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## THE FRONTLINE

# COMMUNITY & LEISURE

JANUARY 28, 2010



Bob Mathews

Spouses, Family Members and others—an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 strong—participated in the kickoff of the "Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan and Back." The launch event was held at Donovan Field, Jan. 23.

## Families support deployed Soldiers

### Family Members join together to walk the distance to Iraq/Afghanistan

Bob Mathews

FMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

An estimated 1,200 to 1,500 spouses, Family Members, Soldiers and others kicked off their "Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan and Back" with a spirited display of love and support for 3rd ID Warriors defending America in those countries.

Shortly before the march began at Jan. 23, walkers and runners representing 22 participating units gathered on Donovan Field. Small American flags were distributed and spouses shared Family talk and encouragement as groups formed to watch shout-outs from Soldiers of all ranks down range.

With Toby Keith's "American Soldier" playing in the background, the hundreds of participants moved in a wave from Donovan Field to Ninth Street North, where a quick ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to send them on their way to Iraq and Afghanistan and back.

Internet sources set the distance from Fort Stewart to Kabul, Afghanistan, at 7,484 miles and from Fort Stewart to Baghdad, Iraq, at 6,739 miles.

Strollers, the children in them bundled against the cold, were abundant among participants. Dogs, important members of many Army Families, also were plentiful and set a quick pace for their masters. Some dogs wore sweaters.

The ranks of participants walking or jogging along Niles Avenue stretched from Ninth Street North to 16th Street North. Many waved or held high the American flags as they walked.

Jacqui Coffman, a Family Readiness Group leader and a key organizer of the Walk/Run, said, "It's very exciting to see so many people come out, even on a cold, yucky day, in honor of our deployed Soldiers. It really has helped esprit de corps and makes us all feel that we are in this together."

The theme of togetherness, of being connected, was apparent in comments by others as well. "It's all about connectedness," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips, 3rd ID deputy commanding general-rear, in brief remarks before the Walk/Run began.

Chelsey Swindle, wife of Sgt. Jason Swindle of Company A, 1st Battalion 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, said she finds encouragement by being with other wives whose husbands

are deployed. "I wanted to support my husband and this is also a good way to meet other wives and make new friends," she said.

Melissa Harris, wife of Staff Sgt. Marcus Harris of A Co., 1/64 AR, said she is new to the area. "I wanted to be a part of the Family Readiness Groups and also to pay tribute to all of the guys who are over there. They are doing the job for us and we want to show them that we all care back here."

Sergeant First Class Michael C. Aten of 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, said his motivation to participate was "being a Soldier."

"With our brothers and sisters down range doing the job that they are doing, that's motivation enough to support them in any way we can," he said.

Unit and individual pride was evident at the launch. Spouses from a number of units assembled before and after the march to take group photos or videos to be sent down range. A familiar message: "We love you and we miss you." Some held signs telling their Soldiers they are loved and missed.

Hunter Army Airfield will host a Walk/Run kickoff event at Tominac Fitness Center starting at 9 a.m., Saturday. A Family Readiness Group tailgate breakfast will give participants an opportunity to socialize after the event.

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## Volunteers honored at Stewart-Hunter

Nancy Gould

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Randy Murray

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Nearly half of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's 1,400 volunteers were recognized in formal receptions held at Club Stewart, Jan. 19 and Hunter Club, Jan. 20. Brigadier General Jeffrey E. Phillips, 3rd Infantry Division deputy commanding general-rear, spoke at each reception, welcoming the volunteers and thanking them for their selfless service. After quoting Mahatma Gandhi's famous words, "Be the change you want to see in the world," he congratulated Stewart volunteers for "being the change they wanted to see by giving" of themselves, which he said made them "fully-functioning human beings."

"When I thank volunteers for their service, they usually thank me for the opportunity to serve," Brig. Gen. Phillips told Hunter volunteers the following evening.

"They see the value in serving our nation."

In his own welcoming remarks to Stewart volunteers, Col. Kevin W. Milton, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander, called volunteers the "secret ingredient" in the great services provided to installation Soldiers and their Families.

"Volunteering is more than a helping hand. It's a lifeline for Soldiers and their Families. I'm so glad these folks make the choice to serve - we need them in every way."

Ginger Cucolo

Spouse, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo

Lieutenant Colonel Jose L. Aguilar, Hunter garrison commander, personally welcomed and thanked Hunter volunteers then passed along the installation commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo's downrange message from a live television interview that he appreciated those "outside the gates" for the things they do to support Soldiers and their Families, including "volunteering time and energy here at home."

"Volunteering is more than a helping hand," explained Ginger Cucolo, wife of Maj. Gen. Cucolo, 3rd ID commanding general. "It's a lifeline for Soldiers and their Families. I'm so glad these folks make the choice to serve - we need them in every way."

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## Hinesville holds Haiti disaster relief effort

Krystal R. Britton

City of Hinesville Public Relations

The City of Hinesville organized a disaster relief effort called "Hinesville Help Haiti," Jan. 21. The goal of the campaign is to unite the community in aiding the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The campaign began with a Prayer Vigil in Bradwell Park organized by the Liberty County Citizens Council and State Representative Al Williams (D)-Midway. The event included songs, prayer and mission appeals to the community.

Right now, we urge our community to donate monetary gifts and needed

supplies at City of Hinesville offices. In the future, the City of Hinesville has events planned to provide support to the people of Haiti on both a short-term and long-term basis.

The first relief effort is a 30-day donation drive for the American Red Cross. Below and attached is information about the donation drive through Feb. 18. Hinesville City Hall, Hinesville Police Department, Hinesville Fire Department and Department of Inspections are accepting donations. Monetary donations should be made to the American Red Cross. Check and money orders should have "Haiti" on the memo line.



Krystal R. Britton

Nearly 50 community members and leaders gathered in the rain to participate in a prayer vigil for the victims of the Haiti earthquake, Jan. 21. Leaders urged residents to join as a community and become involved in efforts to provide relief to the people of Haiti.

# THE HURT LOCKER, REVIEWED

**Sasha McBrayer**  
Frontline Contributor

Critics have hailed "The Hurt Locker" as "a near perfect movie" and "a full-tilt action picture." I work with Soldiers, so while I find those statements to be true, I cannot dismiss the powerful 2009 war thriller as just another action film. There are those projects about war that are too real to classify in the same genre as "Rambo," "Die Hard" or "Blown Away," from 1994. "The Hurt Locker" isn't just designed to terrify you with the true-to-life scenarios (Okay, so real life EODs may tell you different!) met by brave, and a little crazy, U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams daily in Iraq. In a documenta-

ry-like style, the film's amazing cinematography draws you in to the suspense so that you the viewer becomes the fourth person on the nerve-shredded team.

Can you find and disarm an IED before it explodes?

To say much more about this multiple award-winning film would be giving too much away. Some movie goers say watching "Avatar" in 3D is an experience. While that may be so, watching "The Hurt Locker," especially as a civilian viewer, is also an experience. And it's one that will stay with you.

There are two other movies about



the Iraq war that I hold in high regard. "The Lucky Ones" is a fantastic 2008 "dramedy" that examines the lives of Soldiers once they are stateside. It leaves out any scenes actually taking place in-theatre, and hence shows only half of a deployed Soldier's life; a fall short "The Hurt Locker" doesn't make. The other action film in the category is 2007's "The Kingdom," which also showed glimmers of being more than a blow 'em up picture, though it delves into Saudi Arabia, not Iraq.

"The Hurt Locker" was written by Mark Boal, a writer who embedded himself with an EOD team in order to

capture their work lives in script format. It was directed by the superb Kathryn Bigelow ("Blue Steel" in 1990, "Point Break" in 1991, "Strange Days" in 1995, and "K-19: The Widowmaker" in 2002) with Barry Ackroyd behind the cameras. Interestingly enough, Ackroyd is also set to be cinematographer for a Matt Damon film due out in March based on the book "Imperial Life in the Emerald City". The film's working title is "Green Zone" and depicts the hunt for weapons of mass destruction.

"The Hurt Locker" stars Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, Evangeline Lily, Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse, and Christian Camargo.



**PRESENTS**  
**TODAY THROUGH JAN. 31**

## Brothers

Today — 7 p.m.

(Natalie Portman, Tobey Maguire)

Two siblings, thirty-something Capt. Sam Cahill and younger brother Tommy Cahill, are polar opposites. A Marine about to embark on his fourth tour of duty, Sam is a steadfast Family man married to his high school sweetheart, the aptly named Grace. Tommy, his charismatic younger brother, is a drifter just out of jail who's always gotten by on wit and charm. When his Black Hawk helicopter is shot down in the mountains, Sam is presumed dead. Tommy tries to fill in for his brother by assuming newfound responsibility for himself, Grace, and their children. *Rated R (language and some disturbing violent content) 160 min.*

## It's Complicated

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin)

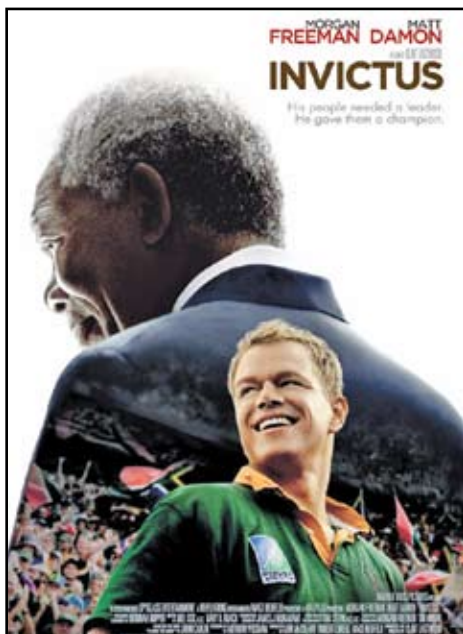
Jane is the mother of three grown kids, owns a thriving Santa Barbara bakery/restaurant and has—after a decade of divorce—an amicable relationship with her ex-husband, attorney Jake. But when Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated. An innocent meal together turns into the unimaginable—an affair. *Rated R (sexuality and some drug content) 117 min.*

## Invictus

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman)

Newly elected President Mandela (Freeman) knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match. *Rated PG-13 (brief strong language) 133 min.*



*Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to [www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm).*

## Pets of the Week



*Looking for a good home...*

*Quickie  
the dog  
&  
Little Bit  
the kitten*



are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



# DFMWR Briefs

## Valentine's Pet Portraits at Fort Stewart

Looking for a great Valentine's gift for your deployed Soldier? Send a Valentine's Day Pet Portrait taken at the Fort Stewart Pet Boarding Facility.

The photos will be taken from Feb. 1-Feb. 8, but you must have an appointment.

Make your reservation today for this one of a kind way for your furry Family Members to show their love, too.

The cost is \$5 for each 4X6 inch print, or 3 prints for \$12. For more information or to make a reservation, call 435-8052.

## Red Pin Bowling at Hunter Lanes

Join us for Red Pin Bowling at Hunter Lanes, building 1280, every Friday night beginning Feb. 5. You might just win a free game.

The cost is \$2 per game from 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday during February. If the red pin comes down in the No. 1 position and you bowl a strike, you win a free game.

For more information, call 315-6279.

## "Underground Railroad" Sign-up

The deadline is Feb. 4 to register for the Youth Sponsorship/Kids on the Move "Underground Railroad" trip scheduled for Feb. 6. Registered CYSS youth grades 4-12 will receive round-trip transportation to the Savannah Historic District to visit the Owens Thomas House and the 1st African Baptist Church, where they will learn how slaves were able to gain freedom through the "Underground Railroad." Each child/youth is required to bring \$4 to cover entrance fees.

Register at the CYSS Registration office at Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield.

For more information, call 767-6533 (Stewart) or 315-6586 (Hunter).

## Leigh Jones at Rocky's

Singer/songwriter Leigh Jones, described as an artist who can do it all – pop, R&B, jazz and blues – will perform in a free Rocky's Zone concert at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Her Fort Stewart visit is part of a 25-garrison I.A.M. Strong Army Entertainment tour which is being coordinated locally by the BOSS Program.

Jones will perform with a full band. The show will include a comedian who also will act as emcee, and Soldier talent.

"Music in My Soul," featuring the single "Free Fall," was the debut album for Jones.

Following the concert, Jones will meet and greet those attending and sign autographs/photos. Earlier, she is scheduled to visit a dining facility to interact with Soldiers and sign autographs.

The I. A.M. Strong message stresses prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

## 50 Bird Skeet Tournament at Stewart

Mark your calendars: The 50-Bird Skeet Tournament will be held at the Fort Stewart Skeet and Trap Range, building 8332, Feb. 27. The registration deadline will be 7:30 a.m. that day, with the tournament beginning at 8 a.m. Free food will be provided for shooters.

There will be five divisions: Expert (Rocky), Intermediate (Dog Face), Novice (Iron Mike), Youth (Scooby Doo) and Ladies (Annie Oakley). Entry fee is \$20 per person.

First prize will be \$30, second prize \$20. The best single round score in all divisions wins \$10. Modified National Skeet Tournament rules will apply. Ties will be shot from stations 3, 4 and 5.

For details, call the Skeet Range at 435-8219 or Outdoor Recreation at 435-8205.

## Dave & Buster Jacksonville trip sign-up

Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes March 5 for a trip to Dave & Buster's in Jacksonville on March 6.

Depart Leisure Activities Center, building 443 for Jacksonville. Dave & Buster's in the Million Dollar Midway is filled with latest interactive and video arcade games. Play the games and enjoy the great meals at the restaurants at your own expense.

The cost is \$10 per person for transportation.

For details, call Leisure Travel at 767-2841.

## Dude Ranch weekend trip sign-up

Registration for a Dude Ranch weekend trip to Kissimmee, Fla., will begin Feb. 1 and close March 1. The trip is scheduled for March 19-21.

Participants will depart for Kissimmee from Stewart's Leisure Activities Center, building 443. Stay at Westgate River Ranch Resort and see an authentic western style rodeo and more.

The \$400 cost includes lodging for 1-4 people per room, transportation, and free tickets to rodeo and petting farm. Local fishing license available via phone from the marina (must supply own pole and bait). For details, call Leisure Travel at 767-2841.

## 2010 Big Gobbler Contest Sign-Up

Register now for the Big Gobbler contest, which will run from March 20 through May 15 at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield hunting areas. The deadline for sign-up is March 19.

Entry fee is \$20 per person. Open to valid Stewart-Hunter hunting permit holders. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information and registration, call Pass & Permit Office 435-8061 (Stewart) or 315-5163 (Hunter).

## WALK

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Then the tallying begins in earnest.

"We're going to ask the team captains to log in their total miles by unit on the Facebook site, which is up and running now," said Coffman. "You'll start to see some mileage posted at the end of January."

Participants who walk or run 100 miles will receive a T-shirt during the Yellow Ribbon Walk marking the half-way point on April 24.

## For the health of it

Jacqui Coffman, a Family Readiness Group leader and a key organizer of the Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan and Back, hopes Saturday's successful launch and continued participation will lead to additional, lasting benefits for all.

"I would really like it if we could form lots of little groups out of this, and encourage one another and our Family Members – not just adults, but our children as well – to get out there and walk in honor of our deployed Soldiers," Coffman said.

She added that she hopes the Walk/Run will be a catalyst for friendships and social walking groups.

Family Readiness Groups will play a leading role in forming such groups and in holding social events in support of the Walk/Run, she said.

Coffman – mother of three girls, ages 10, 8 and 5 – said she has been a runner/walker for 20 years and finds regular exercise with friends helps her emotionally as well as physically.

"There is a group of gals in my neighborhood where we drop the kids off at school and walk three miles together," she said. "It's a good way for us to express to one another our own frustrations



Bob Mathews

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of the day, the week, to encourage and help each other through whatever problems we may be discussing that morning."

Those walks and the camaraderie with other spouses have been very beneficial to her, she said, especially when she had smaller children and "was locked up in the house all day."

"My mood totally changes when I go outdoors and the sun is shining and I'm soaking up a little bit of that vitamin D," she said. "It has always helped my own state of mind, just to be outdoors and moving, and I would think it would probably help most people in the same way."

## Finding the walk on Facebook

A Facebook site has been set up for participants in the Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan and Back.

The link is [www.facebook.com/pages/3rd-ID-Walk-to-and-from-Iraq-Afghanistan/261713572337](http://www.facebook.com/pages/3rd-ID-Walk-to-and-from-Iraq-Afghanistan/261713572337)

The page will be the gathering place for the community of hundreds of Spouses, retirees, Family Members and others who have begun their portion of the journey to the two nations where 3rd ID Warriors are defending America.

Look at the left hand side of the page for instructions about how the mileage tally will be conducted. Participants are asked to keep a record of their miles (you can walk, run, swim or bike) and turn them in monthly to their Unit Team Captain.

The Team Captain will post unit totals monthly on the Facebook site. The goal is for each Unit to walk to and from Iraq/Afghanistan at least once.

Visit the page often to share with others, read comments from participants and others supporting our Soldiers – and watch the miles add up unit by unit!

# Looking after matters of the spirit for FOB Marez Soldiers

**Master Sgt. Duff E. McFadden**  
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq** – While U.S. Soldiers concentrate on training Iraqi Security Forces to provide a safe and secure environment for themselves, one Richmond, Va., native is just as busy, providing a welcome respite for matters of the spirit.

Chaplain (Maj.) Sid A. Taylor, a 15-year Army veteran, is a National Baptist minister and U.S. Army chaplain. As the chaplain for 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, it's his responsibility to meet the spiritual needs of more than 4,000 Soldiers serving throughout Iraq's Ninewa Province.

"Here in the brigade, chaplains are like crazy glue," Chap. Taylor said with a smile. "They're spread thin, but they secretly hold the organization together."

While not everyone here has the time or the desire to attend the service of his or her choice, within FOBs Marez and Diamonback, there are six protestant services, five Catholic masses, one Latter-Day Saints service, an Islamic Prayer Room and a Jewish meeting held each week. Services can range from as many as 80 attendees to a small handful.

As always, the emphasis is on the "being" of a Soldier and not necessarily

his profession.

"While we support their profession, we wish they were out of business," Chap. Taylor said. "However, it's what we do. Much like a lawyer, or a businessman, a Soldier not only needs, but deserves, to have his soul and emotions cared for."

In the military, a chaplain must maintain their devotional focus, so they can serve as God's representative, both to their Soldiers and to the command. It's imperative they sustain a single-minded purpose, when it comes to matters of the spirit.

"In the Bible, when the Angel Gabriel told Mary her son would be the light of the world, her response was 'I am the Lord's servant. May it be unto me as you have said,'" Chap. Taylor said. "My theme, my credo, is that very same response."

A 1982 graduate of Hopewell (Va.) High School, Chap. Taylor played football and basketball and sang tenor in the school chorus. He feels his spiritual growth began as early as junior high, where his church, school and social experiences provided a rich foundation.

This growth continued after earning his bachelor's degree in 1986 and master's degree in 1988 in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University and

then serving as a social worker and a member of the Virginia National Guard.

It was then that he began seeing a clearer picture of what God had in store for him.

"For me, it was more of a gradual acceptance," he said. "God was providing me with all these people skills and a love of people helped prepare me for work as a pastor or chaplain."

Once there was acceptance, his focus became a matter of training.

"I needed to be trained and properly equipped to do the work of the Lord, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to do so competently and efficiently," Chap. Taylor said.

His journey led him onward to the Virginia Union University School of Theology where, as a weekend seminary student, he continued working as a social worker. He also accepted the call into the Army Reserve's Chaplain Candidate Program. Three years later, he earned his Master of Divinity and was commissioned as an Army chaplain.

Since then, he's added a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education from Union-PSCE in 2002 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Erskine School of Theology in 2006.

In August 2008, he assumed duties as the 2nd HBCT Chaplain, deploying to

Iraq with the brigade in October 2009.

Chaplain Taylor said one of the biggest tasks before a chaplain is "ensuring that the spiritual and human dimensions of what we do are not lost."

"The Army understands the importance of values, morals and integrity in everything we do," he said. "Soldiers have emotions and Families. They also have a soul that needs to be sustained in order to do what they do."

According to Chap. Taylor, there are three concise concepts which help drive him as a chaplain.

"First of all, I personally, as a chaplain, do not fight," he said. "A pastor does not engage in battle. Secondly, I believe in the defense of our nation. Unfortunately, evil exists. We should defend ourselves against that evil."

"And finally, for those Soldiers who actually do the defending, they have souls. Their souls need to be balanced so they can not only fight, but they can regroup after the fight and have the opportunity to recover. They need pastors to help them prepare, be sustained during battle, then regroup afterwards."

Chaplain Taylor is married to another Army chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) Grace R. Hollis-Taylor, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan with a Combat Aviation Brigade. They have two teenage sons.

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

**Location** **Time**

**Catholic**  
Saturday Vigil Mass Main Post Chapel 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass Main Post Chapel 9 a.m.

**Protestant**  
Contemporary Worship Marne 11 a.m.  
Gospel Worship Main Post 11 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Marne 9 a.m.  
Liturgical Worship Heritage 11 a.m.  
Kids' Church Diamond Elementary 11 a.m.  
PWOC (Wednesday) Main Post Chapel 9:30 a.m.

**Islamic**  
Friday Jum'ah Marne 1:30 p.m.  
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.

**Jewish**  
Friday Heritage 11:30 a.m.  
Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 767-6717.

**Latter-Day Saints**  
Sunday 220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville 9 a.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

**Catholic**  
Sunday Mass Chapel 11 a.m.

**Protestant**  
Sunday Service Chapel 9 a.m.

## Kids Church

### Where God rocks

at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary 10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., Sunday

## For children grades K-5

### Fort Stewart bus pick-up:

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, e-mail  
[fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com).

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to  
[www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth](http://www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth)  
or contact

Jerry Thompson,  
Fort Stewart Youth  
Ministry Coordinator  
at (912) 920-9982.

# Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

## Fort McAllister offers free admission

Fort McAllister will hold its Super Museum, Feb. 7. The museum and historic fort will be open free of charge to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Hinesville Health Fair to be held Saturday

Community Members are invited to the 2010 Hinesville Health Fair, 1-4 p.m., Saturday at the Hinesville YMCA, located at 201 Mary Lou Drive. The event, sponsored by the Hinesville Police Department, Lions Club, YMCA, Walmart, AMERIGROUP Community Care, and Winn Army Community Hospital, is a free event that features stations and information booths for dental education, health and vision screening, HIV Testing, H1N1 and flu shots, the Savannah Blood Mobile, the Rape Crisis Center and UniHealth SM Solutions.

For more information, call the Hinesville Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, and event coordinator, Officer John Williams at (912) 271-1221.

## MDS offers military scholarship

Memorial Day School is located just outside Hunter's Wilson St. gate on Habersham St. across from the YMCA. The school is celebrating more than 50 years of educating Savannah's children. It excels in academics, sports, and gives individual attention to each child. The school's Individualized Educational Program can accommodate all children's needs and help them reach their highest potential.

To show their appreciation to the military community, MDS is offering a \$1,500 military scholarship to active duty and retired servicemembers. In addition, registration fees will be waived for children of all active duty and retired servicemembers.

To find out more about what the school can offer your child and Family, contact Melanie Kapla, headmaster, Memorial Day School, at (912)352-4535. Also, visit the Web site at: [www.memorial-dayschool.com](http://www.memorial-dayschool.com)

## BC offers scholarships

Scholarships to attend Benedictine Military School are available for public school students. Call (912) 644-7000 or visit the Web site at [www.TheBC400.com](http://www.TheBC400.com) for more information.

Benedictine Military School is a Catholic, Benedictine college preparatory school, which forms and educates young men from diverse backgrounds, supports a deeper commitment to their faith, prepares them for life through a quality academic program, instilling leadership skills through a JROTC program, athletics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

## Area Mass Choir holds rehearsals

The Liberty County Community & Area Mass Choir will hold rehearsals at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 302 E. General Stewart Way, Hinesville, on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. We extend our deep appreciation to St. Philip's for providing us a location for rehearsals.

Singers from the area are invited to sing with The Community Chorus of the Liberty County Community & Area Mass Choir. There are solos for Tenor, Bass, Soprano and Alto.

We will be rehearsing for a special presentation of Messiah: For Easter singing the normally overlooked, latter Easter part of this great work to its conclusion.

The LCCA Area Mass Choir had its first concert on Easter 2003. It is especially appropriate to honor this work as the choir celebrates its eight years of music for the community and surrounding area.

## Pink Ice Gala planned

Nu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents The Pink Ice Gala at Club Stewart, Feb. 13. This is a charity event aimed at raising funds for our community projects and scholarship fund.

Tickets are \$40 per person. For tickets, please Contact Bobvet Williams at (912) 269-9345 or Juanita Smith at (912) 294-2536 or e-mail [npoaka@yahoo.com](mailto:npoaka@yahoo.com).

## Landings Landlovers to hold flea market

The Landings Landlovers is having their annual flea market on March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church on Skidaway Island (1 West Ridge Road) in Savannah. This is a non-profit fund event with the monies raised going to local charities. The largest recipients have generally been the first responders, and the local library.

There will be over 750 volunteers and approximately 400 tables covered with goods. A few of the items available for sale follow: Furniture, tools, kitchen and dining ware, toys, jewelry, fashion accessories, artwork, and home decor items. There are no books or clothing. A detail list of items is listed in the Landings Landlovers web site [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://www.landingslandlovers.com). The local contact is the Flea Market chair Kenna Kinsey at [kennaqk@bell-south.net](mailto:kennaqk@bell-south.net) or 912-598-8107.

## Live Oak Public Libraries Programs

*All Live Oak Public Library branches will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.*

## Preschool storytime

Preschool Storytime will be held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. This delightful program features a story and simple art activity for children ages three and four. For more information, call the Hinesville Branch Library, 368-4003

## Tree tots storytime

Tree Tots Storytime will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Age-appropriate stories, finger plays, songs and more will be available for infants, one- and two-year-olds. For more information, call the Hinesville Branch Library, 368-4003

## Financial Education class to be held

Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Savannah is offering Money Smart: A Financial Education to help consumers develop money management skills and positive financial relationships at 7 p.m., Feb. 9. This free service provides information about banks and types of accounts available, how to save money, and how to create a spending plan. Learn to tell your money where to go, instead of always wondering where it went. Space is limited. To reserve your seat, call (912) 691-2227 or email to [cccs@cccassav.com](mailto:cccs@cccassav.com).

## Tea and Tales book discussion group to meet

Tea and Tales Book Discussion Group will be held at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 11. The book we will be discussing is "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck. Please come and join us. For more information, call Midway-Riceboro Branch Library 884-5742

## Introduction to Windows

Introduction to Windows will be offered at the Hinesville Branch Library at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 4 and at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library at 11 a.m., Feb. 9. This is a beginner's course on using the library's computers. This class will cover using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing. Registration is limited.

## Valentine's Day weddings at Davenport House

Make this a Valentine's Day to remember! On Feb. 14, Judge Harris Lewis of the Chatham County Probate Court will perform wedding ceremonies in the Davenport House Museum Garden. This special event begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m., with ceremonies every 10 minutes. Judge Lewis is donating his time and services in this unique and joyful way to the Davenport House for a suggested donation of \$100 to the museum. Couples must bring a valid marriage license, which does not require a waiting period or a blood test in the state of Georgia. Call (912) 236-8097 to reserve ceremony time, as there are a limited number of spaces available. The ceremony can be conducted in English or Spanish. In the event of rain, ceremonies will be performed on the back porch of the museum, overlooking the Garden.

The Davenport House Museum is located at 324 E. State Street, Savannah, on Columbia Square. Call (912) 236-8097 for additional information, or visit [www.davenport-housemuseum.org](http://www.davenport-housemuseum.org). The Isaiah Davenport House is a property of Historic Savannah Foundation.

## Introduction to Internet

Introduction to Internet will be held at the Hinesville Branch Library at 10:20 a.m., Feb. 11 and at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library at 11 a.m., Feb. 23. This is a beginner's course on using the Internet Explorer to navigate through the Internet.

Prerequisite: Windows. Registration is limited.

## Introduction to Google

Introduction to Google will be held at the Hinesville Branch Library 10:30 a.m., Feb. 18. Learn the many features of Google, the online search engine used worldwide. This class will demonstrate the basics of searching on google.com.

Prerequisite: Intro Internet. Registration is limited.

## Introduction to E-mail

Introduction to E-mail will be held at the Hinesville Branch Library at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 25. This is a beginner's course on using a free web based email account. Learn how to sign up, send and receive messages.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Internet. Registration is limited.

## VOLUNTEERS

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Each of the volunteers completed a card explaining why they volunteer as they arrived at the reception. Most had only a few, modest words. Others filled the card with heartfelt reasons why they volunteer.

"I love my Soldiers, and I'm proud to volunteer with my husband, Walt, who is a Vietnam veteran," said Charlene Peters, a Red Cross volunteer. "We both want Soldiers to get a proper reception when they leave and return. Soldiers didn't get that when Walt returned."

Some other reasons volunteers said they give their time to other include the following:

"I like to meet other spouses and do new things."

"It's a great way to stay updated with what's going on with the company."

"I enjoy helping others."

"My mother taught me if you don't help others, you're not helping yourself."

"I volunteer because somebody has to."

After welcoming and thanking the volunteers for coming to the reception, each volunteer who came was invited to go through a receiving line to be greeted by installation leaders and awarded a certificate naming him or her as a "Star of the Marne."



Randy Murray

**Red Cross volunteers get a handshake of gratitude from Brig. Gen. Jeffery Phillips (left, center), 3rd ID deputy commanding general-rear; Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Ashmen (left), 3rd ID command sergeant major-rear; Ginger Cucolo, wife of Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander; and other members of the command staff at the Commanding General's Installation Volunteer Reception. Red Cross and USO volunteers regularly greet redeploying Soldiers and bid them farewell at deployment at Truscott Air Terminal.**

# Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital



**January 11**

- **Gregory Ray Logsdon III**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Gregory Logsdon II and Brandy Logsdon.

- **Patrick Thomas Maicke**, a boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to 1st Lt. James Arthur Maicke and Allison Eve Maicke.

**January 13**

- **Kyla Lauren Waggoner**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Charles Waggoner and Jessica Waggoner.

**January 14**

- **Joshua Santiago Hernandez**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Juan Carlos Hernandez-Ramos and Angalina Louise Hernandez.

**January 15**

- **Jemma Rose Case**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces,

born to Staff Sgt. Mark Anthony Case and Megan Clare Case.

- **Amyah Jenise Hill**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Mr. Tyrone C. Hill and Sgt. Jennifer Simons.

- **Joshua David Wyatt**, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Blake C. O'Kennon and Jessica M. O'Kennon.

- **Elias Adrian Villasenor**, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Karla Villasenor.

**January 16**

- **Genevieve Clare Birch**, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer Jesse Joseph Birch and Erin Renee Birch.

**January 18**

- **Tyler Joel Nygaard**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kyle Nygaard and Britta Nygaard.

## Army Community Service



ACS classes are free and open to active duty, Army Reserve, National Guard, Family Members, retirees and Department of Army Civilians. ACS is a member of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, proudly serving America's military.

### Newcomer's Welcome Packet available

Now available on the Team Stewart Web site is a newcomer's welcome packet, which provides a wealth of information about the Stewart-Hunter installation, including cost of living, population, child care, schools, youth services, housing, employment, post services, medical services and more.

To access the welcome packet, visit [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil) (click on the NEWCOMER tab at the top of the page, then select WELCOME PACKET). Local maps, telephone directories and current event calendars are available from your Relocation Readiness specialists, located at your local Army Community Service Office. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

### Newcomer's brief

A Newcomer's Welcome/Family Orientation is

offered at Fort Stewart each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events and programs available to help with your transition to the area – and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and servicemembers.

The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer. Please call 767-2467 to register. Also ask about child care.

### View ACS calendar of classes online

Visit the Team Stewart Web site to view the current ACS calendar of classes. Visit [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil). From the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar. With over 40 classes and workshops available, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings.

### Need to talk?

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798 or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.

### Bring the kids to Play Mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 36 mos.) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. No pre-registration is required; simply bring your child's immunizations record and register at the door.