

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

Young ladies from the Bradwell Institute perform popular dances from various eras during the 3rd Infantry Division Black History Observance at Club Stewart Feb. 24.

## Division honors Black History Month

Staff Report

Main Post Chapel on Fort Stewart.

The Marne Division reflected on the accomplishments African-Americans in February with events that included poetry reading, a culinary competition, and culminated with a Black History observance ceremony Feb. 24 at the

### Fort Stewart

Fort Stewart's Black History Month celebrations culminated with its Black History Month Program at Club Stewart Feb. 24. The program included songs, dances and poetry celebrating African

American history and culture.

In the lobbies and hallways leading to the main stage for the program were posters depicting African American heritage and the students from Taylor Creek Elementary performed a real life "wax museum" for passers-by depicting such historical figures as Jackie Robinson, Harriet Tubman and John F. Kennedy.

Starting off the program were the winners of the poetry contest from earlier in the month. (See related story on Page 4B), followed by songs performed by guests including the Taylor Creek Elementary student chorus. Rounding out the entertainment was the Bradwell Institute treating the audience to popular dances throughout the ages.

The program's guest speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, United States Central Command's command sergeant major. Hill reminded the audience that being first in something isn't necessarily a good thing. He also told of the importance of always striving to be the best that you can be.

"There were a lot of firsts," said Hill, "but I bet they would trade it all in to be the best."

The program finished by providing guests an opportunity to taste foods that were eaten by African-Americans in the days of slavery.

### Fort Benning

On Fort Benning, Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, took time Feb. 19 to celebrate African-American History Month during a luncheon at the Kelley Hill Dining Facility.

Ellis Dandy, the Equal Employment manager for the United States Army Infantry Center, was the featured guest speaker at the event; which followed traditional "soul food" banquet prepared by the Soldiers of the Kelley Hill DFAC. Fried catfish, barbecued ribs and chicken, ham hocks, red beans and rice and ox tails were just a few of the many

entrees available for the Soldiers' dining pleasure.

"The food is good," said Sgt. Israel Clarke, an information systems analyst for the 3rd HBCT. "I knew the Soldiers that work here in the DFAC put a lot of effort into this meal, so I came down to support them."

Dandy, who served as an Army Military Equal Opportunity specialist from 1972 until his retirement in 1986, explained how he has seen the Army's race relations improve dramatically since he first joined the Army in 1960.

"The Army has come a long way," he said. "I think that as time has gone on we have discovered that by learning more about one another, we have figured out that we really aren't so different. As a result, I think our Army is stronger."

Dandy, who was serving as a race relations instructor in Worms, Germany when the Army celebrated African-American History Month for the first time in 1972, remembers when the Army forced Soldiers to start learning more about the Soldiers that looked different than themselves.

"The Army changed and started doing things it had never done before," he said. "At the time, it was easy to shake each other's hand and pat each other on the back, but we needed to go deeper... What we found is that when you are in a unit together, what somebody looks like goes out the window. A Soldier is a Soldier. When you're in combat together, all you have is one another."

The Black History celebration continued Feb. 19 at Fort Stewart with a poetry reading at Rocky's sponsored by Soldiers from the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. (See story on Page 4B.)

**Editor's Note:** Contributing information provided by Spc. Ben Hutto, 3rd HBCT Public Affairs and Spc. Gaelen Lowers, Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Specialist Erica Johnson, a cook assigned to the Brigade Special Troops Battalion 3rd HBCT, serves Soldiers at the Kelley Hill Dining Facility at Fort Benning, Ga., Feb. 19. As part of the African-American History Month luncheon, the Kelley Hill DFAC prepared and served traditional "soul food", including fried catfish, barbecued ribs and chicken, ham hocks, red beans and rice and ox tails.

## Marne dining facilities celebrate Black History

Pat Young  
Managing Editor

Dining facilities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield got into the spirit of Black History with a culinary competition. The food service personnel, military and civilians joined together to provide culinary delights and displayed them in formats that were both 'tasteful' and informative.

One of the examples of the presentations was at the Sustainment Brigade dining facility where workers like Spc. Ayala Metzaly, Pvt. te Desia Grapes, Sgt. Ann Lake, Stephanie Jenkins and Juanita Hudson, worked on a menu that included items like corn bread, catfish, yams, "hop and Johns" (black-eye peas) and hush puppies. Servers dressed in attire of 19th century African-Americans to add to the flavor of the day.

"We eat with our eyes," said Audrey Knox as she put the finishing touches to her salad display.

Sergeant First Class Verna Bellamy, 87th Combat Service Support Battalion said preparation for the displays wasn't only for the food, but included research into the meal.

"Our hats are off to all the dining facility managers and food service personnel for a job well done," said Master Sgt. Dante Sampson Division Food Service non-commissioned officer in charge. "We want to personally thank all the dining facilities for the tremendous display and culinary expertise utilized in all the preparation. The hard work and dedication truly led up to the overall success of all the awesome meals served in all dining facilities!"

The winners for the culinary competition were announced at the Black History Day Observance at Club Stewart Feb. 24. First place went to the Warrior Transition Battalion DFAC; the 3rd ID Special Troops Battalion DFAC earned second; and the 4th Brigade 'Vanguard' dining facility placed third.

Pat Young

Food service workers dress in 19th century costumes at Sustainment Brigade's dining facility Feb. 23 in honor of Black History Month.



# MWR Briefs

## Gear up for Ranger Run

Sign up for the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K, 9 a.m., Saturday 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.

## Family Survivor Weekend Offered

Looking for a weekend event in which you and your family can team up and get involved in a friendly, fun competition with other Families?

The Family Survivor Weekend event scheduled for March 27-28 at Holbrook Pond at Fort Stewart and Lotts Island at Hunter might be just right for you. As a convenience to Families from Stewart and Hunter, the competition will be offered simultaneously at both locations at a cost of \$25 per family. Space is limited.

The MWR-sponsored event is based on the popular CBS reality TV show, but with some distinctive differences: the competition won't be cutthroat and you do not have to camp out overnight – unless you want to (at your own expense).

You will have to provide your own food. Coolers and other containers will be allowed, said, Recreation

Delivery System Programmer Marline Parker, but no cooking equipment will be available at either location. Everyone who takes part will be given a Survivor T-shirt. Families will divide into tribes the first night (March 27).

The Family with the best tribal flag and slogan will be honored Saturday (March 28) with a catered dinner. Parker said Families will be required to start a fire without lighter or matches, and treat and build a litter for a Family Member with simulated "broken arm." There also will be arts and crafts, wheelbarrow races and other activities, she said.

For details, call 767-4316. Fort Stewart registration will be at the Leisure Activities Center (767-2841). Registration at Hunter will be at Outdoor Recreation (315-9554).

## St. Patrick's Sunday Brunch at Stewart

The brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on March 8 at Club Stewart, building 405. The menu features breakfast items, Irish stew, corned beef w/horseradish sauce, steamed buttered cabbage, lamb stew, herb roasted chicken, salad bar, apple oatmeal crisp and more. The cost is \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 and under) free. For more information, call 368-2212.

## St. Patrick's Sunday Brunch at Hunter

The date for the St. Patrick's Sunday Brunch for Hunter, which had been scheduled for March 8, has been changed to March 15.

The brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hunter Club, building 6015. The cost is \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 and under) free. For more information, call 459-7923.

## St. Patty's Kids Cooking Class at Stewart

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more from 3-5 p.m. March 8 at Club Stewart, Building 405. The cost is \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Reservations required, as space is limited. For more information, call 368-2212.

## St. Patty's Kids Cooking Class at Hunter

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more from 3-5 p.m. March 15 at Hunter Club, building 6015.

This is a change in date. It had previously been announced that the class would be held March 8. The cost is \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Reservations required, as space is limited. For more information, call 459-7923.



PRESENTS  
TODAY THROUGH MARCH 1

## Not Easily Broken

**Today — 7 p.m.**  
(Morris Chestnut, Taraji 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. *Rated PG-13 (sexual references, thematic elements) 99 min*

## My Bloody Valentine

**Friday — 7 p.m.**  
(Jensen Ackles, Jaime King)  
Tom, an inexperienced coal miner, caused an accident in the tunnels that trapped and killed five men and sent the only survivor, Harry, into a permanent coma. Ten years later, Tom returns to Harmony on Valentine's Day, still haunted by the deaths he caused. *Rated R (graphic & brutal horror, graphic & brutal violence, graphic nudity, strong language) 101 min*

## Grand Torino

**Saturday — 7 p.m.**  
(Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley)  
Retired auto worker Walt, an iron-willed veteran living in a changing world, is forced by his immigrant neighbors to confront his own long-held prejudices. Resentful of virtually everything and everyone he sees, Walt is just waiting out the rest of his life...until the night his teenage neighbor Thao tries to steal his prized '72 Gran Torino. *Rated R (language throughout, violence) 122 min*

## Bedtime Stories

**Sunday — 7 p.m.**  
(Adam Sandler, Keri Russell)  
Hotel handyman Skeeter's life is changed forever when the bedtime stories he tells his niece and nephew start to come true. *Rated PG (rude humor, mild language) 99 min*

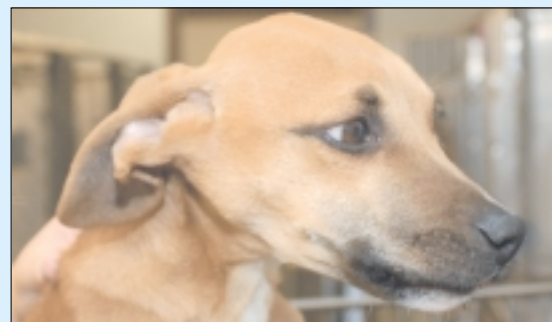


Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

## Pets of the Week



Bolo the cat and Juggles 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

### Winn, TRICARE hold behavioral health conference

Ann Erickson  
Public Affairs Specialist

The 3rd Infantry Division, Winn Army Community Hospital, Humana Military Healthcare Services and the Department of Defense TRICARE contractor for the South region, ValueOptions, HMHS subcontractor for behavioral health and more than 50 regional civilian behavioral health providers participated in the first Behavioral Health provider collaboration event Feb. 20 at the Hunter Club.

The purpose of the event was to inform civilian mental health providers

of general behavioral health resources and some of the current stressors on Soldiers and their Family Members. It also helped to strengthen and enhance the civilian and military relationship in the behavioral health area.

"This is a collaboration to help take care of the most valuable resource—The military Family, Soldiers, veterans and retirees," said Maj. (Dr.) Christopher Warner, Chief of the Department of Behavioral Medicine at Winn.

The conference brought together the civilian mental health partners who are taking care of our Families, our Soldiers

and our veterans within the area of Savannah and Hinesville, said Warner.

"We really are one team," said Col. John Collins, Winn commander. "We are all in this together, and we want to share information with you and some insights from our military healthcare providers as to what we are seeing so we can all be on the same page in caring for our Soldiers and Family Members."

One area of focus during the conference was suicide prevention and the importance of seeking help either through primary care physicians, chaplains, or behavioral health profession-

als.

"It is a sign of moral courage for you to step forward and say 'I need help,'" said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commanding general. "As we reduce the (behavioral health) stigma of those wearing the Army Combat Uniform, I think it's also going to reduce the stigma in the community as we talk about it."

We need to make sure the behavioral health care for our Soldiers and Family Members is accessible, professional and gives them progress, said Cucolo.

"I hope this is just the kick-off for future events like this," Cucolo said.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

### February 11

• **Angel Shanel Marie King**, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Dexter King and Pfc. Angela Felder.

• **Allison May Severino**, a girl, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Matthew Francis Severino and Margaret Severino.

### February 12

• **Kaiden Allen Green**, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Edward Cory Green and Tabithia Lynn Green.

• **Jasmine Sidney Moore**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Cleophus Sidney Moore Jr., and Christina Geraldine Moore.

### February 13

• **Nathan James Ramos**, a boy, 9

pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Christopher Ramos and Bethany Ramos.

• **Isabella Gantt Wingard**, a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Joseph L. Wingard and Tiffany S. Wingard.

• **Arianna Skye Ritz**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Frank Ritz and Jacqueline Ritz.

### February 14

• **Aalia Safi Abouzeid**, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Gaber Abouzeid and Jana Abouzeid.

• **Kylee Rose Massey**, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Jonathan Massey and Melinda Massey.

• **Emmalyn Kensington White**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Capt. Perry White and Amy White.

## 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 at 435-6903.

### Save time book online

Book your medical appointments online.

Just register and log onto [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) today. If you have problems or questions, call 1-800-600-9332 and choose option 8 or call (210) 767-5250.

### Become 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. For more information, call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail [Linda.king2@amedd.army.mil](mailto: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.



## Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### Storytime: Dr. Seuss Day @ FS Library

4 Mar., 3:30-4:30 p.m. – George P. Hays Library, Bldg 411  
Come hear a special guest share story about Dr. Seuss and make related craft. 767-2828

### Hunter Club Mystery Dinner Show

6 Mar., 7 - 9 p.m. – Hunter Club, Bldg 6015  
Reservations accepted thru 3 Mar for "Who Wants To Kill a Millionaire" Dinner Show  
Cost \$40 per person. Presented by Savannah Community Theatre and hosted by Hunter Club.  
Menu includes salad, herb roasted chicken, roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley, tea and water plus dessert choice of pecan pie or key lime pie. 459-7923

### CYSS Youth Sponsorship/Kids on the Move Monthly Trip

7 Mar., 12 p.m. – "UGA Aquarium" Tour at Skidaway Island, Savannah.  
Depart FS & HAAF School Age Services Centers for fun activity and destination. New welcome program for military connected youth grades 4-12 looking to meet new friends and eager to learn about many resources available on Stewart and Hunter. Open to CYSS registered youth. Sign-up NLT Thu prior to trip.  
Cost \$3 per person. YESS/School Liaison office @ 767-6533/4491 (FS) or 315-6586/6075 (HAAF).

### St. Patrick's Sunday Brunch @ FS

8 Mar., 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405  
Menu features breakfast items: Irish stew, corned beef w/hoiseraidish sauce, steamed buttered cabbage, lamb stew, herb roasted chicken, salad bar, apple oatmeal crisp and more. Cost \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 and under) free. Call 368-2212 (FS).  
Note: Brunch will be held at Hunter Club on 15 Mar.

### St. Patty's Kids Cooking Class @ FS

8 Mar., 3 - 5 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405; Hunter Club, Bldg 6015  
Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more. Cost \$5 per child (ages 5 -12).  
Reservations required, as space is limited. Call 368-2212 (FS) or 459-7923 (HAAF).  
Note: Cooking Class will be held at Hunter Club on 15 Mar.

### National Barbie Day @ Corkan Recreation

9 Mar., All day – Cypress Sam's Treehouse, Bldg 449  
Children (ages 0-12) pay only \$1 admission when they bring their Barbie or Ken doll with them to Cypress Sam's. 767-6708

### Community Showcase/Travel Fair @ FS

11 Mar., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405  
Come fill up your yearly calendar! Join area businesses and organizations at Community Showcase/Travel Fair. (Showcase): Learn about this year's events and happenings for you and your family! Great opportunity to find out about upcoming coastal community events, cultural activities, arts and entertainment. (Travel Fair): Representatives from hotels, theme parks, tourism bureaus, cruise lines and recreation programs will be on hand. For more information, call 767-8609.

### St. Patrick's Day Pet Portraits @ FS

13 Mar., Registration Deadline; 14 Mar., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. by Reservation  
Fort Stewart Pet Boarding Facility, Bldg 8324  
Pose with your pet to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style. Costumes available or bring your own. \$10 per 4-inch by 6-inch picture. 435-8052

### GEICO-Ohio Wesleyan Collegiate

### Invitational Golf Tournament & College-AM Event Sign-Up

10 Mar., College-AM Registration Deadline – Hunter Golf Club, Bldg 8205  
(College-AM) shotgun start, 12 Mar., 12:30 p.m. Four person Amateur Scramble teams, paired with #1 player from participating college. Cost \$50 per person or \$200 for 4-person team (includes lunch, tournament & golf car fee, driving range balls, tournament social, prizes). (GEICO-Ohio Wesleyan Collegiate Invitational Golf Tourney) 13-14 Mar. Come out and be part of the gallery and watch your favorite university compete against each other. For list of universities competing and details, call 315-9115.

# Stewart-Hunter holds poetry night

**Spc. Michael Adams**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 87th Combat Service Support Battalion held a poetry reading to honor Black History Month and the contributions of African-Americans Feb. 19 at Rocky's.

"This is a time of celebration and pride. It shows the pride of America as a whole, the walk through the valley to the top of the mountain," said Warrant Officer Lacey Washington, a supply systems technician with the 226th Quartermasters Company.

The event's twenty four acts featured performances from poets to dancers. Private Robert Wien, a chemical equipment repairman with the 632nd Maintenance Company, Wien performed an a cappella version of "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay" by Otis Redding that brought the crowd to loud applause.

"It meant a lot to be a part of something that means so much," he said.

Wien has a long performance history, including making it to the top 32 on the sec-

ond season of "American Idol," and singing the National Anthem on opening day of the San Francisco Giants' 1996 season.

"Soldiers put a lot of hours and hard work to make it happen. I'm glad everyone came out here to support us," Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia B. Howard, the 87th CSSB command sergeant major.

The night's winning performance was a tie between Spc. LaDonna Jenkins, a medical supply specialist with the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, and Pvt. Mark Porter, a transportation specialist with the 396th Transportation Company.

"I feel good," said Jenkins. "It lets you know hard work and determination pays off."

The performers and the crowd were energized. I hope we can have events like this more often," said 1st Lt. Paula Stafford, executive officer with the 226th Quartermasters Company who was in charge of the event.

Soldiers do a number of things to honor our country, and on this night these performers and audience members got together to celebrate a very strong and proud part of our country, black history.



Spc. Michael Adams

**Warrant Officer Lacey Washington, a supply systems technician with the 226th QM Co., performs a spiritual dance at Rocky's Feb. 19 in honor of Black History.**

**The 87th CSSB Choir made up of Spc. Mauricio Ayala; Sgt. Monic Burchette; Lt. Paula Stafford, and Sgt. Kyle Baker, sing during the Black History Month Poetry reading Feb. 19 at Rocky's.**



# African-American Soldiers' legacies still remembered

**Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

African-Americans have fought in every war that the United States has had including the Civil War, both world wars, the Korean War, Vietnam and today during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Buffalo Soldiers, nicknamed by Native American tribes they fought, attained the nickname because of their dark, curly hair, which the Native Americans said resembled a buffalo. The Buffalo Soldiers were the first all-black regiment in the regular U.S. Army and fought during the Indian Wars of the West and the Spanish-American War.

Despite the popular belief that African-American Soldiers were incapable of performing their tasks as white Soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen, piloted the skies in fighter planes, fighting to defend the United States during World War II.

Though their contributions to the Army and the military as a whole date back well before the 1900s, it wasn't until 1947 when President Harry S. Truman passed a law stating that there would be no more segregation due to race, creed, or color in the military. With that, African-Americans were lawfully given equal rights as American Soldiers.

This law began to put an end to some of the racial prejudice and racial profiling blacks had been susceptible to while helping fight in America's wars.

Walter Meeks, director of the Fort Stewart

Museum and avid historian, said that the treatment Soldiers receive today has drastically improved compared to how it was before the integration law was passed.

"The regard the Army has for racial equality in the Army has been very consistent over the years. The public attitude of Soldiers displayed here at Fort Stewart is outstanding," said Meeks.

"The Equal Opportunity program the Army has is extremely efficient at eliminating discriminatory problems," he said.

Sergeant Tyrah Gardner, HHC, 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, said that since she's been in the Army she has never been racially discriminated against because she is black.

"As a black Soldier I haven't had any setbacks or anything regarding my race to prohibit me from advancing in my career," said Gardner.

"In fact, some days when I feel down or if I'm having a bad day at work, I think about all the Soldiers of color who have gone before me and I know if they made it through, I can overcome anything," Gardner added.

Meeks said that one of 3rd ID's greatest Soldiers was a black man whom he found to be a very well-rounded Soldier.

"Sergeant first class John W. Marshall, the oldest Soldier to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 3rd ID, was an outstanding individual. Soldiers just wanted to be around him, you know, be just like him. He had a sound mind and was just plain good

at soldiering," said Meeks.

Marshall died in OIF1 on a convoy into Baghdad April 7, 2003, taking supplies to Soldiers ahead.

Today, it is common to see African-American Soldiers in the Army successfully joining the fight for America's freedom and leading troops of all colors, creeds and nationalities.

At Fort Stewart, Command Sergeant Major Jesse Andrews serves as the 3rd ID and Fort Stewart command sergeant major. Command Sergeant Major Valmond A. Martin is the command sergeant major for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Spartans.

Staff Sergeant William Black, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, said that he is extremely proud of the advancement of African-Americans and he celebrates it daily.

"I know Black History month is celebrated during February, but personally, I celebrate being black and how far we've come as a people every day. I remember Soldiers like the Buffalo Soldiers, and they motivate me daily to do what I need to do as a Soldier and as a person," Black said.

Chief Warrant Officer Charmaine Hilliard, HHC, 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, said the integration law of 1947 bettered opportunities for the Army in its entirety.

"The Army has really progressed dramatically since they passed the integration laws of 1947. I feel as if the Army's total work force was strengthened, and it's good to see our Army fight as one despite all the different racial backgrounds it represents," said Hilliard.

# CSM reads to children, teaches value of education

**Spc. Michael Adams**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, the command sergeant major for the 3rd Infantry Division, took time out of his busy schedule to read the book "More than Anything Else," by Marie Bradby to a group of young children at Club Stewart. The book is a story about civil rights leader, Booker T. Washington learning to read as a child. Andrews said he was proud to read the story during Black History Month. Feb. 22 with his wife Frankie.

"This is a very important event for us," said Andrews. "One of these people here in 15 to 20 years might raise their right hand and be the next 3rd Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major.

"We're proud to be NCOs. We just don't just work Monday through Fridays. We're proud to be cultivating young soldiers for tomorrow," Andrews said to book readers who celebrated the year of the NCO.

Daysha Torres, one of the children in the audience, liked listening to the story. "I liked it when Booker was talk-

ing and learning how to write."

Torres also learned the value of reading from the book. "When you grow older, you could probably read your children a bedtime story. If you become a teacher you could read to your class.

Torres also liked Andrews telling the story. "I think he's a really good guy. He's doing the best he can to help our country be safe."

The event was also a success for adults.

Kerry Fuller, a cadre member with the Military Child Education Coalition, who helped organize the event, thought it was a success.

"I thought it went very well," she said. "He's like a superstar to these kids. He's a great example of how successful these kids can be."

Fuller also acknowledged all the help she got for the event.

"Thanks to all of the volunteers and everyone who has been so supportive," she said.



Spc. Michael Adams

**Kayla Casto, 9, hands her book, 'More than Anything Else' to 3rd ID Command Sgt. Major Jesse Andrews to sign Feb. 22 at Club Stewart. Andrews read the book to about 100 children for MCEC's Tell Me A Story program.**

A Soldier has a busy schedule. They do so much for our country and sometimes they do something as simple as

reading to a group of children, something that not only serves our country but educates our country as well.

# Enjoy March Coastal Empire festivities

## Commentary

Bruce Muncher  
DOIM

Welcome to the month of March; that magical month of blooming azaleas and green shamrocks that usher in those gorgeous days of springtime in the South.

The mornings start out crisp, but by midday, the blue skies and mild temperatures, make it the perfect time for a relaxing walk or pattering in the garden. It is that time we southerners relish; right after the cold of winter and right before the gnats and summer humidity set in. It makes you want to play hooky from work or school and just get away for the day.

They don't call it spring fever for nothing. And with the time changing, the day light elongates into more outdoor time made for Family fun. So enjoy your March with Family and friends and take advantage of each perfect day. Put on shorts and sneakers and enjoy the charm of coastal living. And, be sure to take in a bit of the Irish green. Each new event and festival will bring with it a new adventure and southern style. Venture off your normal path and enjoy some of the following events and festivities.

**March 1** - Georgia Bridal Show is slated to be held 12:30 - 5 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center. Admission is \$10.

**March 1-8** - Enjoy the 68th Annual Bike Week at Daytona Beach, Fla.

**March 3-9** - Savannah International Boat Show is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Trade and Convention

Center. Tickets cost \$8.

**March 5-7** - Azalea International Folk Fair comes to Valdosta, Ga. Tickets cost \$6. For more information, call (229) 506-1973.

**March 5-8** - Charleston Food and Wine Festival comes to Charleston, S.C. For more visit [www.charlestonfoodandwine.com/2009](http://www.charlestonfoodandwine.com/2009).

**March 6** - Officers' Spouses Club hosts Monte Carlo Casino Night from 7 - 11 p.m. at Club Stewart. Tickets, available at Shop of the Marne, are \$15. For more information, call (845) 596-1331.

**March 6** - March of Dimes 5K Shamrock Run jump starts at 6 p.m. at the Savannah City Market. For more information, call 354-5900.

**March 6** - Murder Mystery Dinner Show will be featured from 7 - 9 p.m. at Hunter Club. Tickets cost \$40. For more information, call 459-7923.

**March 6-8** - Beaufort International Film Festival comes to Beaufort, S.C. Tickets cost \$5-\$35. For more information, call (877) 548-3237.

**March 7** - First Saturday on the River will be held at Savannah River Street. For more information, visit [www.riverstreetsavannah.com](http://www.riverstreetsavannah.com).

**March 8** - Swingin' Medallions Concert will play at the Savannah International Boat Show from 1 - 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.

**March 8** - Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks forward and change smoke alarm batteries

**March 8** - Enjoy Saint Patrick's Day Brunch at Club Stewart and Hunter Club from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**March 8** - World Wrestling Extreme Wrestlemania is scheduled for 5 p.m. at

the Savannah Civic Center. Tickets cost \$15-\$50. For more information, call 651-6556.

**March 9** - Olivia Newton-John Concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater. Tickets cost \$45-\$55. For more information, call 651-6556.

**March 11** - Stewart Spring Travel Show comes to Club Stewart from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**March 11** - Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity, Savannah Civic Center, 1930, \$40, 651-6556

**March 11-15** - Hilton Head Wine and Food Festival comes to Hilton Head Island, S.C. Tickets cost \$5-\$99 for various events. For more information, visit [www.hiltonheadhospitality.org/sections/wine-fest/](http://www.hiltonheadhospitality.org/sections/wine-fest/).

**March 13-14** - Enjoy Georgia's longest yard sale, Peaches to the Beaches, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 212 miles Hwy 341 Perry to Brunswick.

**March 14** - Tybee Island St Patrick's Heritage Parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. For more information, call 786-5444

**March 14** - Enjoy Keith Urban in concert at the Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, Ga. Tickets cost \$20-\$40. For more information, call (229) 219-7080.

**March 14-15** - The 42nd Annual Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup returns to Claxton, Ga. For more information, call 739-1391.

**March 17** - The Saint Patrick's Day Parade begins at 10:15 a.m. in Savannah.

**March 19** - Harlem Globetrotters World Tour comes to Savannah Civic Center at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$18-\$70. For more information, call 651-6556.

**March 19 - April 5** - Enjoy Georgia's largest musical arts festival, Savannah Music Festival. For more information, call 525-5050.

**March 19-31** - The 62nd Annual Spring Festival of Houses and Gardens comes to Charleston, S.C. For more information, call (843) 722-3405.

**March 20** - Vernal Equinox Begins; the first day of Spring

**March 21** - GO-pher a Carnival comes to Skidaway Island State Park in Savannah from 1 - 6 p.m.

**March 21** - Rickey Smiley and Friends will be featured at Savannah's Johnny Mercer Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35-\$55. For more information call 651-6556.

**March 25-27** - Swing Central Jazz Competition comes to the Savannah Trade and Convention Center, free.

**March 27-31** - Thomasville Antique Show and Sale comes to Thomasville, Ga., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$12-\$15. For more information, call (229) 225-9354.

**March 31** - The Rat Pack is Back is scheduled for Savannah's Johnny Mercer Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20-\$45. For more information, call 651-6556.

You can check out all of the above local events and many others in the surrounding area by checking out [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil), the Quality Time magazine, Quality Time Calendar, [festivalandevents.com](http://festivalandevents.com), [web.georgia.org/events/](http://web.georgia.org/events/) or [www.connectstewarthunter.com](http://www.connectstewarthunter.com).

Enjoy March with Family and friends but be safe. Do not over indulge and do not drink and drive. Always think safety first.

## Blessing of the Fleet Festival comes to Darien

### Special to the Frontline

See why 35,000 visitors at last year's event recognized the Blessing as the best ever festival! The 41st Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Darien, Ga., will take place March 27-29.

It will have something for everyone including a street parade with Ronald McDonald, sumptuous food booths, lots of vendor booths, Art in the Park, 5K river run, classic car show, shrimp eating contest, helicopter rides, fireworks, a Shrimpbox Derby and the largest Shrimp Fleet Parade in the United States.

The entertainment Friday night includes county stars, Rhett Akins and Vic Waters and Saturday night the Sensational Sounds of Motown.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$13 for youths age 12 and under. Visit [www.BlessingoftheFleet.com](http://www.BlessingoftheFleet.com) for more information or call 437-6684. The following festivities are scheduled:

### March 27

- 5-9 p.m., Vendor booths open in Historic Darien Waterfront Park with live entertainment
- 7 p.m., local legend - Vic Waters
- 8:30 p.m., country star Rhett Akins

### March 28

- 8 a.m., start of Darien River Run/Walk
- 9 a.m., Vendor booths open in historic Darien

- 10 a.m., Street Parade
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art in the Park in Vernon Square
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Helicopter Rides at McIntosh County Middle School Football Field
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Classic Car Show at Mountain Streams Gift Shop
- 2 p.m., Shrimpbox Derby
- 3 p.m., Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Butler Island Pond Waterfront Park, with live entertainment.
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., community performances
- 4 p.m., shrimp eating contest by age groups
- 4 p.m., Coast Guard Rescue & Survival exercise
- 7 p.m., Sensational sounds of Motown
- 9:30 p.m., fireworks

### March 29

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art in the Park in Vernon Square
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Helicopter Rides at McIntosh County Middle School Football Field
- 11 a.m to 5 p.m., Vendor booths open in historic Darien
- Noon, worship service and gospel singing at Waterfront Park
- 2 p.m. The Shrimp Boat Blessing Marine Parade
- 4 p.m. Awards presentation and Lucky Ducky drawing



Courtesy photo

Rhett Akins is slated to perform at the 41st Annual Blessing of the Feet in March.



### Live Oak Public Libraries Programs

#### Preschool Storytime

Live Oak Public Libraries invite children, ages 3-4 10:30 a.m. each Monday in March to Preschool Storytime. Join the fun with stories, songs, and more.

#### Tree Tots Storytime

for children 1-2 is held 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and also includes stories, songs, and more.

#### Read Across America

Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with this special program 10:30 a.m. March 2. The program for children, ages 3 and up invite Families to bring your favorite Seuss to read aloud (parents are welcome to read, too), or choose from our selection.

#### Introduction to Word 2007

This is a beginner's course on using this popular word processing software. Learn how to create, print, and save a document 10:30 a.m. March 5 at the Liberty Branch Library. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

#### PowerPoint 2007

A beginner's course on how to create multi-media presentations for school and business. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or comparable experience 10:30 a.m., March 7. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

#### Introduction to Excel 2007

Learn how to create a simple spreadsheet and add graphs 7 p.m. March 11 at the Liberty Branch Library. Introduction to Word or similar skills are prerequisites. Call 368-4003 to register.

#### It's Cat in the Hat!

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a visit from the Cat in the Hat. Sing songs and have lots of fun! The

event is 10 a.m. March 12 at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children, ages 5 and up.

#### Introduction to Internet Searches

A beginner's course on using the internet is taught 10:30 a.m. March 19 at the Liberty Branch Library. The class will cover using the Internet Explorer browser to navigate through the Internet and print web pages.

Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge are prerequisite: To register, call the library at 368-4003.

#### Introduction to Internet Searches (College Edition)

Introduction to Internet Searches is slated for 10:30 a.m. March 14 at the Liberty Branch Library. The class, for individuals 13 and up, will cover colleges and universities, financial aid opportunities, summer programs for high school students and other tools offered to help students reach the goal of a college degree.

#### Spring Fling

Help us celebrate the arrival of Spring with an hour of family fun! We'll have spring stories, activities, and crafts, 5 p.m. March 18 at the Midway Branch Library. Also, the event will be at the Liberty Branch Library 2 p.m. March 21. For more information, call 884-5742. The event is for youth, ages 4 and up.

#### Work Smarter, Not Harder!

Work Smarter, not Harder, presented by Tommy Johns, allows learners to handle wheels, pulleys, levers, wedges, incline planes and screws in a way that makes abstract concepts concrete. Kids learn how simple machines make work easier, 2 p.m. March 28 at the Liberty Branch library.

#### Computer Practice Session

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.

This class is offered 10:30 March 12 and 26 at the Liberty Branch Library, 368-4003.

### Enjoy arts, crafts in Jesup

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, Georgia Gourd Society, and the American gourd Society invite community members 7 p.m., every third Monday of the month to enjoy art-sand crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park, on South Brunswick Street in Jesup. Monday's class is painting gourd birdhouses.

There are no dues. A cost of \$5 to \$10 covers the gourds, paint and supplies. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail [catsewg@bellsouth.net](mailto:catsewg@bellsouth.net).

### 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](http://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 at the door or you can call 344-2801, or visit [www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets](http://www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets).



# Army Community Service

**W**elcome 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.

## Get tips on preparing for deployment

Join the military and family life consultants for an informative discussion entitled Living the Military Life: Preparing for Deployment, today at the Hunter Theater. You'll learn helpful tools on how to prepare yourself mentally for deployment, helping your Family stay "Army Strong." There are seats available for the afternoon session from 1 to 3 p.m. or the evening session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call ACS-Hunter at 315-6816 for more information.

## 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 tomorrow's session at Stewart or 315-6816 for the March 5 workshop at Hunter. Both workshops run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Bowl with EFMP

A fun night of bowling for Family Members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program begins at 6 p.m., Monday at Marne Lanes. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Army Families and enjoy an evening of active bowling with your Family and the EFMP staff. For more information on EFMP, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Newcomers Expo

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.

## Attend job fair

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

## Deal with redeployment

Learn how to best prepare for and deal with the changes for you, your children, and your Soldier upon redeployment (challenges of the reunion, intimacy issues, communication and conflict resolution skills and more) and develop tools to make the transition a smooth one. Soldiers and spouses are invited to meet at ACS-Hunter beginning at 12:30 p.m., Monday. The session repeats at ACS-Stewart beginning at 10:30 a.m., March 4. For directions or information, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart. Also ask about child care.

## Attend FRG training

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

## Attend Home Buying Workshop

If you are considering purchasing a home, register now to attend a Home Buying Workshop, 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 March 11 workshop, or 767-5058/5059 to register at Stewart for the March 21 workshop. Both workshops begin at 9 a.m. Take advantage of this educational workshop and become an informed home buyer.

## Learn and grow with AFTB

Living within an Army Family culture can be challenging, and Army Family Team Building offers several classes to help Families thrive in the military lifestyle.

Level III: "Lead" teaches skills to enhance leadership abilities. Topics include coaching and mentoring, communication skills, how to build cohesive teams, manage group conflict, delegate, manage meetings, and more. Sign up now for the Level III class at Stewart, offered from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 3-5.

Other upcoming AFTB classes include AFTB Level I: "Learn the Army" which teaches basic skills and knowledge to succeed in the military environment, March 10-12 at Stewart and (for the convenience of those living off-post) March 11-12 in Richmond Hill, and Level II "Grow!" which teaches skills to enhance personal growth and development, March 18-20 at Hunter and March 24-26 at Stewart. To register for free AFTB classes, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care.

## Survive credit card debt

Even in today's tightening credit market, it's easy to get in over your head. A straightforward and easy-to-understand workshop entitled "Surviving Credit Card Debt" will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., March 11 at Stewart. This workshop offers tools and guidelines to prevent problems in the future and cure problems that may already exist. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

## 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. Call 315-6816 to register for the 11:30 a.m. class at Hunter, March 12 or 767-5058/5059 for the 10 a.m. class at Stewart, March 25.

## Learn about your toddler

Parents with children ages 1 to 4 are invited to attend a three-week workshop entitled 1,2,3,4 Parents! Mom and Dad will learn techniques for bonding with your child, how to keep your child safe, why your child acts like he/she does, and why taking care of yourself is important. At Stewart, the class begins March 9 and continues each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. At Hunter, the class begins March 10 and continues each Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

## Attend overseas briefing

If you are moving to Korea or Germany, come learn about your new duty station! You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your

move a smooth one. Family Members are highly encouraged to attend. Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the overseas briefing at Stewart on Tuesday or call 315-6816 for the March 4 briefing at Hunter.

Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

## Employment help available

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

Job Hunting 101 offers instruction on various topics in the job search process to include resume writing, networking, interviewing, and dressing for success, 11 a.m., March 12 at Hunter. The session repeats March 26.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, offered at Hunter 10 a.m., March 5 and March 19 and at Stewart 2 p.m., March 9, 16 and 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, 1 p.m., March 17 and at Stewart beginning at 3 p.m., March 11.

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.

## 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., March 4 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., March 17. At Stewart, meet at the relocation office beginning at 11:30 a.m., March 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.

## Bring the kids to Play Mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) 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. Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

## 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 704-9505 or 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 492-6367, 492-6428, 432-1033, 536-7854, or 432-1798. If you prefer to meet with a counselor somewhere off-post, please call 432-0013 to schedule an appointment and request a location that is convenient for you.

Walk-in services are also available without appointment at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, 1 p.m. each Friday; Glennville Welcome Center, 1 p.m. each Thursday, Pembroke Senior Center, 2 p.m. each Monday, and Hinesville National Guard, 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

# Navy JROTC students get up-close look at Army

**Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Several Brunswick High School, U.S. Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Course students got a chance to see equipment used by U.S. Soldiers up-close and personal at 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division motor pool, Feb 18.

The students' visit to the motor pool allowed them to view the 3/7 Cavalry static display, including the M3 Bradley and the M1A1 Abrams tank.

Retired Marine Corps Sergeant Major Fred Wheeler escorted the JROTC students to Fort Stewart and down into the 3/7 motor pool.

"This is our first trip here this year, and the kids are very excited to be this close to actual war-fighting machines," said Wheeler. "I think being able to climb aboard the tanks is what has them smiling the most."

The students, ranging between grades nine and 12, listened attentively as 1st Sgt. Todd Crawford, Troop A, 3/7 Cav., shared with them information on the history, data, and variants of the equipment.

The first sergeant then turned the students over to Sgt. James Lawson, Troop A, 3/7 Cav., who gave them a hands-on tour of the Bradley and showed them how the Bradley worked inside and out.

"This is my first year in JROTC, and I've done a lot of cool things already, but this trip was amazing, said Emily Day, a ninth grade Navy JROTC student. "It was definitely cool learning about the tanks. I really want to be in the military after I graduate, and now, I think working around tanks is something I'd like to do," she said.

Day's plans are encouraging to Wheeler, who hopes they learned something.

"It's important for these kids to be able to visit different military posts so that they see the military up close; maybe they'll like what they see and be influenced to make the military a career after graduation," Wheeler said. He added he thought it was important to expose them to all the branches of the military, not just the Navy.

Lieutenant Colonel William C. Lindner, 3/7 Cav. commander, told the young visitors that it didn't matter what uniform they decided to wear, the military had endless opportunities regardless of the branch.

The lieutenant colonel also said that the students' visit to the motor pool

was a great opportunity for the Soldiers as well as the students.

"It all starts here," he said. "These students are now more knowledgeable of the military as a whole. These are the people who will replace us one day."



Pfc. Crystal Bradley

**First Sergeant Todd Crawford, Troop A, 3/7 Cav., 2nd BCT, tells Brunswick High School, U.S. Navy JROTC students the history of the M3 Bradley Feb. 18 at the 3/7 Cav. motor pool.**

## Notice of Availability: EA, draft finding for new Hunter school

Courtesy of DPW

Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Establishment of a Savannah - Chatham County Elementary School at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.:

The U.S. Army proposes to lease property lying within the boundary of Hunter Army Airfield to the Savannah - Chatham County Public School System to the Chatham County Board of Education for the purpose of building a new elementary school. Georgia law (20-2-260) requires all school systems to develop and maintain a long-range comprehensive facilities plan that is updated every 5 years to be eligible to participate in Georgia's Capital Outlay Program.

The Savannah - Chatham County Public School System proposes to build a new elementary school as a replacement for the existing Pulaski Elementary School in Chatham County, Ga. Approximately 525 students from Chatham County and Hunter currently attend Pulaski Elementary School.

The elementary school would provide education and recreational space for approximately 687 elementary school children.

The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and all other components of the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a draft FNSI, indicates that no significant

adverse impacts would result from the proposed action. A copy of the EA and draft FNSI is now available for public review through March 21 at the public libraries listed below. All public review comments must be received no later than March 21.

**Lieutenant George P. Hays Library,** building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314  
Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday, closed  
Saturday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Hunter Army Airfield Library,** building 1290, 165 Markwell St., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409  
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday, closed  
**Liberty County Public Library**  
236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Ga.  
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

**Mall Branch Library,**  
7 Mall Annex, Savannah, Ga.  
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

**Request all comments be mailed to:**  
Acting Chief, Environmental Division  
Attention: Tressa M. Rutland  
Directorate of Public Works  
1550 Frank Cochran Drive, bldg. 1137  
Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927



Nancy Gould

## Hunter welcomes new residents

*Lieutenant Colonel Dan Whitney, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, speaks to 158 members of the Savannah Newcomers Club at their monthly luncheon held Feb. 18 at the Hunter Club. The group meets at different locations in Savannah to familiarize new residents of the coastal community with different aspects of Savannah. After lunch, the group visited the 75th Ranger Memorial, accompanied by Lt. Col. Brian Mennes, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment commander.*

# Soldier earns trip to Germany

**Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Third Infantry Division Soldiers have proven their efficiency and accuracy in the career of soldiering repeatedly since the beginning of the division's time.

Soldiers, such as 2nd Lt. Audie Murphy, have accomplished valorous feats throughout 3rd ID's history, giving the division a stand-up reputation for tough, fit-to-fight, and knowledgeable Soldiers.

Sergeant Michelle Shedd, Company A, 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, continues to uphold the Marne legacy.

The sergeant added her own special piece of history to the division's outstanding track record when she earned a trip to Garmisch, Germany for five weeks of training after winning a contest held during Marne Week of 2008 at Fort Stewart.

Shedd competed in the linguist competition held at the division's language lab against several other Soldiers from each brigade on post.

After scoring the highest on an Arabic test, Shedd was declared the

winner of the competition and awarded an opportunity to take a five-week Iraqi dialect course in Germany.

Shedd, who holds the position of cryptologic linguist as her military occupational specialty, said that taking the trip was very rare for a Marne Soldier.

"Some of the other linguists stationed here have traveled to places like Fort Gordon to take training courses, but I am the first Soldier on Fort Stewart to travel abroad to take a course," said Shedd. "This definitely is an honor."

Shedd's military occupational skill, which requires Soldiers to be fluent in speaking as well as in writing in at least one foreign language, gave her the opportunity to learn the Arabic language.

She trained at the Defense Language Institute in California during her Advanced Individual Training to become sufficient at her skill.

Shedd said that after advanced individual training, it still took her a year to become more familiar with the language.

"To really become familiar with any foreign language, a person has to speak and write it for about a

year," Shedd said. "You just get better with time and practicing it repeatedly also helps a lot."

Shedd said she was excited when she won the contest and learned that she would be spending five weeks in Germany at the George C. Marshall Center taking a course to improve her language skills even more.

"At AIT, I learned a lot about the Arabic language but the course was more in depth and covered a lot more of modern standard Arabic," she said. "The instructor himself was native Iraqi and very hands-on. We got a chance to hear the language correctly spoken a lot."

He also brought his wife and daughter around a lot so that we could hear more people interacting and speaking the language, she added.

Shedd said that the course helped her to become even better at her MOS.

"Though I did win that contest and have been doing my job as a linguist for quite a while, the course taught me a lot," she said. "I'll be going back down range soon and sharpening my skills is a good thing because they really come in handy while deployed."

# Gain spiritual strength during lent

**Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop**  
WTB Chaplain

No kissing, no hugging, no petting and no sex is what the character 'Matt' vowed to do after 'Nicole' brutally broke up with him in the movie "Forty Days and Forty Nights." Matt vowed to be celibate for 40 days and 40 nights during Lent in order to prove to himself and to others that he could finish what his mind determines to do. Through this process he sought to gain mastery over his natural instincts and passions.

The focus of Lent, however, should not be on what is being denied, but on what is being

gained: spiritual strength, discipline, and deepened faith. Faith helps believers to control their natural instincts, passions, and lusts. Faith helps to distinguish need from want. Faith helps to channel our natural instincts and passions into positive actions and relationships. The spiritual dimension is essential. Fasting is one means used by people of faith to accomplish these goals.

During the 40 days and nights of Lent, Christians are encouraged to forego certain foods or activities prior to Resurrection Sunday in order to gain spiritual strength and discipline. Scripture exhorts Christians at all times to remove

their old sinful habits and lusts and to begin a new way of living (**Ephesians 4:14-5:20**). The change is for a lifetime, not just for 40 days and 40 nights.

During the season of Lent, be transformed by the renewing of your minds (**Romans 12:1-2**). The apostle Paul put it this way, "**Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.**" (**Philippians 4:8**)

Set your minds on higher things, rather than the base things of this world.

## Stations of the Cross

**Hunter Chapel**  
Catholic: 6 p.m.,  
each Friday,  
starting 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. at  
Heritage Chapel



CHAPLAIN'S  
CORNER

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
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.

<b>Islamic</b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		

<b>Jewish</b>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

<b>Latter-Day Saints</b>		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

<b>Catholic</b>		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
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](mailto:fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com)

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior

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](mailto: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](mailto:judith.forshee@us.army.mil) or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 extension 209 or e-mail [rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org](mailto:rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org).