

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Photos by Spc. Gaelen Lowers

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BOSS thanks veterans for service

Spc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

Veterans at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, Ga., were happily surprised when Soldiers and members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program made the trip from Fort Stewart to visit with them, Feb. 9.

More than 50 Soldiers spent the day traveling, meeting and swapping war stories with the veterans that reside there in an effort to give back to the communities who support them every day.

"A lot of people don't make it out here," said Staff Sgt. Philip Phinisee, vice president of the For Stewart BOSS program, of the Georgia War Veterans Home. "All they see is each other. This trip really lifted their spirits and lifted our spirits. It was a good day."

All of the veterans at the home are Georgia residents of at least five years and served active duty or were commissioned officers during war time operations, said Jenny Roach, the residential services coordinator for the Georgia War Veterans Home. This state facility, which

can house approximately 400 veterans, is the only one in the nation that is completely free to its residents, she said.

"We appreciate anything that you do," said former Sgt. Jim "Big Bad" Smith. Smith served nine years and was deployed to Korea during his time in the service. He said that he gets out everyday. He gets to do what he wants, when he wants to, but is lucky because he has the resources to do that. Most residents at the veterans' home don't have those opportunities.

"That's why having you Soldiers here is a blessing," said Smith.

Most residents like Vietnam veteran Samuel C. Williams enjoyed sitting and talking to the Soldiers and telling them what military life was like back when they were active duty.

"There's not too much recreation that we have," said Williams. "It's always good to talk to someone, get to know them. I think it's fine."

The veterans were not the only Soldiers getting something out of the trip and visit. The active duty Soldiers got a feeling of great pride and a bit of a histo-

ry lesson every time they get to make a visit like this one.

"This type of thing keeps Soldiers grounded," Phinisee said. "It shows them that what they do on a day-to-day basis affects the community."

Specialist Rebecca Wagner, who just returned from a deployment to Iraq, enjoyed her visit to the veterans home

and told why Soldiers should do these type of visits more often.

"It really shows them where they came from," said Wagner. "This shows us what people have gone through for our freedoms. I think it's important to know about our history. We read about it in the text books but hearing it first hand from these veterans is a great experience."



Staff Sergeant Michelle Duncan gives a carnation to Windell McClain at the Georgia War Veterans' Home for Valentine's Day, Feb. 9 in Milledgeville, Ga.

MWR honors own for service, achievements

Bob Mathews
MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation of Fort Stewart-Hunter Hunter Army Airfield honored its own, celebrating their personal growth and achievements, their excellence on the job and their hundreds of years of combined service, Feb. 2.

"There's a lot of life and a lot of love in this group, because it's all about Soldiers and Families," Garrison Commander Col. Todd A. Buchs told the MWR personnel gathered at Club Stewart. He and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin presented a plaque and trophy to Connie Parks, who was named "Army Lodging Manager of the Year" for 2008.

They also presented plaques to each MWR division for its employees' "commitment and dedication to providing outstanding and memorable events for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers and Families. The divisions are Administration, Recreation, Business, Army Community Service, NAF-Support Services and Child, Youth and School Services.

Buchs said that during the nearly three years he has been in command, he has watched MWR grow immensely.

"I have just been awestruck by the ability of this group to take care of Soldiers and Families at the quality and the pace that you do it. It is absolutely phenomenal.

"You are an extraordinary group of people and individually, your dedication to our Soldiers and Families is unmatched," he said. "So I thank you from the bottom of my heart, I thank you from a grateful community, for all that you do each and every day. I couldn't be a more proud commander than I am today."

DMWR Director Linda Hefferon offered her thanks to "each and every one of you for your contributions to the events that we provide to Soldiers and Families. And I want to say sincerely, from the bottom of my heart, that we couldn't do it without all of you. It takes all of us, as a team to produce the events we have done."

The Commander's Award for Civilian Service awarded to Parks was signed by Maj. Gen. John A. MacDonald, commanding general of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and reads in part: "Ms. Parks' dedication to providing superior customer service, commitment to her employees and financial management skills have significantly contributed to the overall success of the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Lodging operations."

Hefferon commented on the difficulties of operating an Army Lodging operation, pointing out that "You have to be the world's best diplomat," be able to react quickly and "provide accommodations for a group that forgot to make a reservation."

Donna Ploth, a budget assistant who will have been with Army Lodging for 13 years as of Feb. 13, received two plaques from Penn State University and Army Lodging. The plaques marked her completion of 440 hours of study over a 10-year period on topics such as leadership, team building, lodging operations, financial operations and communication

Three MWR employees were honored with certificates for five years of service; 18 for 10 years; 14 for 15 years; eight for 20 years; seven for 25 years; three for 30 years; and one for 35 years.

A number of other certificates of appreciation or

achievement were presented for:

- Job performance and excellence in providing service to Soldiers and their Families;
- Support of the Army Emergency Relief annual fundraising campaign;
- Support for the Army Pregnancy/Postpartum Physical Training Program and a PPTP leaders program;
- Support of the 76th Brigade Combat Team's mobilization;
- Support of the 56th Brigade Combat Team;
- Support of youth sports.



Bob Mathews

Connie Parks was honored as "Army Lodging Manager of the Year" for 2008 during an MWR awards ceremony, Feb. 2. Garrison Commander Col. Todd A. Buchs, right, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin presented her a plaque and trophy.

MWR Briefs

Gear up for Ranger Run

Sign up for the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K, 9 a.m., Feb. 28 on Hunter. Register by Feb. 20; cost is \$25. The race is limited to the first 1,000 participants. Proceeds benefit the 1st Ranger Battalion Family Readiness Group. Sign-up at the Ranger HQ, Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah or Savannah Striders, WTOC in Savannah or their respective Web Sites.

Sock-hop, dinner slated

Put on your dance shoes and enjoy the Emergency Assistance Team's Sock-Hop and a dinner, 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at 189 John Wells Rd., off Highway 196, west. Tickets are \$10 each. Donations welcome. The dance is a fundraiser for the Emergency Assistance Team.

Visit Shop of the Marne

The Shop of the Marne has new hours. Starting Feb. 3, Shop of the Marne will be open each Tuesday through Thursday and the first Saturday of the month - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 7. The Shop of the Marne is located off McNeely Rd. in building 25. The Shop of the Marne is a not-for-profit gift shop run by the Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club. If you are interested in consigning hand crafted items at the shop or volunteering, please call 767-9268.

Sign up for youth soccer, track and field

Registration for Child and Youth School Services track and field and spring soccer is underway and is open to all CYSS members living on or off-post, ages 7-14 (as of Dec. 31) for track and field, or 4-13 (as of April 1) for soccer. For more information, registration or to learn how to become a CYSS member, call 767-2312. For more information on the Track and Field program, call 767-9270. For soccer information, call 767-4371.

Register for t-ball

Registration for the Hunter Youth t-ball/baseball season continues through March 12 at the Youth Center, building 1289. The season begins in mid-April and continues through mid-June. The cost is \$25 per player. For more information, call 315-5851.

Enjoy Mardi Gras Sunday Brunch

A Mardi Gras Sunday Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Feb. 15 at Hunter Club, building 6015. Join us for a taste of New Orleans in Georgia. The menu features breakfast items, gumbo w/white rice, Creole chicken, dirty rice, Muffalata and Po Boy sandwiches, ham hocks and red beans, crepe station w/assorted fillings, king cake, crème Brulee and beignets. The cost is \$11.95 per person; half price for children ages 5-10; and free for children, ages 4 and under. For more information call 459-7923.

Kids cooking class

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts and more from 3-5 p.m., Feb. 15 at Hunter Club, building 6015. The cost is \$5 per child, ages 5-12. Reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, call 459-7923.

Presidents' Day

Celebrate Presidents' Day with an afternoon movie, stories and crafts, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 18 at the George P. Hays Library, building 411. The stories and crafts will feature Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-2828.

Book reading slated

Reservations must be made by Feb. 19 for the "Tell Me a Story" program for young children at Stewart. The program will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 22 at Club Stewart, building 405.

Reserve space by calling 385-3564 or e-mailing andyandruth28@aol.com. For details, call the School Liaison Office, 767-6533. Space is limited.

Featured will be the story of young boy who, along with his family, works at a painful salt mine but more than anything else wants to learn to read. Each attending family will receive a copy of book. The program is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and is designed to empower youth (kindergarten through 5th grade) and foster skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections and a sense of pride and accomplishment. It is a collaboration between the Military Child Education Coalition and Stewart/Hunter Child, Youth and School Services.

MCEC Special Education Leaders Institute

The registration deadline is Feb. 24 for the Military Child Education Coalition Special Education Leaders Institute, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 5-6 at Hunter Club, building 6015.

The participation of educators, child care providers and social workers is encouraged so they might gain a better understanding of challenges associated with transitioning military connected students who have special needs. There is no charge, and meals are provided.

Register at www.militarychild.org. For details, call the School Liaison Office, 315-6586.

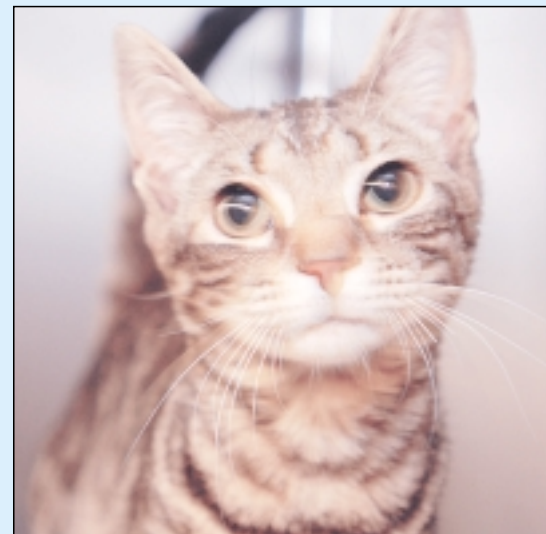
Celebrate Mardi Gras at Tybee

Child, Youth and School Services members ages 11-18 are invited to be a part of the Tybee Island Mardi Gras celebration, Feb. 21. The group will depart the youth center at 2 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. Tybee will be dressed in an array of purple, gold and green flags depicting the Tybee Island Mardi Gras celebration. There will be a parade at 3 p.m. down Butler Ave. and a street party with music and festivities. There is no charge for the street party and parade viewing. For more information, call 767-4491.

Learn truths, myths of credit reports

A class on truths and myths of credit reports will be held from 2-3:30 p.m., Feb. 18 at Army Community Service, building 86. Learn what is and is not included in your credit report and score, and how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history for public records, your creditors, and other sources. Learn your rights as a consumer to dispute items. For more information, call 767-3276.

Pets of the Week



Bugsy the cat and Hershey the dog 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.



HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Soldier, Family resource center opens

Special to the Frontline

Tuttle Army Health Clinic patients now have a new dedicated area where they can get answers to their medical questions.

The Soldier and Family Resource Center at Tuttle officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Feb. 4. The center has a wide-range of health information available as well as two computers, a printer and at least 35 health brochures, as well as private consultations with health professionals about a variety of medical topics.

"We want you to receive comprehensive health information," said Maj. Theresa Mack, Chief Nurse/Executive Officer at Tuttle. "We don't want you to leave the clinic without information."

The need for the center came out of suggestions and ideas from Patient and Family Centered Care patient advisors. Overall, it was a joint initiative with the Hunter community.

"The center is opening during a special and fitting week because it's Patient

Recognition Week, said Col. John Collins, Winn commander. "I hope this is highly utilized as it is a great resource for health-care."

National Patient Recognition week is a time for healthcare providers and staff members to show their appreciation and commitment to patients.

Soldiers and Family Members are pleased with the new center.

"Before you come to see the doctor, you now have the option of going to the center and researching how you are feeling right now," said Spc. Mina Wasylishin, U.S. Army Garrison, Hunter.

Tuttle wants patients to leave the clinic with all the medical information they need. If patients have questions about what their doctor just told them, they can go to the center and conduct further research. It is all about taking care of the patients' physical and mental health, and their overall well-being said Mack.

The hours for the Soldier and Family Resource Center are normal clinic hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday- Friday.



Courtesy photo

Tuttle officials cut the ribbon to open the new Soldier and Family Resource Center, Feb. 4. From left to right, Colonel Domingo Gonzalez, officer in charge of Tuttle; Spc. Mina Wasylishin; Col. John Collins, Winn commander; Winn Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Irizarry; Melissa Cuevas, Family Member; and Maj. Theresa Mack, Tuttle's executive officer assist in the ribbon cutting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

January 19

• **Mason Lee Knisell**, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Kevin Lee Knisell and Kylie Jo Knisell.

January 27

• **Hailey Anne Newberry**, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Nicholas Newberry and Dana Newberry.

January 28

• **Gary Eric Nations Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Gary E.

Nations and Jennifer R. Nations.

January 30

• **Anthony Michael Hillman**, a boy, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Lequesze Kovat Hillman and Monique Antoinette Hillman.

January 31

• **Israel Jonathan Dossie**, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Clarence E. Dossie and Meoshia Dossie.

• **Ariyanna Kiera Walker**, a girl, 5 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher Walker and Sophia Walker.

February 1

• **Carolina Dawn Rodriguez**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Jose Rodriguez and Rabeca Rodriguez.

February 2

• **Adrian Demetrie Cannon**, a boy, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Quentin Cannon and Shanese Cannon.

• **Ian Ezra Kunkel**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Jason P. Kunkel and Spc. Elizabeth Kunkel.

• **Aiden Jonathan Mark Renda**, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Jonathan Renda and Jennifer Renda.

February 3

• **Benjamin Scott Clayborn**, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Ronnie Clayborn and Christina Clayborn.

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Help others with acts of kindness



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Maj) Rick Cantrell
1HBCT Chaplain

The world can be a difficult place to live in at times; however, it becomes nicer when people around you show acts of kindness. Someone said, "Kindness is the ability to love people more than they deserve." Today, I sense, everyone could use a little more kindness and compassion in their lives. This is why Paul penned the following words to the church in Ephesus, "*Be kind and compassionate to one another*" (**Ephesians 4:32a**).

As a chaplain serving in the U. S. Army, one of the unique priv-

ileges I have is to show kindness and compassion toward Soldiers and their Family Members. I find no matter how bad my day is, when I am obedient in showing kindness to others, immediately my day is better. The focus of my life shifts from the bad things happening to me to the good things available to me. The very act of kindness changes my perspective of life from negative to positive. Alice Childress gives the urgency of showing acts of kindness when she said, "Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave – and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another

along the way."

Everyone can render acts of kindness. For example, Sara Potts, a busy mother of two and full-time employee finds time to show acts of kindness such as:

- Paying for a person's toll behind her.
- Allowing someone to cut in front of her in long lines.
- Paying for someone's dinner.
- Helping someone move into a new house.

So, when you feel down – render an act of kindness.

You will be pleasantly surprised that making the world better for others also makes it better for you.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25
Hunter Chapel
Catholic: 11:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

Main post Chapel:
Catholic: 7 a.m., 5 p.m.

Ecumenical service: noon

Stations of the Cross

Hunter Chapel
Catholic: 6 p.m., Fridays,
Feb. 27 through April 10

Main post Chapel:
Catholic: 5:30 p.m., Fridays,
Feb. 27 through April 3

Protestant:
Each Wednesday
5:45 p.m. March 4 at
Heritage chapel

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
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		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

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

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

For all kids Grade 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, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or
call 877-7207

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir is looking for interested participants. If you would like to sing with this choir, please contact Judy Forshee at 977-5918 or e-mail judith.forshee@us.army.mil or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Library Programs

Preschool Storytime

Children, ages 3 to 4 years-old are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m. each Monday. For children, ages 1-2, stories will be read 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

Computer practice session slated

Want to practice skills that you discovered at the last computer class? Or, if you want to brush up on some computer techniques, come on in. Staff will be ready and able to assist you with the questions that you might have 10:30 a.m., Feb. 26. For more information, call Liberty Branch Library at 368-4003

Introduction to Windows

A beginner's computer course on using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing is offered 10:30 a.m., Feb. 19 at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Enjoy Black Heritage Bingo

Black Heritage Bingo features events and African Americans who have changed the world. It is held 5 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Midway Branch Library, 884-5742. In addition it will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 21 at Liberty Branch Library. For more information, call 368-4003. The event is designed for ages 5 and older.

Mardi Gras Auction slated

Enjoy Cajun cuisine and the sounds of the Ben Tucker Trio while bidding on many fantastic items at the second annual St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School Mardi Gras Auction 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21.

Sonny Dixon will be our guest auctioneer for the live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and include dinner and drinks. For more information, call 925-6249.

National Infantry Museum to open

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center dedication and opening is scheduled for March 19 in Columbus, Ga.

The Soldier Center, which includes an IMAX theater, restaurant, gift shop, lobby, 2nd Regiment gallery, classrooms and Ranger and Officer Candidate School Halls of Honor will open as scheduled on March 20. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

Enjoy Savannah Winds

The Spring concert of the Savannah Winds will be given 7:30 p.m., March 10 in the Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Hall, 11935 Abercorn St. Tickets are available by calling 344-2801, ordering online at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets, or at the door.

Volunteer at Fort McAllister

Fort McAllister State Historic Park will hold a Civil War Trust Volunteer Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 4. Volunteers

will assist the park staff with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort. For more information, contact Daniel Brown, park manager at 727-2339.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah

The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah. StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time.

3ID Society Reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo. 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Includes a free breakfast and free airport transportation.

For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com. The Society of the 3rd ID is seeking those who served in the Marne Division and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke, (803) 782-7517.

Free Family Day at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Georgia 4-H, Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Georgia Operation: Military Kids will host a Military Family Day on March 21 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga. Beginning 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. after a matinee performance by Clovers & Company. Families may participate in 4-H environmental education workshops and other recreation activities that include exhibits and performances. Lunch and dinner will be provided for all military Families (active duty, National Guard, and Reserve.) There is no cost to participate; however, Families must register by Feb. 27. Registration forms can be found at www.georgia4h.org/omk. For more information on how UGA can support you as a military Family by calling 800-ASK-UGA1.

Enjoy a paintball weekend

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military on the first weekend of each month. With more than 150 guns, group rates, and 63 acres to train on. For more information, call 663-2314.

Phonebook recycling drive ongoing

Keep Savannah Beautiful and SCCPSS have teamed up for their annual phonebook recycling drive.

Phonebooks, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books and white office paper are being accepted now through March 31. The collection process uses the existing red and green or yellow bins stationed at schools in Savannah and surrounding. If your school does not have a bin, phonebooks can be dropped off at recycling stations at 10 Hoss Drive in Garden City. Their hours of operation are: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. Be sure to specify which school you are supporting so they will receive credit for your donation. For more information, call 964-4224.

Exhibit honors 16th president

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has selected Massie Heritage Center to host a traveling exhibit in celebration of the 16th president's 200th birthday. The exhibit is composed of seven learning stations that examine Lincoln's life from his humble beginnings to his ascension to the presidency and his assassination.

The exhibit will be on display at Massie from now through Feb. 20 and is open to the public. For more information call 201-5070.

Gadsden Elementary recognizes students

Gadsden Performing and Fine Arts Academy will host Awards Day Feb. 20 to honor the academic achievements of our students.

Students Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have their program at 9:15 a.m. and students in grades 3rd through 5th will be recognized at 10:15 a.m. For more information, contact Gadsden Elementary at 395-5940.

PTA/Family Literacy Night slated

Islands Elementary School will host PTA/Family Literacy Night at 6 p.m., Feb. 24. For more information call 898-3900.

Celebrate Black History Month

Garden City Elementary School will hold a Black History Month celebration 9:30 a.m., Feb. 27. The event will feature African dance. For more information call 395-6820.

Jump rope for heart

Gadsden Elementary salutes Jump Rope for Heart's 30th anniversary with activities scheduled Feb. 27. For more information, contact the school at 395-5940.

Brewton-Parker to visit

A representative from Brewton-Parker will meet with current or prospective students from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Feb. 26 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. You may reach the Dean of External Programs, Dr. Jeff Edgens at jedgens@bpc.edu or by calling 800-342-1087, ext. 3243.

AE He's Just Not That into You - reviewed

Commentary by:

Sasha McBrayer

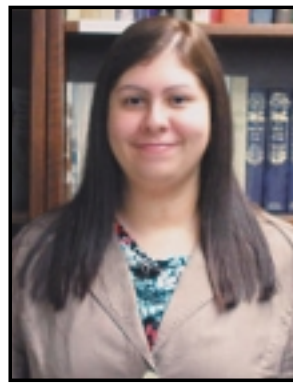
Frontline Contributor

Just in time for Valentine's Day comes a romantic comedy with a little bite. "Sex and the City" watchers will remember the new film's title from an episode in which "Miranda" (the lawyer) has a grand epiphany. This epiphany is also the movie's theme. If he doesn't call, if he won't marry you, he just isn't interested. Amazingly enough, the line in the television episode inspired a real-life self-help book by the same name, which in turn became the fun big screen comedy.

"He's just Not..." follows nine young adults in their hunt for love. Jennifer

Aniston and Ben Affleck are Beth and Neil, a couple that has been together nearly a decade, despite Neil's refusal to get married. Jennifer Connelly and Bradley Cooper ("Failure to Launch", "The Wedding Crashers") are Janine and Ben, a happily married couple in trouble when Ben meets Scarlett Johansson as sultry Anna. Conor, portrayed by Kevin Connolly, is also helplessly in love with Anna. Drew Barrymore's Mary has been rejected on Myspace, by phone, and by blackberry.

The film's main focus is on Gigi, brought to life by Ginnifer Goodwin



to have it all figured out. Despite the sting, after the first time he helps Gigi to realize someone just isn't that into her (Conor), she can't help but continue to call Alex for love advice.

"He's just Not..." is a charming and

well made romantic comedy, which does avoid some of the clichés. Because it does poke fun at women, the few guys present during my viewing were also laughing. Many of the characters are dynamic and memorable, but I got a little thrill from watching Aniston and Affleck as a pair. Not only was their work effortless and genuine, but there was an added dimension for me in their being cast as the "older" couple. Some actresses would have taken this as a slap in the face, but here, Aniston wears the role like a champ. Even in her close-ups, we can start to glimmer time visiting her face, but in a good way. I pray she stays out of surgery and keeps her face honest!



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH FEB. 19

Valkyrie

Today — 7 p.m.

(Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh)

Colonel Von Stauffenberg is a loyal officer who serves his country all the while hoping that someone will find a way to stop Hitler.

Armed with a cunning strategy to use Hitler's own emergency plan- known as Operation Valkyrie- these men plot to assassinate the dictator and overthrow his Nazi government from the inside.

Rated PG-13 (violence, language) 121 min

The Unborn

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Gary Oldman, Odette Yustman)

Casey Beldon hated her mother for abandoning her as a child.

Casey uncovers the source of a family curse dating back to Nazi Germany--a creature with the ability to inhabit anyone or anything that is getting stronger with each possession.

Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violence/terror; disturbing images, thematic material, language, sexual references) 88 min

The Spirit

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Jaime King, Gabriel Macht)

A former rookie cop returns mysteriously from the dead as the Spirit to fight crime from the shadows of central city.

His arch-enemy, the octopus, has a different mission: wiping out Spirit's beloved city.

The Spirit tracks this cold-hearted killer all the while facing a bevy of beautiful women who either want to seduce, love or kill our masked crusader.

Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of stylized violence/action, sexual content, nudity) 102 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.

Volunteer Spotlight

Sarah Kelly of Virginia Beach, Va., is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Radiology Department at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Kelly volunteers because she wants to get more involved in the community and to keep her skills up to date as well as improve upon them. Her interests and hobbies include spending time with her family, reading and traveling.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.



Sarah Kelly



Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Attend FRG training

The next Family Readiness Group Basic Course will be at Stewart 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 24. Open to all FRG participants, Family Members, and unit leadership, this course teaches an overview of the FRG, tasks during the deployment cycle, expectations and roles for FRG volunteers, communicating with Families, dealing with the media, resources and funding, and more. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

At Hunter, Family Care Team Training teaches skills to perform a valuable role to both Families of fallen and injured Soldiers, Feb. 24 and 26. The two-day training provides an understanding of responsibilities and guidance on how to handle issues you are likely to use. To register, please call 315-6816.

Also ask about child care.

Attend EFMP support group

Everyone who has a Family Member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program is invited to "It's an Exceptional Life," a support group where you can meet, share experiences, and participate in educational seminars. The group meets at the Fort Stewart ACS-Family Readiness Center, building 87, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 25. Bring your children to Parents' Night Out, offered at both Fort Stewart and Hunter locations on the same night. Children will enjoy supervised activities at the Child and Youth School Services' Child Development Center from 6 to 9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting. Children must be registered with CYSS and also enrolled in EFMP to participate, and advance sign-up is required. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

Learn about investments

Investing is easier than you think! With just a little bit of money and a lot of knowledge, you can begin investing in your future. Find out more at the investment workshop at Hunter 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 18. Come learn about the different types of investments, investment options, products, and language. Call 315-6816 to register.

Stewart offers a four-session investment seminar Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning Feb. 24 and

continuing March 3, 10 and 17. To reserve your seat, call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059.

MFLC provides help with children

Join the Military Family Life Consultants for an informative discussion on how to better understand each child's abilities and how to best provide the rules, expectations, and discipline that will help your children become outstanding community members. Come to this presentation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at ACS-Stewart, Feb. 18. For directions or information, please call 767-5058/5059. Also ask about child care.

Employment help available

Your Employment Readiness team offers a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, offered at Hunter 10 a.m. on Feb. 19 and at Stewart at 2 p.m., Feb. 23.

If you are seeking a job with the federal government, learn the insider's tips for entering your resume in the electronic system, searching jobs, and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Hunter, Feb. 17 and at Stewart on two separate dates, Feb. 18 or 25.

You must pre-register for employment readiness workshops; please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

Newcomers invited to orientations

Newcomers to Hunter Army Airfield are invited to a windshield bus tour departing 9:30 a.m., Feb. 19 from ACS-Hunter. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for 11 a.m., March 12 because you won't want to miss the Newcomer's Expo and Information Fair at Hunter Club.

Fort Stewart offers a comprehensive newcomer's orientation each Tuesday and Thursday with an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area. A windshield bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m. from the Soldier Service Center, also each Tuesday and Thursday.

To register for bus tours, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart and ask for Relocation Readiness. To register for Stewart's newcomer orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176.

Join spouse-support groups

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away, whether in training for more than two weeks, on assignment far from home, or deployed. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at Stewart, 11 a.m., Feb. 18 at the relocation office located in building 443. The group meets at Hunter, March 10.

Our Foreign-Born Spouse Network provides an opportunity for members from various cultures to share resources, discuss the American way of life and

develop friendships. Meet at ACS-Hunter on Neal Boulevard (building 1279), beginning at 11 a.m., Feb. 17. At Stewart, meet at the relocation office beginning at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 18. Bring a dish to share, if you can. Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend. For information on spouse groups, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart.

Don't let emotions control you

Come to a full-day workshop and learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors, positive ways to react to an angry person, healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions, and information on the many community resources available to help when stress, anger, or conflict disrupt your home or work life. To register for the stress and anger management workshop, call 767-5058/5059 for the Feb. 27 session at Stewart.

Understand your baby

Parents with a newborn or those who are expecting are invited to Baby Talk. Learn the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant. Baby Talk is offered from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hunter, Feb. 24. Grandparents and caregivers are also invited to attend. To register, please call ACS-Hunter at 315-6816.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call 767-5058/5059 for the class at Stewart, 10 a.m., Feb. 25.

Learn about credit reports

Do you know your credit score? Have you reviewed your credit report? Here's your opportunity to learn the true facts of what is and what is not included in your credit report and score, and how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history for public records, your creditors, and other sources.

Also, learn what is considered potentially negative on your credit report and your rights as a consumer to dispute items. This special finance class at Stewart begins 2 p.m., Feb. 18. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

Keep your money

Checking Account Management teaches you the importance of properly balancing your checkbook and reconciling your bank account to avoid those nagging overdraft fees.

Take steps now to keep your money in your pocket instead of giving it to the bank!

Call 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. class at Stewart, Feb. 25.

Winn Briefs

Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

February 16 is President's Day, a federal holiday. On that day, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies.

The pharmacy will be also be closed Feb. 16. Full operations resume Feb. 17. All services, to include the pharmacy, at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Feb. 16. Full operations resume Feb. 17.

Covenant signing slated

The Army Warrior Healthcare Covenant signing ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Fort Stewart Main Post Chapel. The Army Warrior Healthcare Covenant is the Army's commitment to our Warriors and their Families to provide them quality health-care and services.

Health Beat newsletter online

You can check out the Health Beat

newsletter online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil/healthbeat.

This is a Patient and Family Centered Care monthly newsletter with information and updates for the beneficiaries of Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic.

Road closes permanently

Effective Jan. 12, the Winn Army Community Hospital access road sec-

tion between the MRI trailer and PTMS building, building 303 permanently closed for security and safety risk reduction. If you have any questions, please call 435-5216.

Save time, book online

Register and log onto www.tricareonline.com today to book your medical appointment. If you have problems or questions, call 1-800-600-9332 and choose option 8 or call (210) 767-5250.

BIRTHS

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• **Emma Marie Garcia**, a girl, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Brandon Gregory Garcia and Amy Renee Garcia.

• **Raina Olivia Humes**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Chris Humes and Alecia Humes.

February 4

• **Victoria Lynn Brijnath**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Saywakram Brinath and

Latashia Lynn Brijnath.

• **Jodee Mikayla-Dean Tompkins**, a girl, 8 pounds, born to 1st Lt. Joshua Tompkins and Amanda Tompkins.

February 5

• **Justice Jaydah Enrique**, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Alberto Enrique and Ambar Enrique.

• **Alexandria Viktora Moore**, a

girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Donavon Moore and Tina Moore.

February 6

• **Melany Elizabeth Herold**, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Robert William Herold and Lidia Monika Herold.

• **Ryan Lee Sassard**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. 1st Class Lester Sassard and Lorena Sassard.