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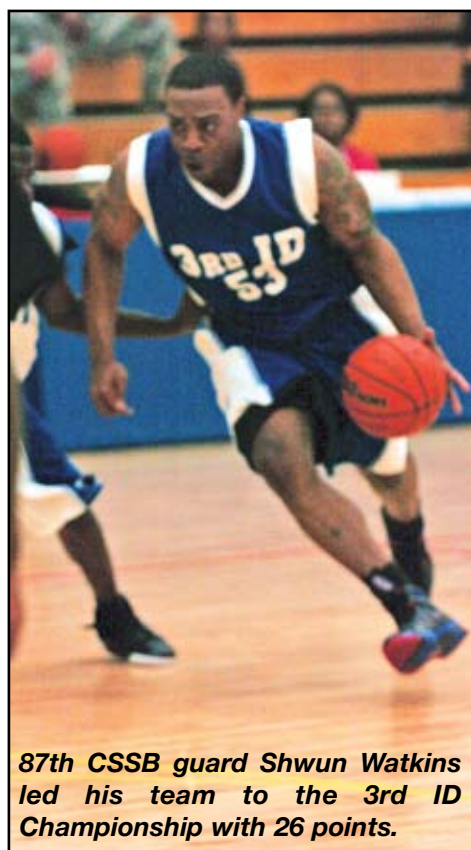
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## 87th CSSB downs USCG for 3rd ID basketball crown

Jennifer Hartwig  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

After losing the 2009 3rd ID intramural basketball championship, the 87th CSSB Base Warriors out of Fort Stewart, just weeks away from deploying to Afghanistan, were out for redemption this season. They got it March 4, when they defeated the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Savannah, 72-60 in the 2010 3rd ID championship.

"We came up short last year," 87th CSSB coach Barion Freeman said to his team after the game. "We've redeemed



87th CSSB guard Shwun Watkins led his team to the 3rd ID Championship with 26 points.

"Our motivation was revenge; we didn't want to lose (the 3rd ID title) twice."

Shaun Watkins  
87th CSSB shooting guard

ourselves. Number one!"

The 2009-2010 Hunter champion Coast Guard-Savannah team opened the game strong, taking a 10-1 lead, led by three-pointers from Jay Twitty (21 points) and Jimmy Farmer (18 points).

But the Fort Stewart champs got it together and went on a 15-0 run, taking a 16-10 lead after five minutes with a defensive rebound by Shaun Watkins (26 points), who sent a long pass to Terrance Clark (16 points), who buried the one-on-one layup.

The Coast Guard answered, with Chris Battle scoring his team's first bucket in more than five minutes, and Jermaine Williams closed the gap 16-15 with a three.

Less than two minutes later, Watkins went off for three-straight buckets, including one three-pointer, putting the Base Warriors ahead 30-22.

USCG answered with a three from Farmer, and a three-point play by Battle closed the gap to 30-28.

With six seconds left in the first half, an Eric White layup gave 87th CSSB, part of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, the four-point lead that they took into the locker room.



Photos by Jennifer Hartwig

Coast Guard forward Jimmy Farmer grabs a defensive rebound before 87th CSSB guard Jermaine Williams can get it. The rebound wasn't indicative of the game, as the Fort Stewart Champion Base Warriors defeated the Hunter Champion Coasties 72-60 for the 3rd ID Intramural Basketball Championship at Tominac Fitness Center at Hunter Army Airfield, March 4.

Both teams opened the second half with a three-pointer, and the game stayed tight for most of the half.

The Base Warriors started to blow it open with a 3-pointer from Watkins that gave his team a 45-35 lead. But Coast Guard had an answer with some field goals of their own, starting with the first of

four in the half for Twitty, this one from 8 feet behind the arc.

"That's what we won by the whole season," said USCG team captain Tim Estip, referring to the 3-point shot.

In the second half, 21 of the Coast Guard's 32 points came from behind the arc.

## BASKETBALL

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## 3rd HBCT Soldiers unwind, play basketball

Staff Sgt. Natalie Hedrick  
3rd HBCT Public Affairs Office

**CONTINGENCY OPERATING STATION ECHO, Iraq**—When the Soldiers of the Scout Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, got together March 6 on the court at COS Echo, they played basketball.

They weren't thinking about the mission at that point. They weren't thinking about the elections that were going to happen just on the other side of the barriers that separate COS Echo from Iraq and all its culture.

"It's good to be in shape," said Spc. Andrew Cook, a scout in the unit. "It's good cardio, and it's fun to run around and get crazy."

"It helps keep our morale up," added Spc. Robert Flanagan, also in the platoon. "It keeps our minds off of being here. We are doing something a little different than our mission."

The mission, that expands beyond their platoon to the entire 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, is to advise and assist the Iraqi Security Forces in their mission to provide security to the people of Iraq. The brigade is responsible for providing this advice and assistance to five provinces across southern Iraq. The scout platoon operates in the province of Diwaniyah.

"We try to stay out of their way," Spc. Cook said.

"We just let them handle their business," Flanagan added. "We pretty much just keep a lookout and help them if they need help."

There's a short silence.

"We can tell we are part of something important even though we don't really see it," said Pfc. Matthew Mischler, the platoon medic.

Private First Class Mischler was talking about the Iraqi National elections held March 7. These are the first elections where the Iraqi government and ISF are completely in the lead.

"It's gonna be cool when my kids are in school, and they come home and say they are learning about Iraq," said Pfc. Julian Smith, another scout in the platoon. "I could tell them that I was a part of that. I will have stories to tell."

The scouts took a moment to put themselves in the shoes of the local citizens. In their own words they talked of pride, hope and freedom.

"I would be happy that these elections are taking place," Spc. Flanagan said. "That means we are pulling away from U.S. Forces and running our own show."

"I would be proud," Spc. Cook added. "It would mean the U.S. would be on their way out of the country. The Iraqi people have been through a lot and for them to be able to vote for who they want to run their country is great."

"I would have a sense of national pride," Pfc. Mischner said followed by a chatter of agreement slang.

Again, there is a short silence.

"Hopefully they will choose the right people to make the right decisions for this country," Spc. Flanagan said.

He added, if he were part of the ISF, he would be confident in his unit but would also question whether things might start to revert back to the way they were once U.S. Forces left the country.

Although they could speculate what it would be like to be a citizen of the country of Iraq, they aren't. They are American Soldiers, part of the 1/15 Inf. They are focused on their mission.

"There is so much going on and all of the units play such a crucial part," Pfc. Mischler said. "We have been really lucky we haven't seen anything serious. The combat medic badge is good and all but if I never get it, I'll be happy."

So until their next mission the scout platoon will play basketball, getting away from the stresses of the deployment but never forgetting why they're in Iraq.

## Hunter hosts more than 200 athletes in Hunter Sprint Triathlon



Sgt. Brittina Williams, Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Cameron Dorn, 22, of Waterloo, S.C., crosses the finish line in first place with a time of 54:03 to win the Hunter Sprint Triathlon, March 6. More than 200 participants from across the region competed in the Hunter Army Airfield-hosted event.

# BASKETBALL

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The Hunter champs closed the gap to 45-40 with a layup by Ozzie DeLoach, but the Base Warriors answered with a behind-the-back pass from Terrance Clark to Marice Warren, who laid it in.

Another Coast Guard three-pointer was answered by a three-point play from DeAnthony Rosser, and Watkins grabbed a loose ball and took it in for a quick layup and the 53-43 lead.

“They were just good,” said Estip. “We just didn’t play well.”

From there, Coast Guard again

closed the gap to five points, led by two field goals in a row from Twitty, making it 65-60.

But with less than a minute to play, a slam dunk by Rosser all but shut the door on the Hunter champs, and layup by Clark put the game out of reach for the Coasties.

“Our motivation was revenge; we didn’t want to lose twice,” said Watkins, who led his team with 26 points. “Our game plan was just to play team ball, and play good defense, which we did.”

After last year’s loss in the Stewart-Hunter championship game, the Base Warriors weren’t about to take the Hunter champs lightly.

“Our game plan was the same for us as always – play loose, man-to-man, team ball,” Freeman said. “We could have been better at times, but we did what it took.”

In the end, the men from 87th CSSB, who are set to deploy in the coming weeks, won a hard-fought game with finesse and by playing on the court as they do in the field – as a team.



Photos by Jennifer Hartwig

**The 2010 3rd ID Champions, the 87th CSSB Base Warriors stand tall. The Fort Stewart champions, who will deploy to Afghanistan in the coming weeks, defeated the Hunter Army Airfield champions from the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Savannah, 72-60, in the installation championship game at Hunter's Tominac Fitness Center, March 4.**



**Fort Stewart 87th CSSB guard Terrance Clark sends a pass to forward Eric White during the second half of the 3rd ID championship game against the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Savannah, March 4. The Fort Stewart champs defeated the Hunter champions 72-60.**

### 87th CSSB-USCG Box Score

#### 87th CSSB (72)

Shaun Watkins 26, Terrance Clark 16, DeAnthony Rosser 13, Eric White 11, Horace Bright 2, Josephy Phillips, Jr. 2, Mickey Campbell 1

#### USCG (60)

Jay Twitty 21, Jimmy Famer 18, Chris Battle 9, Ozzie Deloach 7, Eric Lawton 5

87th CSSB (32-40-72)

USCG (28-32-60)

# 1/75 Rangers hold 5K/10K Run, March 6



Sgt. Brittna Williams,  
Hunter Public Affairs

**Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar takes first place in the Ranger 5K run at Hunter Army Airfield, March 6, with a time of 21:08.**



**1/75 Ranger Commander, Col. Brian Mennes, checks the final times with his daughter, Haley, 11, who finished in first place in the Under-18 Women's Division of 1/75 Ranger 10K, with a time of 53:11.**

### Overall results

#### 1/75 Ranger Regt. 10K

- 1st Place  
Staff Sgt. John Watkins, 1/75 Rangers  
36:01
- 2nd Place  
Capt. Dan Mahoney, 1/75 Rangers  
36:31
- 3rd Place  
Garth Peterson  
36:53

### Overall results

#### 1/75 Ranger Regt. 5K

- 1st Place  
Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, Hunter garrison commander  
21:08
- 2nd Place  
Christopher Callahan  
22:04
- 3rd Place  
Maj. Simon Macioch, 1/75 Rangers  
22:31

# TIME OUT! The end of the hometown discount

**Commentary by Jennifer Hartwig**  
*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

We're always mad at athletes when they leave our team to go play for more money elsewhere. We think everyone should be willing to take the "hometown discount," because really, where is it better to play than (insert your city here)?

We expect an athlete, who is most likely not originally from the location of our team, to take less money to stay there, even though his ties to the team were likely only formed a few years ago.

They aren't like us; they haven't grown up cheering on the (insert team name), going to watch them at the ballpark, or wearing their paraphernalia. So, what makes us think that Scott Fujita had any more ties to New Orleans than any of you do to Fort Stewart? So what that Jervis Green spent the past nine years with the Patriots? The Broncos came calling, and he followed the money. Just because we are attached to these athletes doesn't mean the feeling is mutual.

We take it personally when Roger Clemens

chooses to leave us to be closer to his home in Texas - then goes to Toronto. Can we blame him for taking more money? No way, we all do it, moving jobs for more money, better benefits, or less of a commute. Maybe we just wanted him to say that straight up.

We're offended when Chester Taylor leaves the Vikings to go to Chicago to be a number-one back, and we thought A-Rod was a "sellout" for ditching Seattle for \$252 million from Texas.

If I want more money, I look for a new job, and perhaps a new location. Why? Because I'm looking out for myself, trying to make the best life as I can for myself and my Family.

But because ball players make millions, we say, "What's the difference between \$110 million and \$125 million?"

Well, the difference is \$15 million and, after taxes, agent fees, lawyers' fees and the like, that extra money comes in handy. What would YOU do for \$15 million? I'm sure you would leave your job in a heartbeat, even if you'd been there 10, or even 20 years.

In the end, it's a job. The players are out there, yes, for fun, but also to make a living for themselves and their Family.

When football players hold out of their contract, saying they need more money to "feed their Family," of course, they are being facetious. They may not mean actually putting food in their children's mouths but more likely providing them with a lifestyle to which they have become accustomed, and they think that they deserve, based on others in similar employment.

Sure, there are the Derek Jeters and Tim Duncans who will probably stay with the Yankees and Spurs, where they've spent their entire careers, but the sad truth is they are in the minority. We want all ball players to be like Larry Bird or Cal Ripken Jr., who spend their entire careers with one club, usually taking a pay cut to do so. But nowadays, that just doesn't happen. Even Michael Jordan left the Bulls. Athletes just don't have the loyalty they once had, and we can blame that on free agency, and it will be rare for us to see the likes of Bird or Ripken again.

## Coca-Cola/Ohio Wesleyan College-Am set at Hunter

**Bob Mathews**  
*FMWR Marketing*

Seventy-five golfers from 10 colleges and universities will compete in the Coca-Cola/Ohio Wesleyan University Tournament, scheduled to be played at Hunter Golf Club on March 12-13. This year's event, the 12th annual, has a new sponsor - Coca-Cola - and will, for the first time, include a women's competition. Two women's teams, from Savannah State and Wheaton College Women's Division, will compete.

Local golfers are invited to tee it up with a potentially future PGA or LPGA tour stars March 11 in the Coca-Cola/Ohio Wesleyan University College-Am.

"We're looking for three-person

teams, and those teams can include women players, but individuals are welcome, too," said Tommie McArthur, PGA professional who manages the Hunter and Stewart golf courses.

The cost is just \$60 for the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start and includes the golf car fee, lunch, a tournament social, prizes and driving range balls. Registration is open until March 10 and a spot can be reserved by calling 315-9115.

McArthur said the College-Am is an opportunity for Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and other guest players to tell the Army story and interact with young persons who likely have never set foot on a military post before.

"We'd like to help these student ath-

letes learn about what military life is. They get the gist of it because they see the Soldiers doing PT and things like that, but we'd like to showcase to these student athletes what our heroes go through when they are at war, doing the things they do to allow us to do what we want to do."

Ohio Wesleyan University again is the host school for the event this year. Other schools fielding teams are Bryant University, Olivet College, Savannah State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Transylvania University, Wheaton College, Wesley College, Lehigh University and West Liberty State College.

Men's division competitors will play 54 holes and the women 36 holes on March 12 and March 13.

McArthur said he will do everything possible to match up College-Am guest players with a school they request, provided they make reservations early. "We'll try to accommodate anyone who is an alumni," he said.

In the College-Am, a three-person scramble team will be paired with a collegiate player. The collegiate player will play his own ball and the score of the scramble team added to the collegiate player will establish a team score.

McArthur said collegiate and other golfers find the Hunter course, with its elevated greens, to be a challenge. "It challenges the players mentally as well as physically," McArthur said.