

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Stewart-Hunter celebrates Easter

Sunrise services brings hope, support

Pat Young
Public Affairs Specialist

Faith, hope, and support were messages shared throughout the installation's Easter Sunrise Service, April 12 at Fort Stewart's Marne Garden.

The service featured lively music performed by the Third Infantry Division Band Brass Quintet, the Live Oak Church of God Choir, and powerful stories by motivational speaker Dave Roever, who helped

communicate those messages to the hundreds in attendance.

Although the morning started with a slight chill in the air, the warm welcome by the Fort Stewart's Senior Chaplain (Col.) Gary Moore, scripture reading by Senior Chaplain Assistant Sgt. 1st Class Paul Davidson, and responsive reading by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Bryan Walker, reinforced the messages of hope expressed in Roever's stories.

"You are going to have trou-

ble in life, but you don't have to go through it alone," Roever said as he stood with disfiguring scars on his face, and confidence in his voice, and shared his story with those in attendance.

The scars, he said, are the result of an injury he suffered in 1969 while serving in Vietnam as a boat gunner. He said as he was attempting to throw a white phosphorus grenade, a sniper shot him through the hand, and the grenade exploded next to his face. That moment, Roever said, and following events helped him realize his strength in faith and the power of compassionate support.

Roever told of his miraculous survival and a significant act while he was being treated for those injuries at the hospital. He said the nature of his injuries made it unbearably painful to be transported on a gurney, and he resisted being put on it; however a giant of a man, called "Rosie," stepped into his midst, and rather than force him onto the gurney, lifted him and walked him down the corridor and placed him in the water, continuously telling Roever, not to worry, and that it would be OK.



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Motivational Speaker Dave Roever thanks Soldiers and Family Members for their sacrifice while speaking at the Fort Stewart Easter Sunrise Service at Marne Gardens, April 12.

The doctors slowly removed the burnt skin from his body, Roever said, and during the painful process, he noticed Rosie was tearfully praying for him. Afterward, Rosie carried him back to his room, again reminding him not to worry, and he would be OK. Roever said Rosie didn't have to take those extra steps, but with those compassionate acts, helped him recover physically, emotionally and spiritually.

After Roever left the hospital, he inquired after Rosie, and was told Rosie arrived when Roever did, and left when he did too. No one knowing, where he came from, or where he went to. Roever

said he's asked at various locations if anyone knew of a man fitting that description, without luck. Roever doesn't know if he was a man or heaven-sent. But he does know that those acts of kindness and support helped elevate him to realize that everything was indeed all right, and that he didn't have to worry.

Rather than being bitter about his injuries, Roever found strength in his faith. He said when he couldn't carry himself, Rosie and the Lord helped.

"You can get hurt in life, but the question you have to ask yourself is, 'what you are going to do about it?'"



Nancy Gould

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brent Jones, Hunter Army Airfield garrison support chaplain, speaks during the 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, attended by about 40 chapel parishioners.

Fort Stewart youth hunt for Easter eggs, find fun

Nearly 1,000 children hunt for thousands of eggs at Stewart's annual Easter celebration

Spc. Michael Adams
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Children and their Families celebrated the Easter holiday with an Easter Egg Hunt, April 11, at Fort Stewart.

Volunteers and staff helped to create more than 50,000 eggs for the more than 900 children attending the event. After the hunt, the festivities included games, crafts, inflatable structures for kids to play on, face painting, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog.

"This Easter Egg Hunt celebrates military children installation-wide," said Dagmar Peguero-Olinger, chief of Youth and School Services for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. "This celebration is perfect since it's the Month of the Military Child. Children bring communities together, and together children and the community make a great team."

One child enjoyed the event and all there was to do.

"This Easter egg hunt is awesome," said Kiersten Warnack, 9. "This year is the biggest Easter egg hunt ever. We get to make cookies and do crafts and stuff."

Children were not the only ones who attended the event. Their parents, and even a few grandparents, enjoyed the activities as well.

"My grandson and my Family are enjoying this," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, the garrison command sergeant major for Fort Stewart. "It's a beautiful day, and there is a lot to do here; there will be a lot of tired children at Stewart tonight."

Ervin said it is important for the community to support events such as this one.

"The military child is the focus," he said. "We want to bring cohesiveness to the military Family. This is a time to focus on our Families, and enjoy the time with our Families and our community; we're all in this together."

Peguero-Olinger also emphasized the underlying reasons to support events like the Easter egg hunt.

"Youth and Social Services is here to provide a safe and fun environment for military children," she said. "(These) children have to go through deployments, see parents leave not knowing if they come back, move from one installation to another, break ties with friends. What we are doing here today is for the



Izabella Perez, 3, takes part in the Easter Egg Hunt at Fort Stewart, April 11. More than 900 showed up for the annual event, which in addition to the egg hunt, included games, crafts, face painting, and visits from the Easter Bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog.



Photos by Spc. Michael Adams

Children look for Easter eggs at Fort Stewart's annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 11. This year's event was the biggest ever, with volunteers making more than 50,000 eggs for the children to hunt for.

MWR Briefs

Self-defense class offered to females

Self-defense classes will be offered during April as part of Army Community Service's observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The schedule is:

Fort Stewart:

6 p.m., April 27: Self-Defense for Teen Girls, Corkan Teen Recreation Center.

6 p.m., April 27: Self-Defense for Women, Newman Fitness Center.

Hunter Army Airfield (separate classes)

6 p.m., today: Self-Defense for Teen Girls, Tominac Fitness Center, building 919.

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Tominac Fitness Center.

CYSS Jon's Sport Park Trip

Child, Youth and School Services is planning an afternoon of fun for youth. Depart the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338, at 1 p.m., Friday for a trip to Jon's Sport Park in Douglas, Ga.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes unlimited skating, go-karts, batting cages, putt-putt, driving range, tube town and one slice of pizza or hot dog and a drink. For details, call 767-4491.

Children's Wheels Day at Stewart

Wheels Day, a "Month of the Military Child" event, will be held from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at the Child Development Center, building 403, and Marne Lanes, building 402, parking lots.

Vehicles will include a humvee, a fire truck and a police car – anything that has wheels. Children, accompanied by an adult, can explore the vehicles, climb on them and have fun.

There also will be games, street dancing and music for children ages 1-12. For more information, call 767-3202.

Home Schooling Support Group Meeting

A Home Schooling Support Group Meeting will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at School Age Services/Youth Center, building 1289.

The meeting provides an opportunity for networking and gaining information for parents who are homeschooling and those who may be considering homeschooling. For more information, call 315-6586.



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Pets of the Week



Herodes the cat and Eliese 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.



Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li

Today — 7 p.m.

(Brahim Achabbakhe, Russell Banks)

Based on the popular video game franchise, female fighter Chun Li embarks on a quest for justice. Warriors converge on the streets of Bangkok, preparing for the ultimate battle of terror versus beauty, light versus darkness, and good versus evil.

Rated PG-13 (violence, martial arts action, sensuality) 96 min



Watchmen

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Carla Gugino, Jeffrey Dean Morgan)

When one of Rorschach's former colleagues is murdered, the washed-up but no less determined masked vigilante sets out to uncover a plot to kill and discredit all past and present superheroes. As he reconnects with his former crime-fighting legion - a ragtag group of retired superheroes, only one of whom has true powers - Rorschach glimpses a wide-ranging and disturbing conspiracy with links to their shared past and catastrophic consequences for the future.

Rated R (strong graphic violence, sexuality, nudity, language) 155 min

Miss March

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Molly Stanton, Holly Hindman)

A young man awakens from a four-year coma to hear that his once virginal high-school sweetheart has since become a centerfold in one of the world's most famous men's magazines. He and his sex-crazed best friend decide to take a cross-country road trip in order to crash a party at the magazine's legendary mansion headquarters and win back the girl.

Rated R (strong crude & sexual content, nudity, pervasive language, drug use) 91 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 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.

Army Community Service



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

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

Participate in free SAAM events

During Sexual Assault Prevention Month, several free events are scheduled on the installation. Adults are invited to attend a showing of the movie, "Open Window" starring Robin Tunney and Joel Edgerton as a newly-engaged couple who find their world shattered by a random act of violence. The haunting drama also stars Cybill Shepherd, Elliott Gould and Scott Wilson as the parents who struggle in their individual ways to help their children. Rated R, the last showings of the free movie are at Hunter Theater Monday and at Stewart's Woodruff Theater on April 29. All showings begin at 6 p.m.

Other SAAM events include free self-defense classes for female teens and women. Classes are 6-9 p.m., April 27 at Stewart (teen classes meet at the Corkan Teen Center; women meet at Newman Gym), and at Hunter tonight and April 29 (both teens and women meet at Tominac Fitness Center). No need to pre-register.

Everyone is asked to wear jeans on "Denim Day" as a visible sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual assault, Wednesday, at Stewart and April 23 at Hunter. Then, join in "Take Back The Night," a walk against violence scheduled in conjunction with Denim Day, Wednesday, at Stewart's Southern Oaks Community Center and April 23 at New Gannem Community Center, both beginning at 6 p.m.

Plan to attend the ASEP Job Fair

Job seekers are encouraged to visit the Army Spouse Employment Partnership Job Fair at Club Stewart, Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet representatives from the many ASEP corporations who recruit, hire, and retain Army spouses in the midst of the mobile military lifestyle. Recruitment will be underway for many career fields such as retail sales, hospitality, medical, education, and customer service.

In addition, your Employment Readiness team offers a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, 1 p.m., Monday, at Stewart. 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., Tuesday, at Hunter.

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.

Attend FRG Trainings

A full schedule of Family Readiness Group trainings are slated at Hunter during April. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your seat in advance.

Trainings include FRG Leader Training 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday; a special FRG Leader Live Wire Exchange offering FRG Leaders an opportunity to share ideas, information, and resources from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday; and an evening Key Caller Training from 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 23. To register for FRG trainings at Hunter, please call 315-6816.

Stewart ACS to host Family movie days

Children of deployed Soldiers are invited to a free, fun movie (ages 13 and younger) at the ACS-Stewart Family Readiness Center beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday. Parents can watch TV or use our computer lab while the kids enjoy the movie and free popcorn! The movie is rated G (Wall-E). For more information, please call 767-5058/5059.

Learn Infant Massage

Parents with children ages 6 weeks to 9 months are invited to learn the delicate art of infant massage, a very powerful element in human bonding. Infant massage promotes better sleep, boosts immune system, relieves teething pains, and makes baby feel loved and secure. Open to parents and/or caregivers, classes are offered Tuesday, Wednesday and April 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at ACS-Stewart. To register, please call 767-5055/5059.

Learn truths and myths of credit reports

Discover how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history, along with the true facts of what is and is not included in your credit report and FICO score. You'll also learn what items on your credit report are considered negative and your rights as a consumer to dispute them. Offered at ACS-Hunter from 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday. Please call 315-6816 to register.

Moving to Alaska or Hawaii?

Come and 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 Fort Stewart on April 21.

Newcomers invited to orientation, tour

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

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

Ease the burden of moving

Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a Permanent Change of Station. By planning ahead, you will avoid pitfalls and alleviate stress on your finances during your move. Sign up now for Financial Planning for PCS, offered every Thursday at Stewart and at Hunter, April 28.

Learn money management skills

Sign up now for money management training where you'll learn banking basics, how to properly balance your checking account, and participate in discussions on debt management, credit, and credit reports. These personal banking skills help you take control of your money. Call 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. session at Stewart on Wednesday.

Learn and grow with AFTB

At Hunter, Army Family Team Building Level II "Grow," teaches personal growth and development skills with modules in communication, time management, personality traits, team dynamics, managing stress and conflict, creative problem solving, introduction to leadership, and more. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 28-30.

To register or for more information about free AFTB classes, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care.

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, with a special event, Tuesday, featuring Staff Sergeant James Menard reading "The Bees and the Bears," a book he wrote while he was deployed. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Jesup arts and crafts nights are ongoing

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, the Georgia Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society, invite community members for an evening of arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park in Jesup every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

Low Country Paintball waives fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active-duty military during the first weekend of each month. Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available.

For more information, call 663-2314.

3rd ID Society reunion slated

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

For additional information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah

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

Savannah Winds concerts scheduled

The Savannah Winds will perform "Pops the River" at dusk in the Rousakis Plaza on River Street, April 24. Admission is free. The Winds' annual "Pops" concert will be held at 3 p.m. at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Hall, April 26. Tickets are \$14. Senior and military discounts are available.

For tickets, visit www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets, or call 344-2801 for other ticketing options.

GHS Annual Book Sale begins soon

Thousands of used books at discounted prices will be offered for sale at the Georgia Historical Society's Annual Book Sale to be held at Hodgson Hall, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 24 and 25. Join us for this popular annual event that raises funds for the Georgia Historical Society's library and archives. Proceeds from the book sales are used to purchase new library materials and to care for the oldest collection of material related to Georgia history.

GHS erects a new historical marker

The Georgia Historical Society, along with the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Friends of Coastal Georgia History, and Sea Island Company, will unveil a new historical marker about Hamilton Plantation. The dedication will be held at the corner of Hamilton Road and Arthur J. Moore Dr. on St. Simons Island at 10 a.m., April 28.

See the Golden Treasures of Liberty County

The "Golden Treasures of Liberty County," a multimedia collection by Christina Mansfield, will be on exhibit through April 25. The exhibit is on display at the Historic Old Liberty County Jail Museum located at 302 S. Main Street, Hinesville, during normal business hours: Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m. These hours are subject to change without notice. For more information please contact Jessica Sanchez at (912)877-4332 or e-mail discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net

Free lecture on Lincoln offered

The Georgia Historical Society and Savannah-Chatham County School System's Teaching American History grant program invite you to attend a free lecture by journalist and author Andrew Ferguson as he discusses his book, "Land of Lincoln: Adventures in Abe's America." The lecture will be held at 7 p.m., May 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 West Macon Street, on Madison Square in downtown Savannah. Copies of Ferguson's book will be available for sale and a book-signing.

Come see a Mother's Day production

Come see a Mother's Day production of "You Don't Know Me Until You Need Me" at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, 809 Frank Cochran Dr. in Hinesville, May 10. The event includes dinner from 1:30-

3:30 p.m. with the play beginning at 4 p.m. Dinner with play admission is \$20 with play-only admission costing \$10. There is also VIP seating for play only, \$20, and VIP seating for dinner with play, \$30.

For more information, call Andrew Williams at 977-3293.

Help Liberty Shelter win a makeover

You can help Liberty County's Animal Shelter win a \$1 million makeover by going to www.libertyhumaneshelter.com. Voting is open until Sunday. First register and affiliate with us and upload a picture of yourself in your profile, then confirm your registration by clicking on the link sent to your e-mail address. You must be 13 years old or older and have a valid e-mail address and picture on your profile to be eligible to vote. Liberty Humane Society is the only Georgia animal shelter ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Experience the Glennville Onion Festival

Celebrate the world famous sweet Vidalia onion at Glennville's 33rd Sweet Onion Festival, starting with a parade at 10 a.m., May 9. Festival attractions at the State Farmers' Market include arts and crafts, live entertainment, children's rides, games and numerous food vendors, most featuring the delectable Vidalia onion. Gate tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children with free admission to military ID card holders. Top off the evening with a contemporary Christian concert, beginning at 7 p.m. Concert tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 that evening. Call 654-2461 for more information.

It's a Lunchtime Concert in the Park

The community is invited to a Lunchtime Concert in the Park, featuring Biscuit Miller and the Mix at Bradwell Park in downtown Hinesville from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 24. Bring your lawn chair and picnic lunch or purchase lunch from local eateries and food vendors. For more information, call 877-4332.

Come to contemporary Christian concert

Join The Whitefield School and hundreds of young music fans for a live, fun-filled Family concert with the nationally-acclaimed Christian music group, Go Fish, to be hosted at St. Simons Community Church, May 9. Student tickets are available for \$5 and adult tickets for \$10. Children under 5 are free. Tickets purchased on the night of the event are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Geechee gathering preserves heritage

Randy Murray

Public Affairs Specialist

America is a melting pot of many cultures. And though Americans take pride in the motto on the great seal, *E Pluribus Unum* – out of many, one – the parts that make up the whole try not to forget where they came from, their struggles, their traditions – their heritage. This is why Americans celebrate the distinctive cultural flavors that have contributed to the melting pot with observances like Black History Month, St. Patrick's Day or Holocaust

Days of Remembrance. Both somber and joyful memories will be shared at the Gathering at Geechee Kunda, Saturday.

The public is invited to this homecoming that begins at 10 a.m. and will last until 10 p.m. at America's Gullah/Geechee Arts Center and Museum near Riceboro, Ga.

Geechee is the African-based culture so deeply rooted in Coastal Georgia. Kunda means "compound" or "home of hope," which is located on grounds once tilled by Africans who were brought here against their will, forever separated from their families and forced

to work on the rice, cotton and indigo plantations that once thrived in this area. The gathering celebrates the indomitable spirit of these people who suffered, died and resisted until they were free.

The gathering is a Family-fun activity for the whole community. Those who attend will find food, crafts, music, dance, exhibits and demonstrations. It's an opportunity to remember; it's an opportunity to learn. To get to the gathering, take U.S. 84 south to Walthourville. At Airport Rd./GA 119, turn left and follow GA 119 to Riceboro.



Courtesy Photo

Amir Jamal Touré, portrays one of the "African spirits of Dayclean," at last year's Gathering at Geechee Kunda. This year's gathering will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday at the Gullah/Geechee Arts Center and Museum near Riceboro.

Winn participates in pediatric literacy program

Randy Murray

Public Affairs Specialist

Literacy is the tool necessary to promote other developmental skills that lead to success in school and life, according to "Reach Out and Read," a national non-profit organization that promotes early childhood literacy. Winn Army Community Hospital implemented Reach Out and Read in February with books supplied by the national center, according to Dr. (Lt. Col.) Andrew Doyle, a pediatrician and chief of Department of Primary Care at Winn.

"We started 'Reach Out and Read' in the pediatric clinic in February," Doyle explained. "The books are supplied by the National Center for ROR through congressional funds. Right

now, we are only doing this at Winn (because) this is where the vast bulk of all well-baby care occurs."

According to ROR's Web site, pediatricians and clinical staff are trained in three areas to support the program. During every well-baby check-up, doctors and nurses encourage parents to read aloud

to their young children. Parents whose reading skills are not that strong are encouraged to use picture books, making up stories as they "read" along, naming the objects pictured on the



page. Every child six months to five years old is also given a new, age-appropriate book, and in "literacy enriched" waiting rooms where volunteers read to children.

"The ROR staff came to Winn and trained the pediatricians and nurses and support staff on the program – how to select books, how to encourage early literacy and program basics and tips," Doyle said. "The books are supplied by age groups. For us, we just choose the age-appropriate book for the child at the well child visit. The best part is

giving the book to the children and seeing how excited they get."

Doyle said the logistics of storing and cataloging the books is managed by parents and volunteers. He also noted that Red Cross Volunteers read to children in the waiting room, too encourage both children and parents to read out loud.

"It's a great reminder to encourage reading at home," he said. "Studies show that reading out loud to children is one of the best things parents can do to develop a child's language skills, develop a love for reading – which translates to future education skills – and deepen the relationship between parent and child. Overall, we're very excited about (Reach Out and Read)... we expect it to help the next generation develop better literacy skills."

FlyLady visits Fort Stewart, helps keep homes organized

Lynda Purcell

ACS Marketing

"Think back to when you were nine years old . . . what did you want to be when you grew up?" Responses from the audience included teacher, artist, cop, movie star, and surgeon. Not one person said "home organizer."

Marla Cilley, also known as the FlyLady, posed the question to the crowd who gathered at Club Stewart,

April 8, to hear Cilley's presentation on how to reduce clutter and disorganization in their homes and lives. As Cilley took the stage, she introduced herself as a formerly-depressed housewife whose own life had been in chaos. Cilley's mentoring program now helps nearly half a million people around the world to FLY – an acronym that Cilley uses for "finally loving yourself."

Audience participation was plentiful as the predominantly-female partici-

pants shared issues that have become overwhelming sources of guilt or frustration: closets filled with clothes and shoes that haven't been worn, children's toys taking over the playroom, storage areas filled with boxes still unpacked from a previous move, cluttered tabletops piled with paperwork, bills and magazines.

"Your home did not get dirty in a day, and it is not going to get clean overnight," said Cilley.

Everyone in the audience received a free copy of Cilley's book, "Sink Reflections," and the author personally signed books and chatted with participants at the end of her presentation.

A new support group called "Fly Babies" begins May 21 at Fort Stewart, offering discussion and encouragement to apply the FlyLady's system in our homes and lives. To join the Fly Baby Network, call ACS-New Parent Support Program at 767-5058/5059.



Despite great acting, movie leaves some 'Doubt'

Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

At 105 minutes, the 2008 drama, "Doubt" is a lesson in purposeful, successful filmmaking. The actors are spot on. The story is engrossing. The cinematography and atmosphere are winning. It is no wonder the film earned five Academy Award nominations for Best Actress (Meryl Streep), Best Supporting Actor (Philip Seymour Hoffman), Best Supporting Actress (Amy Adams), Best Supporting Actress (Viola Davis), and Best Adapted Screenplay (John Patrick Shanley). It didn't win any, however, and I might know why.

"Doubt" engulfs the viewer with a picture of the 1960's era Catholic Church in the Bronx. It is an uncharacteristically windy season. Weather aside, President Kennedy has been assassinated and the church school has accepted its first African American student. Furthermore, head priest, Father Flynn (Hoffman), has delivered an unusual sermon about doubt and its unifying effect. This deepens a suspicion school principal and head nun, Sister Aloysius (Streep), has of Father Flynn. Because of this, Sister Aloysius commands the other sisters to watch the

man carefully.

Sister James (Adams), based on a real teacher from the life of writer John Patrick Shanley, is an uncommonly optimistic and idealistic Sister of Charity. Whereas Sister Aloysius is gritty, wise, and frightening, Sister James is lilting, feeling, and kind. She is the last person one would

expect to catch Father Flynn in wrongdoing. When she does, it is with doubt that everyone must now contend. Is Father Flynn capable of having an improper relationship with the school's only black pupil?

The real Sister James was reunited with her now famous pupil and was able to serve as technical advisor for the film. This gives audiences a genuine feel for the day to day lives of the Sisters of Charity. Upon watching the special features, I felt a chill as Sister James explained the origin of the habit. The original Sister of Charity, it seems, was a widow. She daily re-wore the only garments she



owned, her mourning garb, and the other sisters mimicked her.

The detailed glimpse into the Sisters' lives, the well-acted and constructed nature of the film, and the powerful, universal subject matter make "Doubt" a well-rounded success. One can't help but notice, however, that some things

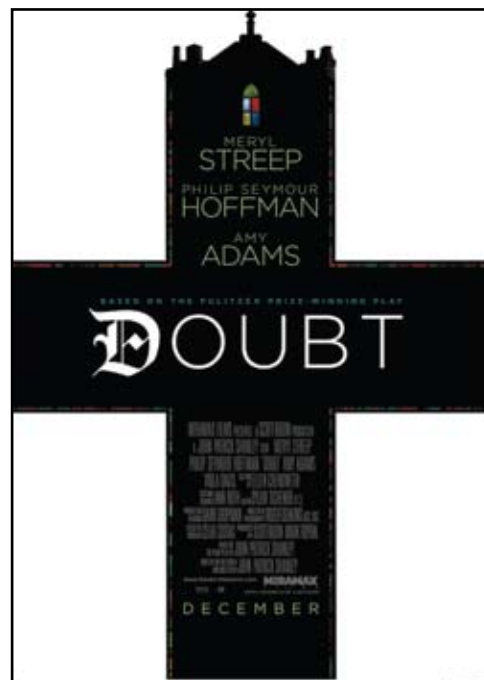
that should be grandiose feel a little forced. The ending crescendo of emotion spouting from the dragon-like Sister Aloysius, in particular, is not completely believable coming from such a savvy and powerful woman.

Shanley's lifetime of playwriting experience almost injures how genuine and how raw the film is capable of becoming. Shanley asks the viewer to have doubts that many won't likely have. Some may not understand his intentions with his ending at all.

Still, Viola Davis's singular scene of a mother being confronted with the a horrendous situation catapults

this film into the upper echelon of well-acted films. The rest of the cast certainly doesn't hurt either. When you watch "Doubt," be sure to follow closely the way the camera follows Streep along at the beginning, teasingly, before ever revealing our first glimpse of her face. Listen to her amazing accent, watch her body gestures. Consider her choices.

The woman may be the best actor alive.



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Winn Army Community Hospital

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

April 1

• **Ethan Garrett Huyck**, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Garry L. Huyck and Capt. Jennifer L. Huyck.

April 3

• **Daesha' Symone Hawkins**, a girl, 4 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Corey A. Hawkins and Shercolyn L. Hawkins.

April 6

• **AvaMarie Rowson**, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Michael Rowson and Mellissa

Rowson.

April 7

• **Brielle Semaj Anderson**, a girl, 6 pounds, born to Staff Sgt. William Anderson and Melissa Renee Anderson.

• **Colin James Davis**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Clinton Davis and Megan Davis.

April 8

• **Lily Marie Kershner**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Robert

M. Kershner and Heather M. Kershner.

• **Daniel Christian Miller**, a boy, 9 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Capt. Jason Todd Miller and Amanda Miller.

• **Lydia**

Shea Stroh, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce,

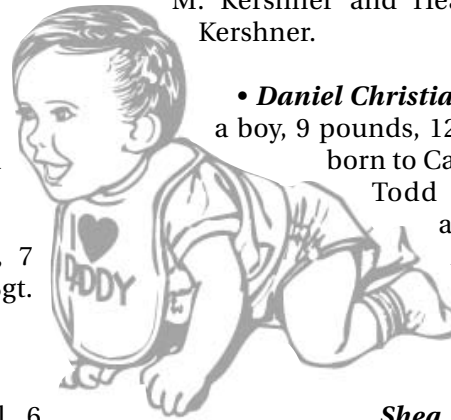
born to Sgt. Timothy J. Stroh and Stefanie K. Stroh.

• **Kathleen Kelly Stone**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jonathan Stone and Ruth Stone.

April 9

• **Sean Michael Carroll**, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Carroll and Jaycee Carroll.

• **Kaylee Christine Shuster**, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to John Shuster and Karla Shuster.



Lab professionals honored

Winn Army Community Hospital laboratory will observe "National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week", April 19-25.

NMLPW is an annual celebration of the medical laboratory professionals and pathologists that play a key role in helping providers with patients' diagnoses. It is also a chance for medical laboratory personnel to celebrate and create awareness of their profession, since laboratorians often work behind the scenes and few know about the critical testing they perform every day.

The national theme for this year is "Laboratory Professionals Get Results." The laboratory at Winn will have activities and informational posters set up for patients in the lab waiting room to increase awareness on their profession. The laboratory also cordially invites anyone who would like to gain a better understanding of the laboratory and how tests are performed to stop by for a tour.

Tweenie Night at Corkan Recreation

Too old for baby stuff and too young for teen stuff? Come to "Tweenie Night" for ages 8-12 and join all the fun from 6-10 p.m., April 25 at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449.

The cost is \$20 for four hours and includes unlimited laser tag and roller skating. Call 767-9884 for more information.

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