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COMMUNITY & LEISURE

4th IBCT hosts Installation prayer breakfast

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Since the United States Congress' inception of the National Prayer Breakfast in 1953, the nation, its military components and several cities from sea to shining sea participate in the annual spiritual gathering during the month of February. Third Infantry Division Soldiers joined in on the nationwide event held at the Vanguard Dining Facility on Fort Stewart, Feb. 4.

"We're so busy with day-to-day operations that we all need to take time out to give thanks," said Staff Sgt. Arthur Woods, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team chaplain assistant. "We all need prayer."

Staff Sergeant Woods and approximately 250 Soldiers from the Marne Division attended this year's breakfast. The breakfast included a devotional reading from Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Williams and a devotional message provided by guest speaker, Chaplain (Col.) Warren Kirby, senior chaplain for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

"Prayer is healthy," said Chaplain Kirby, who also spoke of sacrifice, community and value. "It needs to be incorporated into your life."

Chaplain Kirby commended Soldiers for their service and provided words of encouragement for those soon to deploy.

The 4th IBCT is planning for more prayer breakfasts in the future.

For information on Hunter's Prayer Breakfast, see related story on Page 6B.



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Third Infantry Division Soldiers partake in the Installation's National Prayer Breakfast at the Vanguard Dining Facility, Feb. 4.

Son of CAB Soldier headed to West Point

Nancy Gould
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Brian Calkins, a former JROTC student at Richmond Hill High School, is thankful that his parents taught him how to set goals and reach them. Recently, that skill, along with a 3.7 GPA, helped the high school senior reach the goal of a lifetime — acceptance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Calkins received his acceptance letter in January after a nomination from Congressman Jack Kingston, the Georgia representative from the First Congressional District. He was chosen as the principal nominee, along with 16 others, ages 17 to 23, all from counties in Georgia's First Congressional District. The 17 students will begin their military careers at various academies, including the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The students were interviewed by Kingston and the Military Academy Board, Dec. 4.

"This year's students are an outstanding group of young people," Kingston said. "They should be commended for their dedication. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work to achieve their level of success."

"It's his dream," said Beth Calkins, Brian's mom and a nurse at Brittin Elementary School. "I'm extremely proud." Beth said that she and husband, Chief Warrant Officer Marty Calkins, an Apache pilot with Headquarters and Headquarters Brigade, have tried to give their three children the abilities and opportunities to do whatever they want. Brian's brother, 18-year-old Justin, was recently accepted into the engineering program at the University of Alaska and his 20-year-old sister Nicole is a student at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

"I never thought this would be so much work," said Brian Calkins, 17, the youngest of the three children who has dreamed of an Army career throughout his life.

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Holbrook to celebrate completed renovations with grand opening

Bob Mathews
DFMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

The Holbrook Pond Recreation Area and the Outdoor Recreation Center will celebrate completion of extensive renovation work with a grand opening ceremony 10:30 a.m., Feb. 17.

A ribbon will be cut at the entrance to the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 8325, which serves as the hub of service for the Holbrook Outdoor Recreation Area off Highway 144.

Guests for the ribbon-cutting are invited to tour the Outdoor Recreation Center. Shuttles will be available for groups to ride to nearby Holbrook Pond to view the newly renovated north side recreation area.

If you are hungry for a light snack after the ceremony, the recreation area's large new pavilion will be the place to find one. There will be free food samplings of different picnic themes.

In case you might not be aware of fun possibilities of the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area, BOSS will be demonstrating just a few that will include basketball, volleyball, outdoor climbing, canoeing, skeet, trap and paintball activities.

The Grand Opening ceremony will formally cele-

brate the following:

- Completion of the \$750,000 renovation and face-lift at the Outdoor Recreation Center. The spacious center has a new exterior façade and entrance, an expanded classroom area, enclosed maintenance shop and paved parking lot. It is the hub for programs and educational opportunities at Holbrook, and equipment is available for checkout at the Outdoor Recreation Facility to support all types of outdoor recreation activities.

- Completion of a \$750,000 upgrade on the north side of the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area. The work included the large pavilion and three smaller picnic shelters, all screened and with lights and ceiling fans. The upgrades also included a waterless restroom, floating dock, fishing pier, four playground structures, basketball and volleyball courts, a walking trail and paved parking.

- Renovation of the outdoor recreation center and the north side of the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area marks still another milestone in the commitment by the installation toward enhancing the lives of the Soldiers and Families of the Fort Stewart community, in keeping with the Army Family Covenant.

Plans are underway to construct a paintball complex for the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area.

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EDGE! program celebrates Valentine's Day

Randy Murray
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Children registered with the Child, Youth and School Services' EDGE! Program traveled to Fort Stewart's Lt. George P. Hays Library for a special Valentine's Day-themed project, Feb. 4. According to Bobbie Leggins, children's programmer at the library, CYSS provided the material and an outside instructor for the Valentine's Day card project; the library provided the facility. This partnership is beneficial to both CYSS and the library, she said.

"The (Experience, Develop, Grow, Excel) program now has an arts and crafts activity for its after-school program for its middle-teen participants, and the library now has an additional children's program for Thursday afternoons," Leggins explained.

A former elementary school teacher, Leggins assists Military Child Education Coalition staff members on Tuesdays during Storytime for

children up to four years old, starting at 9:30 a.m. Then on Wednesday, she leads Storytime with an arts and crafts activity for children of all ages, from 4-5 p.m. Leggins said each week's EDGE! Program activity is led by a different outside instructor. For the Valentine's Day event, Kathy Anhorn showed the children, all girls, how to put together their own Valentine's Day card for a friend or Family Member.

"It's fun to watch kids get creative," Anhorn said, explaining why she likes to work with young people. "We have some repeat people here today, so it won't take a lot to get them started. Sometimes they surprise you with what they can do."

The EDGE! has limited funding and therefore limited space. To participate, parents need to first enroll their children at CYSS Central Registration. Call CYSS at 767-2312 or 767-1341 for more information. For more information about Storytime at Hays Library, call 7674840.



Randy Murray

CYSS staff and children enrolled in the EDGE! Program watch Kathy Anhorn, an outside art instructor, makes a Valentine's Day card at Fort Stewart's Hays Library, Feb. 4.

"(500) DAYS OF SUMMER" SNUBBED, REVIEWED

Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

The 2010 Oscar nominations for Best Picture are in and include a few surprises.

"Avatar" tops the list (though it is shameful that actress Zoe Saldana wasn't nominated for a thing). "A Serious Man" is this year's Coen Brothers piece. "Inglorious Basterds" and "The Hurt Locker" are obvious choices, as is "Precious," based on the novel "Push" by Sapphire. "Up in the Air" has Jason Reitman and George Clooney's fingerprints on it, and it's a smart, timely film. "An Education" is an arty coming of age film with a touch of history. But who

would have dreamt that "District 9" and "The Blind Side" would become contenders? "Up" is a favorite of mine— also a surprise — and probably the best animated film I've ever seen.

It'll be a tough race this year. But even with the new elongated list of ten nominees, a few films should have made the list that did not. "Star Trek" is a well loved snub. "Crazy Heart" and "Invictus" don't make the cut, but at least their actors do find themselves nominated. My pick that should be in the ranking but isn't, is "(500) Days of Summer".

It's difficult to describe "(500) Days



of Summer" and not undercut its wonderfulness. Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, the romantic "dramedy" is a fun, creative, realistic, outrageous, hip, and endearing examination of infatuation and heartbreak.

If you take "When Harry Met Sally" and "Say Anything," add some Indie rock and subtract a few clichés, you might get "(500) Days of Summer." Other comparisons have been drawn to "High Fidelity" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," but I say "(500)" is even better than those. The film is

really well acted and one of my top recommendations, especially for young people (and for the young at heart!).

But remember...it isn't a love story. More kudos for the snubbed film: Roger Ebert (Chicago Sun Times) said, "...Alive with invention."

Michael Ordone (Los Angeles Times) said, "Something seldom seen: an original romantic comedy. It bristles with energy, emotion and intellect, as it flits about the dizzying highs and weeping-karaoke lows of a passionate entanglement."

Scot Knopf (Film Threat) said, "It sounds cliché but what's remarkable ... is how the film explores new ways to tell the world's oldest story."



Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...

Like the dog
&
Dakota the cat

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.



AAFES

PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH FEB. 14

Precious

Today — 7 p.m.

(Mariah Carey, Mo'Nique)

Pregnant by her own father for the second time, 16-year-old Claireece "Precious" Jones can neither read nor write and suffers constant abuse at the hands of her vicious mother. Precious instinctively sees a chance to turn her life around when she is offered the opportunity to transfer to an alternative school.

Under the patient, firm guidance of her new teacher, Ms. Rain, Precious begins the journey from oppression to self-determination.

Rated R (child abuse including sexual assault and pervasive language) 111 min

Alvin and the Chipmunks 2

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Anna Farris, Justin Long)

Now in the care of Dave Seville's nephew, Alvin, Simon and Theodore take a break from pop-music stardom and return to school. Almost immediate-

ly, the tiny tunesmiths are given the giant task of saving their school's music program by winning a battle of the band's contest. Though the boys think winning the contest will be easy, romantic and musical sparks fly when they meet Brittany, Eleanor and Jeannette -- also known as The Chipettes.

Rated PG (some mild rude humor) 88 min

Leap Year

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Amy Adams, Matthew Goode)

When yet another anniversary passes by without a marriage proposal from her boyfriend, Anna decides to take action. Aware of an Irish tradition that allows women to pop the question on February 29th, Anna plans to follow her lover to Dublin and ask him to marry her. Fate has other plans, however, and Anna winds up on the other side of the Emerald Isle with a handsome, but surly, Irishman named Declan -- who may just lead Anna down the road to true love.

Rated PG (PG sensuality and language) 97 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.



DFMWR Briefs

Storytime at Fort Stewart Library

In observance of Black History Month, children of all ages are invited to hear stories about prominent people and events in history. Join us from 4-5 p.m., Feb. 17 at George P. Hays Library, building 411. For more information, call 767-2828.

National Chili Day at Stewart Lanes

Take the chill off this February day by celebrating National Chili Day from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 23 at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450. Bowl for matinee rates all day and enjoy a bowl of homemade chili for \$1.50. For more information, call 767-4273.

Ladies Day at the skeet, trap ranges

The last Tuesday of the month, Feb. 23, is Ladies Day at the Skeet and Trap Ranges at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. From 10 a.m. until noon, ladies will have the opportunity to learn the basics of shooting skeet and trap. The \$10 per person fee includes instruction, shotgun use and shells.

Then, after the lesson, there is a fun shoot in which each participant can shoot a shotgun to see who hits the target closest to the center of the X. Winner receives a \$15 gift card. A minimum of 5 shooters is needed per round. Cost for the Fun Shoot is \$5 per shot.

For more information, call 435-8219 /435-8205 at Stewart or 315-9250 at Hunter.

Shooting lessons offered to single Soldiers

Instructional classes for Single Soldiers to learn the basics of shooting skeet and trap will be offered from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 23 at the Stewart and Hunter Skeet and Trap Ranges. The \$10 per person fee includes instruction, shotgun use and shells. For

more information, call 435-8219 or 435-8205 at Stewart or 315-9250 at Hunter.

“Go Bowling Day” at Stewart Lanes

Bowl for matinee rates all day and get your bowling shoes free from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 25 at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450. The special occasion? It’s “Go Bowling Day.” For more information, call 767-4273.

“Levi Strauss Day” at Corkan

All Corkan Family Recreation Area Facilities are celebrating “Levi Strauss Day” on Feb. 26. Patrons wearing Levi Strauss jeans will enjoy matinee rates all day. For more information, call 767-4273.

Sign-up for trip to Asheville, N.C.

Registration is under way for a four-day, three-night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, N.C. May 31-June 3. The deadline to sign up is March 5.

Join us on a spacious motor coach for this trip to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

Your cost includes three nights of lodging in an Asheville area hotel, six meals (three breakfast and three dinners), a guided tour of Asheville, a full day’s visit to Biltmore Estate, gaming at Harrah’s Casino in Cherokee, N.C., visits to famous Folk Art Center and magnificent St. Lawrence Basilica, and more.

The cost is \$375 per person, based on double occupancy (add \$90 for single occupancy). Pay \$75 upon signing up. The final payment is due March 28.

For details, call Leisure Travel Office at 767-2841.

“Spouse Field Exercise” seminar slated

A seminar for military spouses, “Spouse Field Exercise: Priceless Packages,” will be held from 5-9 p.m. March 4 and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 5 at

Club Stewart, building 405.

The seminar is being presented by Fort Stewart DFMWR along with Tara Crooks and Starlett Henderson, co-founders of Army Wife Network.

The seminar will include themed care package ideas, deployment survival tips and resources, networking, giveaways, gift bags, a complimentary meal, dessert and more.

Online registration is required and can be done by going to www.ArmyWifeNetwork.com/user_event.php.

Limited child care is available. Reservations must be made with Stewart CYSS at 767-2312. Child care will be either by deployment credit or regular hourly rates. Children must be registered with CYSS.

For more information, e-mail FromTheField@ArmyWifeNetwork.com.

Join us for “The Big Apple” trip

Join Leisure Travel for six days and five nights of excitement, bright lights and beautiful sights in the New York City Area, July 15-20.

Registration will continue until May 1.

The cost of your trip includes three consecutive nights in the NYC area, eight meals (five breakfast and three dinners), and two guided tours of NYC. See Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square and Wall Street. Enjoy a NYC Harbor Cruise.

“The Big Apple” trip patrons will depart Fort Stewart’s Leisure Activities Center, building 443 in a spacious motor coach for the journey.

The cost is \$565 per person based on double occupancy (add \$220 for single occupancy). Pay \$75 upon signing up, with the final payment due May 9.

For details, call Leisure Travel Office at 767-2841.

Valentine Brunch

Club Stewart, Hunter Club
Feb. 14 • 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Menu:

Breakfast Items • Chicken Breast with port sauce • Short Ribs • Provencal • Citrus Tilapia • Penne with hazelnut gremolata and Roasted Broccoli • Grilled Vegetable with lemon thyme and mustard basting sauce • Orzo and Rice Pilaf with vegetables • Malted Chocolate Fountain with assorted dipping confections • Decadent Chocolate Torte • Assorted desserts, sliced fresh fruit and Champagne Tasting.

For advance tickets or door price information, call Club Stewart at 368-2212 or Hunter Club at 459-7923.

The advance ticket discounted prices are \$2 off for adults and \$1 off for children.

WWII chaplains show strength, faith

Chap. (Lt. Col.) R. Jay Hearn
Hunter Garrison Chaplain

It was February 3, 1943 and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard a German submarine U 2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, killing scores of men and seriously wounded many more. Panic and chaos quickly set in. Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains: Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman

Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As Soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic. Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back toward his cabin. "Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked. "To get my gloves," Mahoney replied. "Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer. "I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied. "Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs." It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the stor-

age room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

While giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Chaplains Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains - arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns. Of the 902 men aboard, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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.

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 or contact

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

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

MDS offers military scholarship

Memorial Day School is located just outside Hunter's Wilson Street gate on Habersham Street across from the YMCA. The school is celebrating more than 50 years of educating Savannah's children. It excels in academics and 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. For more information, contact Melanie Kapla, headmaster, Memorial Day School, at (912)352-4535. Also, visit the Web site at www.memorialdayschool.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 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.

Pink Ice Gala planned at Fort Stewart

Nu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents The Pink Ice Gala at Club Stewart, Saturday. This is a charity event aimed at raising funds for our community projects and scholarship fund. Tickets are \$40 per person. For tickets, contact Bobvet Williams at (912) 269-9345 or Juanita Smith at (912) 294-2536 or e-mail npoaka@yahoo.com.

Live Oak Public Libraries programs offered

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.

Introduction to Internet

Introduction to Internet will be held 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.

VFW offers disability claims assistance

The national office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars now offers disability claims assistance through a pre-discharge claims representative working in Stewart-Hunter's WTB SFAC, building 12718. James Graw assists Soldiers in filing disability claims prior to being discharged by performing a complete medical records review to ensure all claimable conditions are listed on the claim for disability compensation. He is also available to veterans to review claims decisions that have been made by the VA and assist in the development of and filing of new conditions. Call (912) 767-4452 for more information.

Navy Concert Band Presents Free Show

Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association and the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce will present the U.S. Navy Concert Band in a free concert at Glynn Academy Gymnasium on Mansfield St. in Downtown Brunswick, 3 p.m., March 7.

Although this is a free performance, advanced admission passes are required and may be picked up at no charge at the Ritz Theatre downtown Brunswick, the chamber offices in Brunswick, Pat's Hallmark Shop on St. Simons Island, and the Jekyll Island Welcome Center.

Audiences are advised to get their passes early to be sure to get a seat at this great show.

For more info, call GIAHA at 912-262-6934 or visit www.goldenislesarts.org.

Witness a Valentine's Day Massacre

The Savannah Derby Devils and friends from surrounding roller derby leagues warm-up for the spring season with this free scrimmage for our devoted fans. Doors open at Coastal Empire Fairgrounds on 4801 Meding Street, Savannah, at 6 p.m., Feb. 13. Derby begins at 7 p.m.

Bring your Valentine and a Snuggie and cuddle up close as it may be chilly in this unheated building.

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 St., Savannah, on Columbia Square. Call (912) 236-8097 for additional information, or visit www.davenportmuseum.org. The Isaiah Davenport House is a property of Historic Savannah Foundation.

Bleacher seating will be provided, but chairs are also welcome.

The Savannah Derby Devils is a local women's roller derby team with members that include Soldiers and Army spouses. The Devils will have T-shirts and other merchandise for sale at the event. Warm-up at the after-party at B&B Billiards on 411 W. Congress St., Savannah, and hear the vocal talents of your local roller girls. Join them as they massacre the greatest love songs of all times. For more information, go to <http://savannahderby.com/>.

Former Army officer brings Russian ballet to Savannah

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

After earning a diploma from the American Command and General College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and serving 20 years in the Army, retired Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly followed his passion for art, music, travel and ballet. He became the sole American graduate of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts, and later earned his PhD.

After many visits to the Bolshoi and the Mariinski, he now manages the Russian Seasons Ballet Company (Hermitage Ballet) in the United States.

Dr. Donnelly felt that he had seen the world's best ballet, and he wanted to bring it to the southeast for southerners to enjoy. His vision also included free master classes to ballet students during the American tours.

His dream will unfold at the Savannah Civic Center at 7 p.m., Feb. 19 when the world-class ballet



Courtesy photo

The Tchaikovsky Ballet Company will perform "Sleeping Beauty," at the Savannah Civic Center at 7 p.m., Feb. 19. Founded in 1870, the Tchaikovsky Ballet Theater is located in Perm, Russia and is one of the country's most distinguished artistic companies.

company from the Tchaikovsky Ballet Theatre will perform. Founded in 1870, the Tchaikovsky Ballet Theater is located in Perm, Russia and is one of the country's most distinguished artistic companies. The

troupe concentrates on Tchaikovsky's work and Maurice Petipa's original 1890 production is no exception. This exquisite ballet explains the magical mystery of Princess Aurora's 16th birthday party, which includes

an enchanted spell, a perfect wedding and a happy storybook ending.

The ballet is choreographed by L. Ivanov, M. Petipa and A. Gorsky. "Sleeping Beauty" will feature principal dancers Natalia Moiseeva-Poleshchuk and Sergey Mershin and a total company of 65 dancers.

On Feb. 18, the day before the ballet, the performers will give free ballet lessons to military children in various dance studios in Savannah and Richmond Hill. Participants must be age seven and older. Registration is on a limited basis. For more information and to register, contact Kay Grant at 691-0150.

Tickets are on sale now from ETix online or at the Civic Center Box Office at www.savannahcivic.com/cityweb/civiccenter.nsf.

There is a 10 percent discount for students and both active duty and retired military personnel with an ID card if the tickets are purchased at the box office. Tickets range from \$40 to \$60.

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Randy Murray, Fort Stewart Public Affairs

One of the new picnic shelters at Holbrook Recreation Area, part of the extensive renovation work that is now completed and will be celebrated with a grand opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 17.

The Holbrook Outdoor Recreation Area, consisting of the Outdoor Recreation Center, Skeet and Trap Range, Picnic Area and Campground, was built in 1979. The south shore offers an additional picnic area with two covered picnic shelters, playground units, a large fishing pier and a full service campground.

For more information, call 435-8205 or 435-8209 for the Outdoor Recreation Center or 435-8219 for the Skeet and Trap Range.

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When was your last eye exam?

WINN Optometry Clinic is currently open to Family Members and retirees .

If you or a Family Member have not received an eye exam within the last year, now is the time to take advantage of availability! Schedule an appointment today. No referral is need.

Call 1-800-652-9221 or 435-6633.

Army Community Service



Relocation office hosts Valentine's Luncheon

The ACS Relocation Office will host a special Hearts Apart & Foreign Born Spouses Valentine's Luncheon at Fort Stewart from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 17. All Hearts Apart and Foreign Born Spouses are invited to fun, support, and food. For additional information, please call the Stewart Relocation Office at (912) 767-5058.

Newcomer's Welcome Packet available

A Welcome Packet is available on the "Team Stewart" Web site. A newcomer's welcome packet 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 much more.

To access a welcome packet simply type "Team Stewart" into any search engine, click on the Team Stewart homepage, under the Newcomers Dropdown List, click on the Welcome Packet, and then select topic of interest. Local maps, telephone directories, and current event calendars are also available at the Stewart Relocation Readiness Office located at Army Community Service, building 86.

A Newcomers local bus tour is offered every Wednesday and Thursday departing from the Soldier Service Center at 1 p.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Participants will take a free tour of Fort Stewart and Hinesville.

Starting in March the Stewart Relocation Office will also start a free Newcomers Route to Savannah Tour, which will be held the fourth Friday of each month departing at 9 a.m. and returning 2 p.m. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Newcomer's Family Orientation available

Feeling disconnected in your community? The ACS Outreach Family Orientation & Welcome Center hosts a Family Orientation at the Fort Stewart Soldier Service Center, building 253, every Thursday from 9 -11:30 a.m. Family Members can find out about housing, schools, childcare, employment, volunteer opportunities, fun things to do on & off post, and much more. The Family Orientation is a great way to network and get to know other family members in the community.

The ACS Outreach staff can also assist with any issues or concerns you may have as a newcomer. For additional information, please call (912) 767-2467.

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 (from the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar). With over 40 free 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, 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 months) 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.

Hunter community holds prayer breakfast

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

About 50 Servicemembers and civilians shared a mouth-watering breakfast at the Soldiers Inn Dining Facility at Hunter Army Airfield at 7 a.m., Feb. 4. The group gathered to remember the National Day of Prayer and the value that prayer has for our servicemembers on Hunter and for people in all areas of the world.

Lieutenant Colonel Jose Aguilar, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, opened with a reminder to continue to pray for Hunter servicemembers deployed from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and other Hunter units supporting overseas contingency operations.

He also encouraged prayer for the

10th Transportation Company's humanitarian mission to Haiti, as well as the people of Haiti.

Afterward, the new garrison chaplain, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Jay Hearn, introduced himself from the podium, along with the six other chaplains who are now assigned on post. He encouraged those present to reach out to them for counsel and assistance and pointed out that their names and phone numbers were included in the prayer breakfast program.

Chaplain Hearn also discussed the value of servitude and in putting others first. Chaplain (Capt.) Terry Hill followed his remarks with scripture about the armor of God and how it defends our faith.

Before the worship portion of the breakfast, Chap. (Capt.) Paul Ormond offered a strong prayer of protection

and wisdom for our president, as well as a prayer of safety for our nation and community.

"The breakfast was awesome," said Yolanda Hingel, the spouse of a deployed 3rd CAB Soldier who attended with her daughter Paris, 10. "Paris was excited about coming. It was important to me that she sees the support her dad gets from our commanders — and that they're praying for him."

Yolanda, Paris, and a few servicemembers who attended sang praise songs and hymns as guitarist Bill Morris accompanied them on the guitar about midway through the service. Before the ceremony ended, Chap. (1st Lt.) Joseph Adams and Chap. (Capt.) Jeff McKinney offered up additional prayers for servicemembers and Family Members and read scripture.

"If my people, who are called by my

name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked way, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." **2 Chronicles 7:14**

If you need prayer or chaplain assistance, contact a Hunter chaplain at their phone number below:

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Hearn, Hunter Garrison, 315-5111

Chaplain (Capt.) Terry Hill, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade rear detachment, 315-3192

Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Ormond, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, rear detachment, 210-0705

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joseph Adams, Hunter Garrison Catholic Priest, 315-5440

Chaplain (Capt.) Jeff McKinney, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, 315-6340

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He was required to write nine essays for the congressional evaluation alone. Also required were three letters of recommendation from teachers, a counselor evaluation, a physical training test, and a physical examination. Students were also interviewed by a 12-member panel that looked at their leadership potential, as well as their mental, moral and physical fitness. During his interview, Brian admitted that life as a military kid was sometimes tough but was quick to add that regardless of the unique challenges, it's a life he wants to provide his own Family one day.

"It's made me stronger," he said, after mentioning his father's seven

deployments during the last 14 years. "There've been great opportunities and benefits. I've seen the Eiffel Tower in Paris; I've seen some cool concerts in Germany, and I spoke German at age 12."

Calkins said his primary role model and motivation for a military career is his father. However, his mom has been a constant positive influence and the day-to-day task master in his life.

"I want to be the type (of) person my Dad is," said Calkins, boasting about his father's work ethic and competitive spirit. "And my mom— she's the toughest mom I know."

His brother Justin voiced his agree-

ment as he sat at a computer in the adjacent room. As the boys laughed and talked lovingly about their mom, Beth Calkins — the nurse, the mom, and the constant voice of encouragement — sat quietly beside Brian and smiled.

Courtesy photo

Brian Calkins, 17, recently achieved a life-long dream — acceptance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His father, Chief Warrant Officer Marty Calkins, an Apache pilot with Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, is currently deployed to Afghanistan.



Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital

January 29

Alyssa'Dawn Angelica White, a girl, 4 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jason White and Devine Samantha White.

February 2

Elizabeth Grace Perry, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William Perry and Tabitha Perry.

February 3

Luisiana Passion De Jesus, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Lester L. De Jesus and Spc. Ana N. De Jesus.

February 4

Tristyn Exzavior Gonzales, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Mareya Gonzales.

February 5

Sophia Marie Hernandez, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Paul M. Hernandez and Vanessa M. Hernandez.

Alexandria Lily Snider, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Scott Snider and Spc. Jamie Snider.

Isabella Marie Wooldridge, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. James Dean Wooldridge and Heather Marie Wooldridge.

February 6

Isabella Grace Disotelle, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Justyn Disotelle and Lauren Disotelle.

Amber Marie Lancaster, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Walter Scott Lancaster and Ruth Elizabeth Lancaster.

