a Middle East deployment with an ice-cold beer for him in the car (Wine got you through the separation. He did it sober!)
- Having take-out for the *Welcome Home* meal because you were so excited that he or she is coming home that you forget to turn on the crockpot before heading to the reunion site.
- Not caring that every single detail of your gloriously planned homecoming fell apart because you finally get to sleep next to him again
- Biting your tongue when you want to tell the Army how you really feel
- Being truly and mindfully grateful for every single moment with your soldier!

Yes, my "dream within a dream" turned out a little differently than planned, but I wouldn't trade my guy in green for anyone in the world. We don't sweat the small stuff anymore. We don't take each other for granted. With every homecoming, I celebrate again the joy and love of our wedding day.

Volunteer Notes

Thank you Cathy Clifton, Chrissy Neely, Heather Hunt, Shawna Hillferty, Barbara Badger, and Nicky Buford for generously answering our call to action last month for a family in need. The meals you prepared as part of our e-meals committee surely warmed the hearts and filled the bellies of the family in need. Thank you for giving of your time and pantry!

Thank you, Irma Stafford, for your keen and artful direction of the Book Club for these past several months. We bid you a fond farewell and wish you and your family happiness in your next Army adventure. You will be missed!

Our Deepest Condolences

To the Family of CW4 Shawn Adolphus of G4, we hope you find peace in your time of sorrow and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve your Soldier.

To the Family of Barbara Smith, a civilian with the G5, our deepest sympathies go out to you while you grieve the loss of your loved one.

Member Notes

Do you have reason to celebrate? Send your newsletter submissions to the newsletter POC, Jodie Cain Smith, at jodiesmith8@gmail.com. All submissions must follow all Army regulations and policies and must be received by the 15th of the month.

Social Groups: What's Your Niche?

Several social groups are available to help you meet new friends and foster relationships. Joining a social group is as easy as shooting the POC an email requesting more information or to be added to the evite list! All social groups are open to family members, soldiers, and civilians. Let us know if your "niche" is missing. Maybe you can start a new social group!

Book Club

Email Kim Severy at kim_frisbee@yahoo.com for more details. February's book is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

Lunch Bunch

Email Amanda Brown at amandabbrown81097@yahoo.com to be added to the monthly evite.

Bunco

Email Christiane Turlington at turlingtonc@hotmail.com for details.

"Third" Friday Breakfast Group

Email Laura Rogers at laurajeang@gmail.com for details.

Columbia Social Club

Email Kris Bailes at boy3_girls1@yahoo.com for details.

Third Army Spanish Speaking Spouses Group

Contact Marcela Johnson at (803) 512-0288 or scottnmars@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining. Esposas de soldados del 3rd Army Hispanas, les gustaria conocer a otras esposas militares Hispanas? Si les gustaria formar parte de un grupo de esposas militares de habla Hispana, porfavor de contactar a Marcela Johnson. Email: scottnmars@yahoo.com o al telefono (803) 512-0288.

Don't be shy! Join a group today!