

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Photos by Spc. Dustin Gautney

Students from Fort Stewart's Diamond Elementary and 3rd ID Soldiers participated in the Georgia Day Parade Feb. 12 that started at Savannah's Forsyth Park. The annual parade celebrates Georgia's history and heritage.

Soldiers, students celebrate Ga history

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Sounds of fifes and drums filled the air as a cool breeze carried the sounds of children's laughter and passed through the hanging moss of the grand old oak trees which line historical downtown Savannah. Grown men and women dressed as Native Americans, frontiers men, and 19th century colonists lined the streets along with more than 2,500 local elementary school students to celebrate the State of Georgia's 276th birthday during the Georgia Day Parade.

Eight Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and students and teachers from Fort Stewart's Diamond Elementary School participated in the Georgia Day Parade

in Savannah, Feb. 12.

Diamond Elementary is part of the adopt-a-school program on Fort Stewart and is sponsored by 1/9 FA who supports the teachers and students from the school's various events through out the year.

The Georgia Day Parade celebrates the history of the state of Georgia. Many of the participants, including children and Soldiers donned historical costumes. Several servicemembers wore traditional uniforms dating from World War I to today.

The Savannah chapter of the Georgia Historical Society organized the Georgia Day Parade as an opportunity to encourage local students to learn more about their states history and to commemorate James Oglethorpe's founding of the state of Georgia in 1733.



Right: Third Infantry Division drum major, Sgt. 1st Class Jody Manford, leads the Marne Band Feb. 12 during the Georgia Day Parade in Savannah.

Chapel volunteers take advantage of CPR class

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

A young girl lay on the tile floor with her eyes closed and without a sound. Her mother came quickly, asking the child if she was okay. She received no response. Quickly, she asked for someone to call 911, stating the child was unconscious. Then the mother began check-

ing for vital signs.

"Very good," said Lyn Schumacher, volunteer trainer with the Red Cross. "Remember to tilt the head and lift the chin to open their airway."

This scene took place during an Adult and Child CPR and First Aid class given at the chapel on Hunter Army Airfield. The eight-hour class had 11 participants, including the young girl and her mother, and covered

CPR and first aid, and to how to take care of bone and joint injuries and sudden illnesses.

"This is important, obviously, because it can save lives," Schumacher said. "It's good to see people go away saying that they feel much more confident."

Sarah Thompson, wife of Staff Sgt. Howard Thompson, chaplain's assistant in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, said she appreciated the opportunity to take the class, which was given for free, at Hunter.

"It's incredible that they offered the class here," said Thompson. "There were a lot of requests from volunteers to have the class. With all the activities that go on, people need to be trained so that if they were faced with an accident, or came across a person in trouble, they are equipped to help."

The class was organized by Michael Iliff, the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield director of religious education, and was open to all installation chapel volunteers who teach or work with the children and youth.

"Not only does the training assist the chapel children and youth by having a qualified person working with them for their safety, it also helps other organizations on the installation when a CPR qualified person is needed in other areas," said Charles Archer, the Hunter Chapel youth ministries coordinator. "The Religious Education Program and the chaplain's office feels especially blessed to have caring volunteers that took off a day from their busy schedule to ensure they are well trained to assist the children and youth in case of an emergency. We would also like to thank the Red Cross for providing a caring and dedicated instructor to provide the training."



Spc. Monica Smith

Participants practice giving CPR on dummies during an adult and child CPR and first aid class taught by the Red Cross, Feb. 10 at the chapel on Hunter.

MWR Briefs

Gear up for Ranger Run

Sign up for the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K, 9 a.m., Feb. 28 on Hunter. Register by Friday; 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 headquarters, Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah, 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 is now 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.

Book reading slated

Reservations must be made by today for the "Tell Me a Story" program for young children at Stewart. The

program will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday 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.

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 will be featured. Each attending Family will receive a copy of the 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, Saturday. 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.

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.

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.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH FEB 20

Doubt

Today — 7 p.m.
(Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman)

Father Flynn is trying to upend the school's strict customs. The winds of political change are sweeping through the country, and, indeed, the school has just accepted its first black student, Donald Miller. But when Sister James shares with Sister Aloysius her suspicion that Father Flynn is paying too much attention to Donald, Sister Aloysius is galvanized to begin a crusade to both unearth the truth and expunge Flynn. Now, without proof or evidence except her moral certainty, Sister Aloysius locks into a battle of wills with Father Flynn, a battle that threatens to tear apart the Church and school. *Rated PG-13 (thematic material) 104 min*

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.
(James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman)

"I was born under unusual circumstances." And so begins "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," adapted

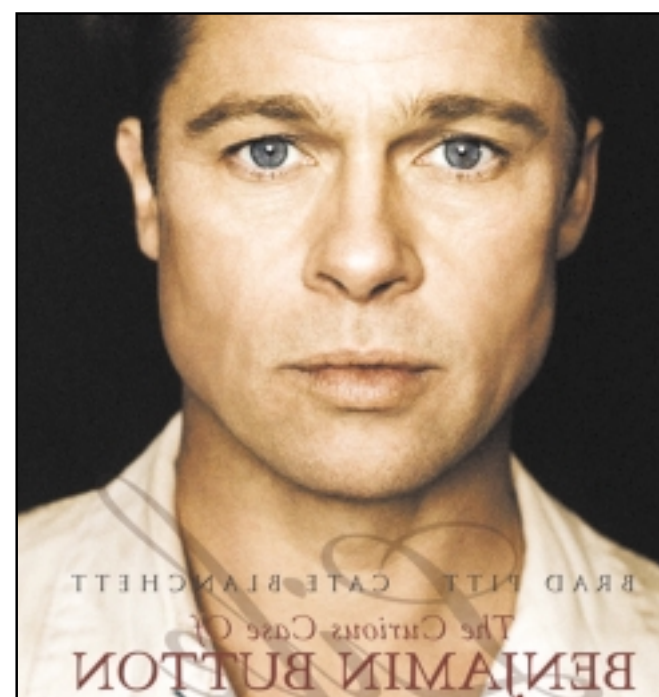
from the 1920s story by F. Scott Fitzgerald about a man who is born in his eighties and ages backward: a man, like any of us, who is unable to stop time. We follow his story, set in New Orleans from the end of World War I in 1918, into the 21st century, following his journey that is as unusual as any man's life can be. *Rated PG-13 (war violence, sexual content, language, smoking) 167 min*

Not Easily Broken

Sunday — 7 p.m.
(Morris Chestnut, Taraji P. Henson)

Dave's dreams of major league baseball success were dashed by an injury in college leading him to a steady but unfulfilling career as the head of a small construction firm. Clarice is basking in the glow of real estate stardom creating a life that revolves around her rise to the top. They face a total disruption in their lives when a car crash seriously injures Clarice. Help comes in the form of kind-hearted physical therapist and single mom Julie Sawyer whose son Bryson is coached by Dave.

Rated PG-13 (sexual references, thematic elements) 99 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.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

American Spit Out is good time to quit!

Brad Taft, Registered Nurse
U.S. Army Center for Health

February 19 is the Great American Spit Out, a day for those who chew tobacco to try going without their nicotine habit or even breaking it for good.

Tobacco addiction is tough. Tobacco takes your cash and takes your health. Think of what it would be like if you didn't have to buy chew. You could do some fun things like rent movies, eat out with your Family or friends, or go on a vacation with the hundreds of dollars you spend every year on chew.

What about your health? Do you have red spots in your mouth where you hold the chew? Those spots can turn into cancer. Mouth cancer is always ugly and sometimes deadly. What about your breath? Ok, I won't ask.

Having a chew used to be cool, and you liked it. But now, tobacco is your enemy. You started chewing tobacco because it made you feel good, and you could dip whenever and wherever you wanted to without anyone knowing. But now you realize that you get edgy when you don't have a dip. If you don't have a chew in your mouth, what used to be easy is difficult. That's nicotine addiction.

According to Department of Defense's 2005 Survey of Health-Related Behaviors Among Active-Duty Military Personnel, the use of chewing tobacco is much higher among Army males (21 percent) than among civilian males (4.5

percent). The use is highest for enlisted personnel of rank E1-E3 (27 percent).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a chew of smokeless tobacco delivers as much nicotine as two to three cigarettes and contains 28 cancer-causing agents. Recent TRICARE data show that chewers have nearly twice the chance of developing oral cancer compared to those who don't chew. Your dentist can tell you the whole story of what chewing tobacco does to your mouth, and you won't like what you hear.

Boredom, trying to fit in with your buddies and wanting to perk up during long duty hours are all reasons you may have started chewing. Now it's time for you to think about fighting tobacco addiction.

The Great American Spit Out 2009 is Feb. 19.

Check out the information on the Web sites below. Fight the fight.

You are stronger than addiction to chewing tobacco. Be strong—Army Strong!

Guides for quitting smokeless tobacco use are available from the following:

- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Tobacco/SpitTobacco/SpitTobaccoAGuideforQuitting.htm.
- American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/PED_10_13X_Quitting_Smokeless_Tobacco.asp.

Winn Briefs

Volunteers welcome

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volunteers who are interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital. The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m., March 5 in the Patriot Auditorium at Winn.

For more information, call Brigitte Shanken, 435-6903.

Save time book online

Do you book your flights online? Why not book your medical appointments online as well? Just register and log onto www.tricareonline.com today. If you have problems or questions, call 1-800-600-9332 and choose option 8 or call (210) 767-5250.

Patient, Family Centered Care

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by joining the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., March 10 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Questions call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail Linda.king2@amedd.army.mil.

Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for 1

p.m., March 4 at Aviation Brigade Classroom, Hunter Army Airfield. For more information, call Dennis Kelly at 315-5731.

Patient and Family Centered Care standards include involving patients and Families in all aspects of the planning and delivery of healthcare services. Bring your recommendations to improve your healthcare experience.

Canceling your appointment

If you need to cancel your medical appointment, call the cancellation line at 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Follow the prompts to cancel your appointment. This will create more open appointments and decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment. Thank you for helping us with your access to care.

Health Beat newsletter online

You can check out the Health Beat newsletter online www.winn.amedd.army.mil/health-beat.

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.

For more information visit
The Frontline online at
www.stewart.army.mil

Take time to listen to God



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Lt. Col.) D. Brent Jones
Hunter Garrison Support Chaplain

Joshua Bell, a world renowned violinist, played incognito at the metro station in Washington, D. C., in January 2007. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars. A couple of days earlier, he had played before a packed audience who were willing to pay \$100 per seat to watch and hear him perform.

In the 45 minutes Bell played, only six people stopped and stayed for a while. Children seemed to be more interested; about 20 did give him

money, but even they continued to walk their normal pace. Bell collected \$32. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded nor was there any recognition.

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing some of the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?

If we don't take a moment to read daily from the Bible, one of the greatest books ever written, a book inspired by God, containing hope, faith, love, peace and answers to life's difficult questions, what are we missing? If we

don't take a moment to pray to a loving and understanding God, what are we missing?

If we are experiencing fear, anger, loneliness, despair, hate, confusion and doubt, we are missing hope, peace, love, joy, a clear mind, faith, strength, reassurance and comfort, all gifts given by God. God is all around us and playing the wonderful music of these gifts. He is the world renowned violinist. He plays during rush hour and every hour, but generally, he can only be heard as we stop and listen.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. May God bless you and your Family and our great nation!

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 email judith.forshee@us.army.mil or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 extension 209 or email rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org.

Opportunities are also available for the Community Chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The 2009 Concert Season begins Sept. 1 through Oct. 30.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25

Hunter Chapel

Catholic: 11:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

Main Post Chapel:

Catholic: 7 a.m. to 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

Learn about
 community happenings in the
 Quality Time magazine.

New Web site for military minds

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

A new, online community has been established for military Families of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Connect Stewart-Hunter (www.connect-stewarthunter.com) went live last week. It was launched by Morris Multimedia of Hinesville.

"We're happy to be able to bring this product online," MMH Publisher Mark Griffin said. "The Soldiers and their Families who come to live in our area deserve all the support we can provide. And, this new site has lots of avenues to offer support."

The Web site should also offer opportunities to area businesses to reach into the largest population group in the area

"It's a great way for advertisers throughout the region to reach into our military community," MMH marketing director Cynthia Barnes said.

MMH also publishes the Coastal Courier in Hinesville, Bryan County News in Richmond Hill, the area PennySaver and niche publications. It maintains Web sites for the Courier, News and area dining and real estate guides. And, it is the contract publisher of Fort

Stewart-Hunter Frontline newspaper.

The resources of all those publications are being used to provide local news, features and entertainment on Connect Stewart-Hunter.

The emphasis of the site, however, is on entertainment and what Soldiers and their Families are doing. And that is where the community comes in because users can contribute content - blogs, photos, events and more.

That part of the site is called Fort Stewart-Hunter Life, and it is easy to use once you register. It's free to register.

You'll just need to think up with a username and password, and have a working e-mail account.

The entertainment focus of the site is supplemented by sister publications and Web sites in Savannah and Statesboro, both also called Connect. We also use national syndications and the Associated Press to assure interesting content on the site at all times.

While the focus of the site is the military, civilians in the area will also find the entertainment features helpful in planning their off time, according to Web editor Pat Watkins.



Enjoy arts, crafts in Jesup

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County ArtsCouncil, Georgia Gourd Society, and the American gourd Society invite community members 7 p.m., every third Monday of the month to enjoy arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park. Located on South Brunswick Street in Jesup. This Monday's class is painting gourd birdhouses. The students will take home their finished project. There are no dues. A cost of \$5 to \$10 covers the gourds, paint and supplies. The class this month is \$5. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

Continuous learning available

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules designed for Department of Defense employees.

The DAU would like to introduce Continuous Learning modules - now online. You can register for the CLMs at clc.dau.mil. Register for all modules at clc.dau.mil. For more information or questions, call Debbie Johnson at (478) 926-9409 or e-mail debbie.johnson@dau.mil.

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.

Enjoy Black Heritage Bingo

Black Heritage Bingo features events and African Americans who have changed the world. It is held 5 p.m. today at the Midway Branch Library, 884-5742. In

addition, it will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday 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., Saturday.

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 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.

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.

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 though Friday 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 Friday 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.

Available Now: Disappointment on DVD

Commentary by:
Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

In general, I try to be a positive person, but there are times I am really looking forward to a film's release to DVD, and only a few minutes after I've hit the play button, I find myself frowning in sheer disappointment. It has happened quite a few times over the past few months. Perhaps in sharing this story you may avoid the same fate!

Righteous Kill:

I fancy myself a moderate crime/gangster aficionado. The last GREAT film of this genre was without a doubt, 2006's "The Departed." An honorable mention goes to 2008's "Pride and Glory." When Edward Norton gets the right role, he is the perfect actor. As for that, the same can be said of Colin Farrell, who I like even more now that his popularity has dwindled (2007's "Cassandra's Dream" is, for me, one of '07's BEST films).

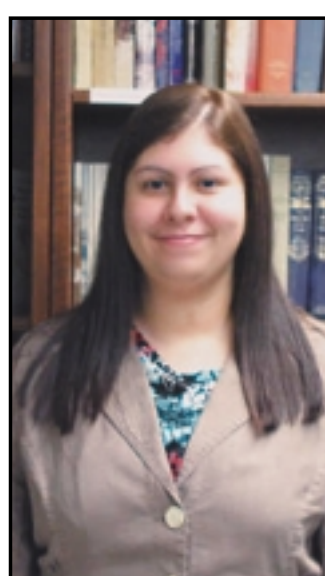
The genre itself has been defined by two iconic actors. They are Bobby De Niro and Al Pacino. Though the two giants of film were both involved in the Godfather saga, they never shared the

screen at the same time. To see them work side by side, audiences would have to wait until 1995, when one of my favorite films of all time, "Heat," debuted.

"Righteous Kill" dared to place the two stars together one more time. Becoming a blockbuster should have been a cakewalk. Instead, this movie was a disaster! It is long. It is boring. It is super confusing. It had the actors in spades! Brian Dennehy, 50 Cent, John Leguizamo, and more could not save the silly, spinning out of control story, which was yet somehow very predictable. The filmmakers should be ashamed of themselves!

Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist:

It's a great time for teen drama-dies. Not since "The Breakfast Club" in the 80's have such strong scripts of this type come out. The '07's "Juno" was fantastic enough to be nominated for 4 Oscars. That same year, "Charlie Bartlett" was released. It was a gen-



uinely good rental about a rich kid who finds his niche in a public high school by trying to help diagnose troubled schoolmates with psychological problems. Since "Super Bad" premiered in 2007 as well, it catapulted the thin, unlikely leading male, Michael Cera ("Juno") into instant celebrity.

The previews for "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist" were hilarious. I saw Michael Cera. I saw Kat Dennings ("Charlie Bartlett"). The title promised snippets from cool Indie rock bands. I was stoked. The movie, however, was genuinely disappointing. Perhaps it is for a younger audience. I expected more funny. I expected more music. I was grossed out by the behavior of Nora's drunken best friend. The love story, for me, could have been much more touching and monumental-then again, it was reflecting high school.

Max Payne:

Here is another case of great trailer,

bad movie. I love the Max Payne video games. I love Mark Wahlberg (who doesn't?) I even loved the trailer's rock song, "If I was your vampire".

I'm not alone in my disdain, either. One critic called it the worst film of the year!

What went wrong? Payne is a classic Frank Castle (The Punisher, comics) character. He is cliché, but audiences don't usually mind revisiting him. The best aspects of the film were the exciting scenery/ imagery and the incredible mythology behind Payne's caper. I've never seen mythological Valkyrie portrayed as creepy flying monsters. I also enjoy seeing the good guy up against the sinister super rich pharmaceutical company even though this has also been done over and over. In fact, it is difficult to pinpoint just what the fatal error was.

There were too many slow sequences and the project just fell apart.

The worst part was watching the painfully beautiful actress Olga Kurylenko ("Quantum of Solace," "Hitman") play the exact same character, nearly verbatim as she did in "Hitman." She was practically in the same costume, too. Give the lady a break!

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.

ASEP Job Fair scheduled

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Army Spouse Employment Partnership Job Fair at Hunter Club. You will meet representatives from a multitude of local companies recruiting for various positions in customer service, education, retail, and the medical field. The fair runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 19. Call 315-6816 for more information.

Keep your money

Have you ever paid an overdraft fee to your bank? Most everyone has at one time or another, but there are several things you can do to avoid it. 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., Feb. 25 class at Stewart.

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.

FRG Treasurer Training will be held at Stewart from 6 to 7:30 p.m., March 5. Designed for commanders, FRG leaders, and treasurers within the FRG, this class covers the rules and regulations that govern the FRG to include financial resources, fundraising rules, and responsibilities. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Also ask about child care.

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.

FRG trainings can also be scheduled at your location for the convenience of your unit and volunteers.

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 in 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 CYSS Child Development Center from 6 to 9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting. Children must be registered with CYS 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.

Attend home buying workshop

If you are considering purchasing a home, mark your calendar for the upcoming Home Buying workshops, offered at both Fort Stewart and Hunter locations. Learn to compare the benefits of purchasing

versus renting, determine how much you can really afford, and successfully navigate through the home buying process. Call 315-6816 to register at Hunter for the workshop on March 11, or 767-5058/5059 to register at Stewart for the March 21 workshop. Both workshops begin at 9 a.m. Investing in a home is one of the largest purchases you will make, so take advantage of this educational workshop and become an informed home buyer.

Newcomers Expo slated at Hunter

Soldiers and Family Members who are new to Hunter Army Airfield are invited to discover the many services available at Hunter and in the Savannah area. Meet other Families who are new to the area and learn more about your community. The expo will be held at Hunter Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 12. For more information, call ACS-Hunter at 315-6816.

Orientation for newcomers offered

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 the newcomer orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176. To register the bus tour, please call 767-5058/5059 and ask for Relocation Readiness. Also ask about child care.

Avoid drowning in debt

Even in today's tightening credit market, it's easy to get in over your head. At this straight-forward and easy-to-understand workshop, we will take a step-by-step approach to gaining control of debt before it takes control of you.

This workshop offers useful tools and guidelines to prevent problems in the future and cure problems that may already exist. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for Surviving Credit Card Debt from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., March 11 at Stewart.

Pets of the Week



Patsy the cat and Flash 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.



Laughter comes to life at Fort Stewart

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Fort Stewart Soldiers and their Families got a lesson in positive humor, Feb. 11 as nationally known author and motivational speaker, Craig Zablocki, presented three, one-hour long presentations entitled "Positively Humor" at the Main Post Chapel.

"When you are laughing, it is impossible to be anywhere else except in the moment," said Zablocki who praised Fort Stewart Soldiers for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

Zablocki who uses humor to create a safe place to help victims and their Families cope with feelings associated with stress, tragedy, or any other hardship, was invited to speak by Army Community Service as part of a Sexual Assault

Awareness workshop.

Zablocki, a single parent of a 12-year-old son, said he was inspired on this path of making a difference, speaking to legislators, various companies, non-profit organizations, and victims rights groups, following the death of his sister, who was sexually assaulted 22 years ago. Zablocki shared his personal experience as part of his presentation and addressed the importance of accepting "what is" and how to take that journey one moment at a time.

He emphasized that humor enables people to release control, focus in the moment, and transcend problems.

He gives practical tools for loosening up and becoming more creative. Zablocki also noted scientific studies that find that the body naturally releases endorphins when laughing. He has written two

books, one of which he had several copies on hand for Soldiers and their Families, including "Improv 101, Unleash Your Creative Spirit" and "Humor Me."

"Improv 101 is ideal for deployed Soldiers needing to occupy their time," he noted.

Zablocki, who is also a former school teacher, said he has created ways in this book for adults to be more like children. He explained that children are open and free and his book is packed with activities creating ways for adults to become more playful. He said he hopes that his high energy presentations, which involves lots of interaction with the audience, will motivate and inspire Soldiers and their Families to see life differently, prompting them to react positively to situations arising in their home and in the workplace.