

SPORTS & RECREATION

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3rd ID Soldier places 3rd in Fun Run

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, Iraq – A bright sunny day with clear blue skies was the background for an energy-charged crowd of Airmen and Soldiers chit-chatting, stretching, talking and laughing as they prepared for the Air Force-sponsored 4.1-mile Fun Run on Forward Operating Base Warrior, April 1.

Close to 90 servicemembers gathered on FOB Warrior to have fun, maybe place and receive a "Krab" April Fools' Day t-shirt.

First place was taken by Milwaukee, Wis., native Staff Sgt. Lawrence Smith of 1-1 Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, out of Fort Bliss, Texas (Ready First).

Staff Sergeant Smith, who is a member of the Fort Bliss Army 10-Miler team, was described by one of the race facilitators as "that guy who always comes in first."

"This is my fifth one," Staff Sgt. Smith said. "I won three and placed in the top three or better in each race I entered."

Second place went to 1st Lt. Richard Morrow of 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, Ready First, and a Benton, Ark., native.

Third place was secured by Pfc. Gregory Templeton of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, a Danville, Calif. native.

"This is my first time placing," said Pfc. Templeton, who has entered six races in six months.

Sergeant First Class Lance Clark, Ready First, came in fourth. "I haven't run in (a race) in six years," Sgt. 1st Class Clark said.

Jerry Manning, a 56-year-old contractor with West Star, came in fifth.

The race went well as the participants were given water, Gatorade, T-shirts and the opportunity to relax, stay fit and have fun.



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TOP: A team of runners from 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, from Fort Bliss, Texas, pose after successfully completing the April 1st Fun Run on Forward Operating Base Warrior, Iraq.

LEFT: Airmen race to the finish line during the April 1st Fun Run on Forward Operating Base Warrior, Iraq.



DSTB hosts Women's History Month run/walk



Spc. Jessica Rohr

First Lieutenant Stephen Krutko, commander of Company B, 21st Combat Support Hospital, leads the start of the Women's History Month 6K run hosted by the Division Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, near Tikrit, Iraq, March 29.



Command Sgt. Maj. Byron Loyd

First Lieutenant Korneliya Waters, Adjutant, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, receives a congratulatory high five from Soldiers after crossing the finish line. First Lieutenant Waters was the first female runner to finish with a time of 27:43 during the Women's History Month 6K run hosted by the DSTB at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, near Tikrit, Iraq, March 29.

Students come to Hurricanes' aide

Patty Leon
Special to the Frontline

Students in Dr. Lee's Proffitt's fifth-grade writing class at Liberty Elementary School are learning how to write persuasively and helping the Hinesville Hurricanes semi-professional football team. They're contacting potential sponsors and working to get the squad new uniforms for the 2010 summer season.

"They have different data and different supporting information on how the Hurricanes have helped the community and how the Hurricanes have contributed to the community," Proffitt said. "They are trying to convince the community to support the Hurricanes this season."

The Hinesville Hurricanes were established in Liberty County in 1999. The team offers adults of all ages a chance to play football and participate in community events.

Every year, squad members volunteer at the annual NFL Punt, Kick and Pass contest on Fort Stewart. The Hurricanes attend many other community events, including last Saturday's Easter egg hunt on Fort Stewart. Last year, players visited Reyna Reinhard's accelerated reading class and gave team T-shirts and gifts to students who reached their reading goals.

The Hurricanes even gave a commemorative team helmet to Liberty Elementary Principal Chris Anderson.

This year, Reinhard said, her students wanted to help the football team. She said a group of fourth- and fifth-graders wrote letters asking area businesses to help the Hurricanes acquire new uniforms.

"They care about youth a lot more than most teams do," fifth-grader Anthony Pierce said.

Pierce, who said he thinks about becoming a journalist, pieced together different ideas before completing his letter. "I'm looking

at the paper and seeing how things come together," he said.

Another student, Tyreon Freeman, said he likes football and wanted to write a letter because he thought he could get the community to support the team. "They support the children in other schools," he said.

Reinhard said the students finished their letters Friday before spring break.

During the break, she and Hurricanes head coach James Sharp will select the winning letters, which will be distributed to local businesses.

"The children are a prime example of what a role model is," Sharp said. "Their excitement in writing the letter in support of the Hurricanes is an excellent example of true sportsmanship and is an unselfish act, which is what a true role model is, not for self but for others."

Reinhard said the first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade will receive trophies and will be invited, along with their families, to the Hinesville Hurricanes' pre-season game on May 8 against the Beaufort Broncos.

Sharp said the game starts at 2 p.m. and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin will likely toss the game coin.

In addition to the persuasive letter writing contest, Liberty Elementary is focused on enhancing students' reading skills. The school partnered with the Savannah Sand Gnats for the Book Bugs Reading Program.

The program recognizes participants who reach 25 percent of their goal by awarding them special Sand Gnat prizes. Those who reach 100 percent of their reading goals will receive tickets to a Sand Gnats game on a night specifically dedicated to the school.

Liberty Elementary School's game day is May 26. Students who receive tickets will parade around the infield before the game.

TIME OUT! Athletic disappointment

Commentary by Jennifer Hartwig
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Disappointment is something we all have to live with and accept. Things just don't always go our way. It can be as insignificant as not getting the Christmas gift you wanted, or as life-altering as not getting stationed where you hoped.

Monday night, I think most Americans were disappointed when Duke beat Butler by two points for the National Championship. I know I was.

I wasn't disappointed because I dislike Duke – I don't really dislike them, but I don't particularly like them, either. I guess I'd say I'm pretty ambivalent about them – but because I, like most people, like to see David beat Goliath. I like the thought that a team from the Horizon Conference can beat a team from the mighty ACC. But on Monday night, like most nights, Goliath won, and I was disappointed.

I think the thing that disappoints me the most

is that this one was Butler's chance; they may never get back to the national championship game, whereas Duke undoubtedly will. It was their chance – their one and only chance – to win the national championship, and those pesky Blue Devils beat them by a measly two points.

Everyone knows Duke – Coach K, Christian Laettner, five national championships, countless NBA stars. But how many people even know where Butler is? I sure didn't until this past week, and that's only because the Final Four was held just minutes from their campus in Indianapolis. Duke recruits across the country, whereas ten of Butler's 15 players are from Indiana. Currently, Duke has 13 alumni in the NBA. Butler? Not a one. In fact, they've only had three EVER. However, sophomore forward Gordon Hayward, from Indiana, looks to change that streak and is being projected as a possible first-round pick.

You can't pick a better "David" than Butler. Or a bigger "Goliath" than Duke.

It would have been like the Miracle on Ice, or Hoosiers (conincidentally, Butler plays at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, where the championship game in the movie "Hoosiers" was played).

That last shot taken by Hayward, I thought it was going in; I thought it was meant to be, that the little guy would finally beat the big bully. But, alas, it was not meant to be. It was not to be the best game-winning shot in the history of basketball. Because that's what it would have been if Butler had won the national championship over Duke.

Sure, I was disappointed in the outcome – but what a tournament and what a way to cap it off. From the start, there were upsets galore: top-ranked Kansas went out in the second round; Georgetown got knocked off in the first round; the Northern Iowa run; and, of course, Butler making the title game.

I may be disappointed that Duke won, but I certainly can't say I was disappointed in the tournament – it was one of the best in recent memory.

SPORTS & RECREATION BRIEFS

The CYSS Central Registration, building 443, Gulick Avenue is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., for sign-up. For additional information, call the Youth Sports Office at Jordan Youth Gym at 767-4371.

Register for Stewart Baseball, T-Ball

Baseball registration for CYSS youth will continue until April 30.

Evaluations for all age groups (except T-Ball) will be held May 1, beginning at 9 a.m. for 7-8 year-olds; 12 p.m. for 9-10 year-olds; and 2 p.m. for 11-13 year-olds. Age groups listed are tentative and may need to be adjusted depending on number of participants registered for each age group.

Register at Fort Stewart CYSS, building 443, Gulick Avenue. Hours of operation Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more registration regarding sports registration, please call 767-2312. For more information on baseball, please call 767-4371. Volunteers are urgently needed to coach teams. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please call the Youth Sports office at 767-4371.

For more information on sports available, please call Jordan Youth Gym Sports Office at 767-4371 or 767-9270.

NOTE: Current sports physical is required when registering for CYSS programs, and must not expire before the program ends.

New golf programs offered

Two new programs begin today at Taylors Creek Golf Course, building 2150, and Hunter Golf Club, building 8205. The new programs, which will continue through the end of the year, include:

Club Rental Program - Each time you rent a set of clubs, your name will be entered into a drawing at end of quarter for a free four-some. Rental fees: \$6 (9 holes) and \$12 (18 holes). At end of the year, all names will be entered into drawing for chance to win a set of clubs.

Free admission to Verizon Heritage Golf Tournament, April 15-18

Active-duty military and their Family Members get free admission with their military ID to the Verizon Heritage Golf Tournament from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 15-18. Servicemembers and their Families can also get complimentary food and beverages at The Patriots' Outpost, a hospitality tent on the 18th fairway. For more information about the tournament, go to www.verizonheritage.com.

Golf Giveaway Extravaganza - Purchase a round of golf with golf car and have a chance to guess how many golf balls are in our mystery object. The person with the closest number without going over each quarter will win a round of golf for four. At end of the year, all participants will be entered into drawing for a chance to win one month's worth of unlimited golf.

For more information, call 767-2370 at Stewart or 315-9115 at Hunter.

Wellness Fair scheduled at Newman

Newman Fitness Center will be the site for a free, two-hour fitness event titled "Wellness Fair: Mind and Body." The event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Monday.

The fair will include information stations on nutrition, wellness and total fitness.

Health and wellness exhibitors from on and off-post will be onsite to complement the event, such as Winn Army Community Hospital nutrition department, a health coach, Farmers Natural Food Store, massage therapists, cooking demonstrations and more.

For more information, call 767-9336.

Enjoy Moonlite Bowling at Stewart Lanes

Come out and enjoy late-night bowling at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450,

when we are open until 2 a.m.

The cost is just \$2.50 per game per person. Or, pay a flat fee of \$25 per person for unlimited bowling from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The shoe rental fee is \$1.75.

Call 767-4273 for more information.

Run for the Heroes

Join servicemembers and civilians noon, May 27 as they run to honor veterans cross country, May 27-31.

The cross-country race starts at the National Infantry Museum, in Fort Benning and ends in Savannah.

A relay run will be held 6 a.m., May 29.

For information on both events, go to Web sites www.houseofheroes.org or www.runfortheheroes.com.

Bass Tournament slated

The catch and release Stewart-Hunter 2010 "Big Bass" Tournament will be held at Stewart's Pond 1 (Pineview Lake) from 7-11 a.m., Saturday.

Participants may register up to one hour before event, if slots remain available. For details, call Stewart Pass & Permit Office, 912-435-8061.

Contestants can fish from the bank or launch their own bass boat.

Boats may be launched before the event, but must wait for the horn at safe light to leave the launching area and begin fishing.

Boats must be inspected by tournament personnel prior to launching. The maximum number of anglers permitted in a boat is two.

Participants must have valid Georgia and Stewart-Hunter fishing permits. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult categories, and an Overall Sportsman prize will be awarded to the active duty winner.

Pre-registration fees are \$10 for ages 15 and under, \$20 for ages 16 and older.

Day of Event fees are \$15 for ages 15 and under and \$30 for ages 16 and older.