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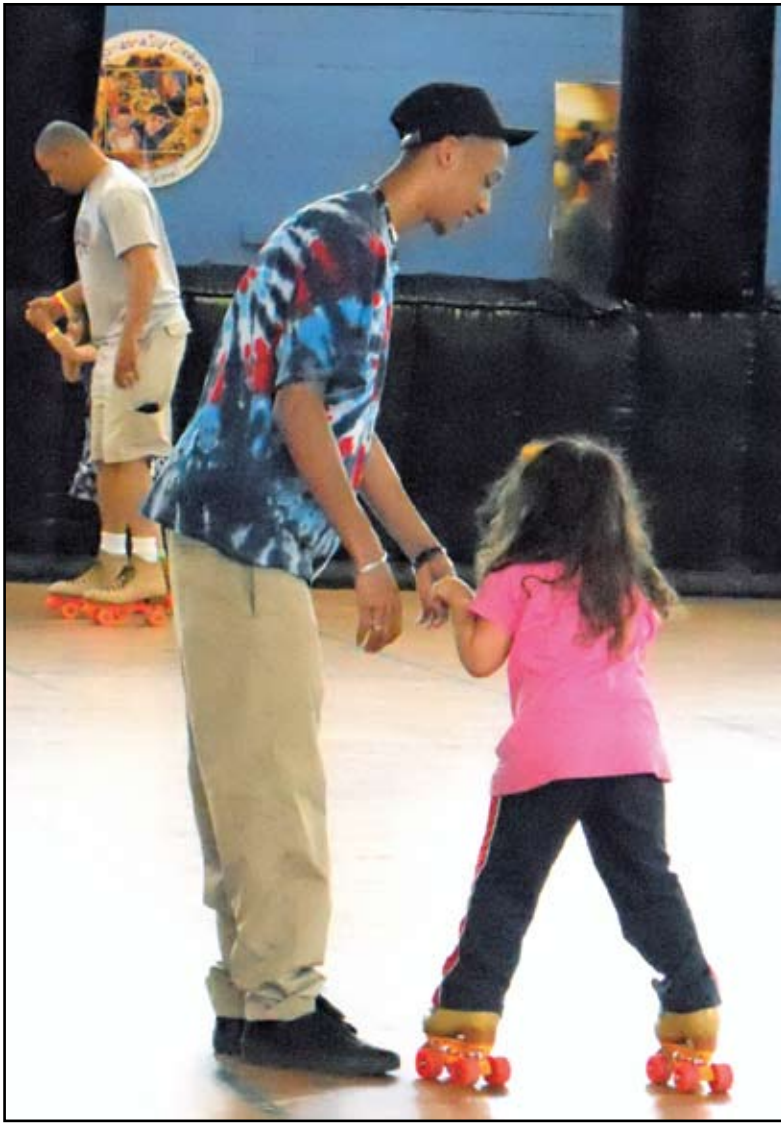
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THE FRONTLINE

COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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Corkan Family Recreation Center offers fun for all



Leigh Dorr
Special to The Frontline

Since its opening in 2005, the Corkan Family Recreation Center at Fort Stewart has grown into a \$17 million complex, jammed-packed with entertainment and educational opportunities for both the young and young at heart.

"The leadership here at Fort Stewart knows that to take care of Soldiers, you must take care of Families," said Corkan Family Recreation Center Manager, Roni Stevens. "When Families are not driving to Savannah and are staying here on post, there is less worry for their Soldiers."

Cypress Sam's Treehouse provides a cool, colorful and inviting area for children ages 12 and younger to play. It offers a multi-leveled climb structure, slides and ball-blasters.

The Corkan Family Fun Center provides high-energy activities such as laser tag, indoor rock climbing, and indoor roller skating. This facility is also home to a concession area, video games and a party room.

Cypress Creek Adventure Golf is an 18-hole miniature golf course located beside Cypress Sam's Treehouse that is

open year-round.

"On May 30, we'll have the Corkan Mini 500 Speedway," said Stevens. "People can bring their remote control cars and race them against others on the miniature golf course."

The Corkan Teen Recreation Center, for teens 13-18, houses a café with pool tables, air hockey, basketball, music, media room, Wii and Xbox.

"We have a wide assortment of programs, like Wii tournaments, designed for teens," said Stevens.

During the summer months, children ages 0-12 will be able to beat the Georgia heat at The Springs at Cypress Creek. This eleven-feature water park is open May 21 – Sept. 30 and is an option for those who can't get to the beach and want to avoid crowds at the pool.

The newly-renovated Stewart Lanes Bowling Center is located across the street from Cypress Sam's Treehouse and the Corkan Family Fun Center. It offers 12 lanes of bowling, the Corner Grill, and a video arcade.

"We love the bowling alley and facilities – especially the food," said Anita Scott, Family Member. "It's wonderful for Family entertainment, and the prices are wonderful compared to off-post."

Leigh Dorr

Harold Nevels, Recreation Aid at Corkan Family Fun Center, helps a first-time skater stay balanced during open skating hours at the Corkan Family Fun Center, April 8.

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260th Quartermaster Battalion awarded Volunteers of the Year

Sgt. Patience Okhuofu
3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

Volunteerism may be defined as contributing one's time or talents for charitable, educational, social, political, or other worthy purposes, usually in one's community, freely and without regard for compensation.

The YMCA of Coastal Georgia decided to award the 260th Quartermaster Battalion as Volunteers of the Year, recognizing them for their untiring efforts and support for the community, March 23.

The 260th Quartermaster Battalion is an epitome of volunteerism. The battalion strongly believes in giving back to the community. Throughout last year until present, Soldiers and Family Members participated and continue to participate in various community events.

Some of the numerous community events included:

- October 23 2009, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, in collaboration with St. Joseph's/Candler's Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion, organized "Paint

The Town Pink" to promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

- America's Second Harvest Food Bank, an organization that distributes about 5.9 million pounds of food each year and serves about 90,000 people got a much needed help from the Soldiers of 260th Quartermaster Battalion who packed grocery items into bags, which were handed out to needy people in the community.

- Soldiers of 260th Quartermaster Battalion spread the holiday cheer by participating in several events during the Thanksgiving and Christmas period, including the Toys for Tots program, Brunswick Christmas Parade and adopting kids for the Holiday from Wesley Community Center in Savannah. Food and Christmas gifts were distributed amongst the elderly residents of St. Joseph / Candler's St. Mary Community Center who had difficulty leaving their homes. Soldiers from the battalion helped the Salvation Army in parking grocery items and toys.

- Soldiers also spent time with residents of Savannah Commons Retirement Home during the Thanksgiving holiday.



Capt. Kurt Van Slooton

188th Infantry Brigade Executive Officer, Maj. Dominic V. Stewart at home with his children, Dominique and Kyle.

188th Infantry Brigade XO instills military spirit in his children

Capt. Kurt Van Slooton
188th Infantry Bde. Public Affairs

The 188th Infantry Brigade executive officer, Maj. Dominic V. Stewart, has inspired two of his three children to enter Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and Reserve Officer Training Corps programs and aspire toward a career in the United States Army.

The tradition of military service for the Stewart Family started with Maj. Stewart's generation, with both his service and that of his two older brothers.

Major Dominic, unlike his brothers,

decided to take the ROTC route through Alabama A & M University to a commission in the U.S. Army. Through his example, his daughter, Dominique, currently a sophomore attending University of Alabama, Birmingham, received an ROTC scholarship and is working toward a degree in nursing. She also participated in JROTC for two years during high school. His son, Kyle, is a freshman at Liberty County High School, and is completing his first year in JROTC.

Dominique said she has learned a lot from the ROTC program and from growing up in a military Family.

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Great MWR Yard Sale, NAF Excess Property sale just days away

Bob Mathews
DFMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

Sellers are all set to put their stuff on display and buyers are ready to scoop it up – that is, if the price is right – during the Spring 2010 edition of the Great MWR Yard Sale at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The sale is one of the most popular events held on Stewart and Hunter, giving the sellers a chance to do some spring cleaning and rake in a few dollars as well.

The day also will feature a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-hosted sale of excess non-appropriated funds property at building

1501 (912 Sigma St.) during the same hours as the yard sale.

The yard sale will be held at the parking lots of Club Stewart, building 405, and the Hunter Credit Union, building 1282 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., April 17.

Sales also will be held by residents of on-post housing at both Stewart and Hunter. During the Great MWR Yard Sale last Fall, more than 100 sales were conducted at on-post housing sites.

To help bargain-hunters find their way, maps pinpointing the location of sales at Stewart and Hunter on-post housing will be distributed. Randy Walker, Intramural Sports Director, is coordinating the Stewart event.

"We're asking the sellers to be here between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. to start setting up," he said, adding the 120 who have signed up will be assigned spots as they arrive.

Walker said some enthusiastic, early bird bargain hunters arrive early and wait while the sellers get set up.

"They want to be the first to get a bargain," he said.

Eli Wilson, who is coordinating the event at Hunter, said he anticipates that 30 or more sellers will set up at the Credit Union parking lot and that a number of on-post residents will hold sales as well.

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PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH APRIL 18

The Crazies

Today — 4 p.m.

(Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell)

David Dutten is sheriff of Ogden Marsh, a picture-perfect American town with happy, law-abiding citizens. Something is infecting the citizens of Ogden Marsh... with insanity. Now complete anarchy reigns as one by one the townsfolk succumb to an unknown toxin and turn sadistically violent. In an effort to keep the madness contained, the government uses deadly force to close off all access and won't let anyone in or out – even those uninfected.

Rated R (bloody violence and language) 102 min.

Green Zone

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear)

In 2003, Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller and his team of inspectors are on a mission to find Iraq's reported stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. Traveling from one dangerous site to the other, Miller and his team fail to find any chemical agents or other weapons. Instead, they discover an elaborate cover-up in which the most elusive weapon of all is the truth.

Rated R (violence and language) 115 min.

Brooklyn's Finest

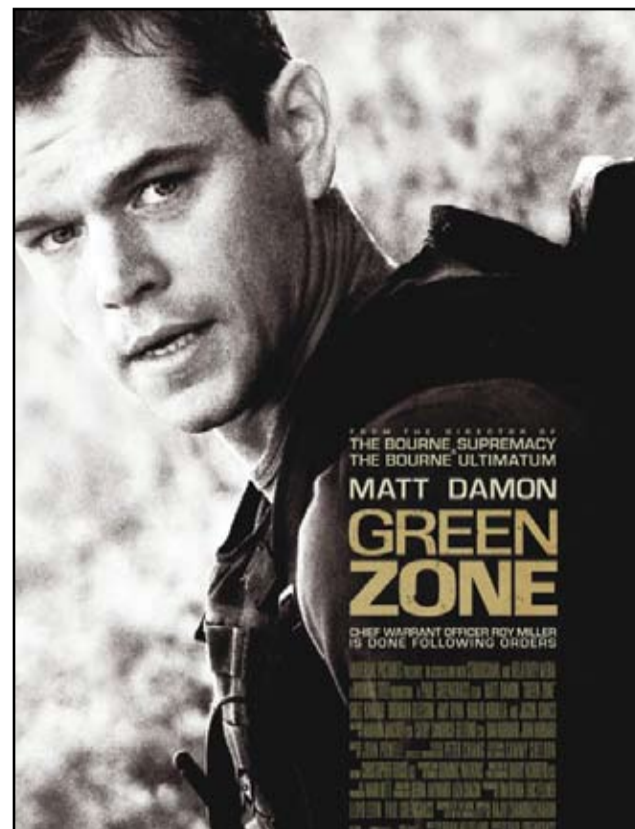
Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Richard Gere, Don Cheadle)

In the course of one chaotic week, the lives of three conflicted New York City police officers are dramatically transformed by their involvement in a massive drug operation. Burned out veteran Eddie Dugan is just one week away from his pension and a fishing cabin in Connecticut. Narcotics officer Sal Procida has discovered there's no line he won't cross to provide a better life for his long-suffering wife and seven children. And Clarence "Tango" Butler has been undercover so long his loyalties have started to shift from his fellow police officers to his prison buddy Caz, one of Brooklyn's most infamous drug dealers.

Rated R (bloody violence throughout, strong sexuality, nudity, drug content and pervasive language) 133 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.



Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...



"If you take me home, I will only need a good bone once in a while," says Tex the canine. "I would really prefer a small canary or shark every now and then," says Pat the feline.

The Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic 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.



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Soon, a new area will expand the Corkan complex, when the Corkan Plaza opens later this year.

"If you want some place to sit and relax, the Corkan Plaza will be opening soon," said Stevens. "It is designed to remind you of a Savannah Square with park benches, fountains, and trees."

Instructional classes are also offered at the Corkan Family Recreation Center.

"We teach roller skating classes, climbing classes, and bowling classes for all ages—even toddler bowling," said Stevens. "Since March, we've taught bowling to 412 toddlers. They

learn the etiquette of bowling – working on those fundamental building blocks like staying in the pit and waiting your turn.

Many of the classes are free, said Stevens. Contact Corkan for dates and prices. The Corkan Family Recreation Center is located across from the Fort Stewart PX on the corner of Hero Road and Lindquist Avenue. For more information on the facilities within the Corkan Family Recreation Center, visit www.stewartmwr.com and click on Fort Stewart then on MWR Monthly Calendar.

"We're just here to help," said Stevens.



Leigh Dorr

Harold Nevells, Corkan Family Recreation Center, helps a skater tie the laces on his skate boots. According to Roni Stevens, Corkan Family Recreation Center manager, every member of her staff is there to help Family Members have fun. One way they do this is to offer skating and bowling classes for every age level, to include toddlers. Most classes are free, she said. To find what Corkan has to offer, visit www.stewartmwr.com.

VOLUNTEER

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• Students of John Jacob G Smith Elementary School, Whitebluff Elementary School, Windsor Forest High School are mentored by Soldiers from the battalion on a continuous basis. Chatham County YMCA after school program also gets assistance from 260th Quartermaster Battalion Soldiers who volunteer to help children with their homework and play sports with them.

• Grace House campaigned for donation of linen, towels, blankets, and they got more than they asked for from Soldiers of 260th Quartermaster Battalion. Socks, T-shirts, pillows, blankets, and towels, mattress pads, jeans, shirts, shoes and coats were donated to the men only shelter located on 120 Fahm St. in Savannah.

The 260th Quartermaster Battalion also participated in these events: Georgetown Elementary Veterans Day parade, Savannah Bridge Run, Special Olympics, Wreath for Warriors Ceremony, Can Food Drive and most recently organized a Breast Health Social in collaboration with St. Joseph's/Candler's Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion, organized "Paint The Town Pink" to promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

When asked why the command group of 260th Quartermaster Battalion encourage their Soldiers to volunteer, Sgt. Maj. Jorge L. Rosa, command sergeant major of the 260th Quartermaster Battalion said, "It is great not only to be able to fight for our country but also to be able to provide assistance to members of our community. We definitely encourage our Soldiers to volunteer, and they do it because it gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment."



Sgt. Patience Okhuofu

J.T. Turner, YMCA of Coastal Georgia corporate chairman; Lt. Col. Lillard Evans, 260th QM BN commander and 3rd Sustainment Bde. commander-rear; Amber Cerchione, Army spouse and volunteer; Spc. Joseph Poag, 260th QM BN and volunteer; and Sgt. Maj. Jorge Rosa, 260th QM BN command sergeant major pose with Volunteers of the Year award presented by YMCA of Coastal Georgia for 260th QM volunteers' many contributions to the community.

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"At the beginning, I was against joining the military, but as I look back from my second year in college, I see that my experiences are different from other students that don't have a military background," said Dominique. "I feel that I am more open to people from different cultures and different places than many of my classmates."

She feels that being open makes you a better person and wants that for her Family as well. She looks forward to the challenges and experiences she will have as a nurse in the military and aspires to making the military her career.

Her brother said that JROTC gives him a lot to think about, and he feels that it opens up many opportunities for him. This year he has been in parades and drill competitions, and his pla-

toon went to the state drill competition. He also said that being a part of a military Family has broadened his horizons and given him a chance to go different places than some of his friends and meet people of different cultures.

"I feel that in being a part of JROTC I have a chance to represent and honor my father," Kyle said about his decision to participate in JROTC.

The 188th Infantry Brigade, along with the other training support brigades in First Army Division East, provides and facilitates theater-focused training for deploying National Guard and Reserve formations. Based out of Fort Stewart, the 188th has been training deploying National Guard and Reserve units for Iraq deployments continuously since 2003.



Capt. Kurt Van Slooton

Kyle Stewart, son of Maj. Dominic Stewart, 188th Inf. Bde. XO, performs with Liberty County High School JROTC during State Drill competition.

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"We're looking forward to a successful sale," he said.

For more information on the yard sale, call 912-767-8238 at Stewart or 912-315-2019 at Hunter. For more information on the NAF Property Sale, call 912-767-4301.

Goodwill Industries will be on hand for donations from 2-5 p.m. at both parking lots. Hunter Thrift Shop also will accept donations.

About the NAF Excess Property Sale

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a sale of excess non-appropriated funds property at building 1501 (912 Sigma St.) during the same hours as the Great MWR Yard Sale—8 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 17.

"An array of property will be sold," said Eddie Blackmon, who oversees the Supply Division. "We even have a portable dance floor."

Tables, desks, chairs, sleeper sofas, recliners, cherry wood television stands, television armoires, televisions, freezers, work benches and a couple of pieces of gym equipment are among the more than 700 items for sale.

About 30 minutes before the start of the

sale, customers will be briefed on purchase procedures and given a price list of items. When the briefing is complete, customers will be permitted to file through the gate into building 1501 in an orderly manner.

Blackmon said every item will be priced. Matching numbers will be placed on each item offered for sale. Customers should remove the bottom number and retain it as they continue to shop. The other, securely fastened number on the item should not be disturbed.

When customers are ready to leave, they should go to a cashier and pay for items they wish to purchase. Blackmon said Youth Challenge Academy students will assist in loading items.

"The item number the customer has must match the number on the item and the customer must have a receipt or it will not be loaded," Blackmon said.

He added, "Our customers will find quality products here at a very good price. We believe they will be satisfied with what they purchase and what they pay, and we will have a lot of happy customers."

Call 912-767-4301 for more information.

Make a sound like a frog

Chap. (Lt. Col.) William Prewitt
3rd Sustainment Brigade-Rear

"The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked with rot." Proverbs 10:7

Not long ago, I was out early in the morning near a pond. One particular sound caught my ear and brought a smile to my face, because it reminded me of a story.

"A little boy said to his grandpa, 'Granddad, make a sound like a frog.' His grandfather was sort of a rough old fellow and bluntly denied his grandson's request. However, the boy was not about to be refused.

'Please, Granddad, make a sound like a frog!'

'No!' came the old man's grouchy reply.

'Oh, please, granddaddy, make a sound like a frog.'

Exasperated with the little guy's persistence, the Granddad asked, 'Why?'

'Cause Grandma says, 'When Grandpa croaks, we can all go to Six Flags!''

It sounds like the grandpa had built a less-than-favorable reputation for himself. His legacy had apparently been established, and the assumption was that he would never change.

This story makes me want to work on my memory. By that I don't mean my brain's ability to recall; rather, on how I will be remembered in the minds of others.

May it never be that my wife, my children, grandchildren or friends would ever grimace at the mention of my name.

According to **Proverbs 10:7**, the key to creating a memory that brings smiles to the faces of those around us is to allow righteousness to reign in our hearts.

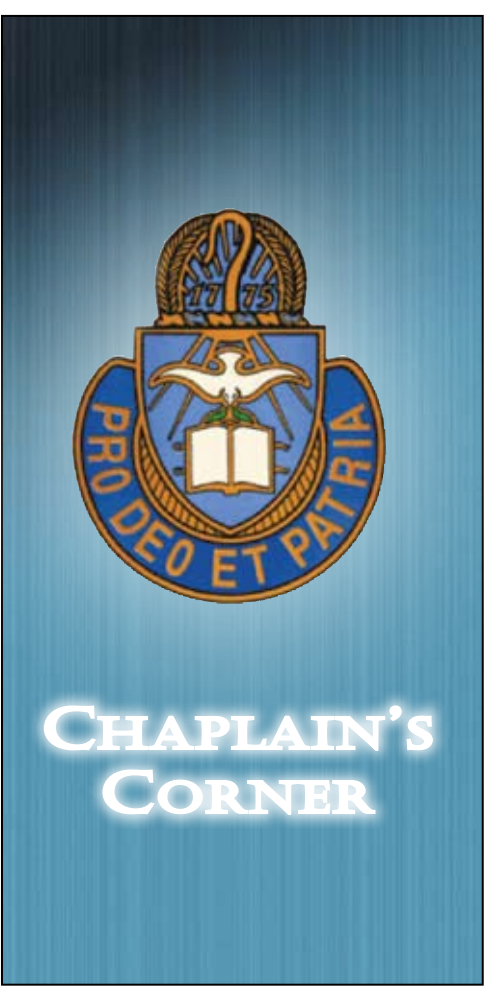
On the other hand, if we want our names to leave the taste of rottenness in the mouths of those who say

them in the future, then all we have to do is embrace wickedness. Things that rot are eventually forgotten completely; they disappear into oblivion.

However, **Psalm 112:6** honors those who choose God's way with a lasting legacy: "For he will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever."

A good goal for life would be that should the day arrive when we become grandparents, we will never hear any of our grandchildren say, "Granddad, make a sound like a frog."

PRAYER: *Father, today I want to place my legacy into Your care. As I pursue Your pleasure, I know one of the benefits will be a sweet remembrance when my name comes to the minds of those who are close to me. Help me end my earthly journey with a reputation that honors both my name and, more importantly, Yours. It's in Your sweet name I pray. Amen.*



Chapel Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
	Location	Time
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne Annex	1:30 p.m.
Saturday Islamic Studies	Marne Annex	9 a.m.
Sunday Islamic Studies	Marne Annex	Appts.
Contact Spc. Lugman at wallead.lugman@yahoo.com		
Jewish		
Friday	Heritage	11:30 a.m.
Contact Harold Crowther at (912) 332-2084		
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary 10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., Sunday

For children grades 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, e-mail fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth or contact **Tanya Harned, Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Coordinator** at (912) 813-9751.

BOSS Soldiers make a skydive over Atlanta

www.stewart.army.mil



Courtesy photo

Specialist Preston Briggs, Company A, 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, jumps out of a plane on a tandem dive with a trained instructor as part of the BOSS skydiving adventure over Atlanta.

Christopher Dent
BOSS Program Manager

The Fort Stewart Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program recently traveled to Atlanta for a Sky Diving trip. Twelve BOSS Soldiers took advantage of this trip.

For one Soldier, this experience was once in a lifetime.

"[It was a] must go, because this was a great experience at a reasonable cost," said Spc. Preston Briggs, who has taken several trips with the BOSS Program said. "Don't just sit in the barracks playing video games."

Soldiers had the opportunity to jump tandem at an altitude of 14,000 feet.

The Fort Stewart BOSS Program is striving to meet the needs of our Single Soldiers. Another recent trip included skiing in Gatlinburg. The next great event is deep sea fishing. BOSS is planning trips to the Georgia War Veterans Home, a Sand Gants game, and white water rafting.

"You're missing a great chance to have fun and do stuff most people can't," said Pfc. Jesse Lewis.

The BOSS office is located in Rocky's Zone at 912-767-9917. Come join in on the fun!



Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

MDS offers military scholarship

Memorial Day School is located just outside Hunter's Wilson Street gate on Habersham Street across from the YMCA.

The school is celebrating more than 50 years of educating Savannah's children.

It excels in academics and sports, and gives individual attention to each child.

The school's Individualized Educational Program can accommodate all children's needs and help them reach their highest potential.

To show their appreciation to the military community, MDS is offering a \$1,500 military scholarship to the children of active duty and retired servicemembers.

In addition, registration fees will be waived for children of all active duty and retired servicemembers.

For more information, contact Melanie Kapla, headmaster, Memorial Day School, at 912-352-4535. Also, visit the Web site at www.memorialdayschool.com

Live Oak Libraries programs offered

Preschool storytime

Hinesville Branch Library has Preschool Storytime Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and Tree Tots Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Tree Tots features age-appropriate stories, finger plays, songs and more for infants, one and two-year-olds. For more info, call 368-4003.

VFW offers claims assistance

The national office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars now offers disability claims assistance through a pre-discharge claims representative working in Stewart-Hunter's Wounded Warrior Battalion's Soldier and Family Service Center, building 12718.

James Graw assists Soldiers in filing disability claims prior to being discharged by performing a complete medical records review to ensure all claimable conditions are listed on the claim for disability compensation. He is also available to veterans to review claims decisions that have been made by the VA and assist in the development of and filing of new conditions.

Call 912-767-4452 for more information.

Education celebration scheduled

Savannah Technical College is proud to announce our fourth annual "Celebration of the Young Child," Saturday. This event is sponsored by Savannah Tech and the Liberty Association for the Education of Young Children, an Early Childhood Education student organization.

Young children and their Families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start and bring lasting benefits to the city of Hinesville.

The Celebration of the Young Child is a time to recognize that "Early Years are Learning Years" for young

children. The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Liberty Campus of Savannah Technical College, 100 Technology Dr. in Hinesville.

More than 200 Families are expected to take part in the celebration. Nonprofit organizations will also participate in this community event, setting up booths and distributing useful information to Families with young children.

Participation in the event allows Families with young children to connect with resources, hear about services, and learn information for making better decisions. This is an outside event, so plan on setting up at 9 a.m. that Saturday morning. Your participation will help make this a grand event.

For more information, contact Gia D. Smith, Ed.S., Instructor/Advisor Early Childhood Care and Education Savannah Technical College, Liberty Campus at gsmith@savannahtech.edu.

Golf added to Glennville Onion Festival

The Glennville Sweet Onion Festival Committee is proud to announce the addition of a milestone event to its stable of pre-festival happenings leading up to the May 8 celebration of the 34th Annual Glennville Sweet Onion Festival.

An 18-hole golf tournament is slated for Thursday afternoon, April 29, at Brazell's Creek Golf Course in Reidsville. The four-man, best-ball competition is scheduled to begin with a shotgun start immediately following a delicious noon meal catered by The Rusty Pig of Glennville.

Cart and green fees, lunch, one free mulligan per player, and on-course refreshments are included in the \$60 per player entry price. Teams will be flighted, with prize money given to the top two teams in each flight.

Player and team registration is presently underway. Interested persons should contact Bernard at 912-237-0895, Lee at 912-237-0241, or Chas at 912-237-4466 to sign up.

Hole and prize sponsors are being sought by the tournament committee. Three levels of sponsorship are available beginning at \$100 and progressing up to \$500, with each receiving varying degrees of print and/or internet promotion and recognition. Individuals or organizations interested in becoming sponsors should contact Charles at 912-654-1616 or cbarnard@glennvillechamber.net.

The Savannah Winds concert slated

The Savannah Winds will present their annual "Pops" Concert, Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m., in the Fine Arts Hall of Armstrong Atlantic State University. The program will include marches, jazz, Latin, opera, and selections from Broadway.

Tickets are \$14 with \$2 discounts for seniors, military, and children. Call 912-344-2801 for ticket information, or order online at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets (convenience charge added).

Book signing, lecture scheduled

Fort McAllister will host a lecture and book signing for Roger Durham at 7 p.m., May 27. Durham has written several books about the fort and the men who served here. Light refreshments will be supplied by the Friends of Fort McAllister Organization and books will be available for purchasing and signing.

Durham has dedicated many hours if not years, of his life, in the research, sharing and writing of the history of this little sand fort and how it stood against William T. Sherman in an attempt to stop his famous March To The Sea!

Scottish Games planned

The 34th Annual Savannah Scottish Games are scheduled for May 8 on the campus of Bethesda Home for Boys, 9520 Ferguson Ave., in Savannah.

There are many activities planned, including heavy athletic competition, band and individual bag piping, drumming competitions, children's activities, dance competitions, food, music and much more.

The heavy athletic competitions include stone throwing, weight tossing, hammer throwing, caber turning, and sheaf tossing, and are open to kilted experienced and novice participants.

The children activities include sheaf toss, sack race, caber turning, the haggis hurl and the welly toss. More information is available at www.savannahscottishgames.com/events.php or by calling 912 351-6332.

Golf Tournament set at County Club

Register today for the Liberty County Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Association, Inc. annual golf tournament, Saturday, at the Cherokee Rose Country Club Golf Course, located at 225 Cherokee Trail in Hinesville.

The cost is \$50 per player with 18 Teams at \$200 per team. Check in at noon with Tee time at 1 p.m. Door prizes and lunch will be available.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch and door prizes. All proceeds benefit academic scholarships for Liberty County High School seniors. Sponsorship opportunities include: Gold Corporate, \$1,500; Corporate, \$500; Team, \$200; and Hole, \$100. For more information, call 912-884-2797.

Enjoy Concerts in the Park

Enjoy a lunchtime concert in the park in downtown Hinesville's Bradwell Park, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 23. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic lunch or purchase from an on-site vendor or downtown restaurant. This month's lunchtime concert features the Ben Robinson Band. Come back later for an evening concert, 6:30-8:30 p.m., featuring Chocolate Biscuit. For more information, call 877-4332.

Reserve Generation rocks 1/3 AAB

Spc. Jared Eastman
1AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C

BAGHDAD – Soldiers from 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division rocked out with Armed Forces Central band Reserve Generation at Contingency Operating Site Falcon, April 9.

"The concert was awesome," said Capt. Tobyas Brazzle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st AAB automations officer. "It's something to get away from what we do every day. When you go outside and listen to a band, you don't forget about where you are at, but you feel appreciated, and you appreciate what they come and do for you."

The concert, planned by the brigade's personnel shop, featured favorites such as "Sweet Home, Alabama" and "Superstitious."

"It's been wonderful playing out here for the Soldiers," said Airman 1st Class Jill

Diem, vocalist for Reserve Generation. "This experience has been the most amazing of my life—to bring morale to the troops, especially on the smaller bases that are further out here in Iraq."

"This band was formed back in January of this year," said Tech. Sgt. David Vittetoe, band percussionist. "Our guitar player had two weeks to get spun up on his training and rehearse. We put together what most groups take six months to do, in two months."

The constant traveling is enough for any troupe to feel stressed. However, for the members of Reserve Generation, this is what they joined up for.

"I've been with the Air Force for 13 years now," said Tech. Sgt. Vittetoe. "I was prior Air Guard, then joined the Air Force Band back in 1998. This is exactly what I went to school for. I was a music major before I went into the Air Force; [now] I get to play drums for a living and entertain folks like

yourselves."

Airman First Class Diem echoed his thoughts.

"To be a band member, you audition first before going through recruiting," she said. "So you know going in [which] band you'll be playing for. I've been a singer my whole life. Before I joined the Air Force, I did a lot of musical theater, jazz club singing, and I taught at a music college in the Twin Cities [Minnesota]"

The band has been all over the Middle East, which has given them a few interesting stories not many get to experience.

"We've been touring since February," said Airman 1st Class Diem. "And we've traveled to Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and we are going to Afghanistan. All our stops have been so varied and so different, I've really enjoyed every experience. In Kyrgyzstan, we got to perform for the locals, which was amazing, especially with what's going on there right now. Personally ...

being a woman, traveling around Saudi Arabia [seemed] incredibly archaic and modern at the same time."

Technical Sergeant Vittetoe said he had a culture shock of his own.

"I'm from the South," he said. "I've been all over the U.S., and this is definitely different. I go from being in the comforts of my own house, playing in concert halls and high school gyms, to playing on dusty, old stages and wondering, 'are we going to get mortared out here?'"

However, even with the quick deployment date, the constant traveling, and a team of varying ranks and ages, Soldiers of 1st AAB, including Capt. Brazzle, said this was one of the best shows he's seen.

"I will say that this is the best concert I've seen within my two deployments," said Capt. Brazzle. "The last [concert I went to] was hard to beat, but they were really interactive with the crowd, and they seemed like they really enjoyed what they were doing."

3rd CAB ODIN-A Soldier moonlights as DJ

Staff Sgt. Francisco Salas
3rd CAB, TF Falcon Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Having served as a disc jockey for three weeks at the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's "Country Night," Spc. Katie Starkey, an administrative clerk in Headquarters and Support Company, Task Force ODIN-A (Observe, Detect, Identify, Neutralize-Afghanistan), 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, TF Falcon, has found a fun way to give back to all the deployed Soldiers and civilians of Bagram Airfield.

"I love to dance, and it feels so awesome to be able to create [an opportunity] for Soldiers to forget they are in Afghanistan for a little while" said Spc. Starkey, from Lipan, Texas.

Specialist Starkey is her company's DFMWR representative and took the opportunity to fill in while the regular DJ, Shane, a civilian contractor took leave.

"I didn't want it to end," said Spc. Starkey. "It's a way to get out when you get off work. If you don't have MWR events, what are you going to do? Go back



Staff Sgt. Francisco Salas

Specialist Katie Starkey, Headquarters and Support Company, Task Force ODIN-A, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, TF Falcon, leads a line dance at DFMWR's "Country Night," at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, March 6.

or five years, and needed a way to get away from the same old bump and grind of the job, so I went and asked if they could use any help and [Spc. Starkey] was there," said Pfc. Richie. "Since she took [country night] over, more people get involved with the line dance lessons and [song] requests, and interact with [us] more."

Both Spc. Starkey and Pfc. Richie agree that country night is a fun way to let loose and encourage everyone to come out to see what the buzz is about.

Country night, which is held Saturday nights, averages 300 people who come out for a variety of country music, including old, new and remixes; dancing and even dance lessons, which take place from 8:15-9 p.m. just before the "party" starts.

to your [quarters] and play video games?"

Also involved in the MWR events is Pfc. Jon Richie, a Kiowa crew chief in Company D, TF Knighthawk, 3rd CAB, TF Falcon.

"I was a general manager of a country club for four

Positives and negatives of life as a military child

Spencer Asher, 14
Family Member



Military life for children here in the United States has many ups and downs. I am here to talk about what I have experienced and noticed during my time of being a military child.

First, I will talk about the positive, or advantages, of military life as a child. One is that the child can get a scholarship because the parent enrolls in the U.S. military. The child of a Soldier has more safety than those that live off-post. I say this because, who would really commit violent crimes in a place with protection, such as guns and rocket launchers?

Another positive thing is for the children who didn't have a recreational center where they could have fun. Here on Fort Stewart, children have the Youth Center, School Age Services, Jordan Gym and day cares. These aren't the only fun things here;

they also have bowling alleys, skating rink, and a "Treehouse" for the little kids. There are many more things that the military provides for children to have a good time.

If you just speak about the positive side of a military child's life, it makes it seem something close to paradise. But to tell the truth it's not, there are many negative things that military children have to go through.

The most common thing that children dislike is the moving part. A lot say they don't want to move because of their friends, and they don't like that they don't really have a choice. The reason I didn't want to move was

because I lived in Hawaii all my life and many of my relatives lived there. To tell the truth, who would want to move away from Hawaii to Hinesville? But anyway, many children feel that they shouldn't get too comfortable with the place they live in because of the fact that there's a big chance that they will move.

The next best reason why children dislike the military is because they don't get to spend some holidays with whoever is in the military because they have to get deployed. But the children I really feel for are the ones who have both parents deployed, or for the children with a single parent.

My brothers don't like that there's a certain age you have to be in order to go to the recreational places without a parent. My youngest brother has many older friends and he isn't able to always hang out with them because his friends always go to the Youth Center and he has to wait two years to be able to be there without a parent's supervision. So I think that they should lower the age so that these children can have fun instead of staying at home and just waiting for their friends to leave from the Youth Center.

Well these are the positive and negative things that I've seen and experienced about the life of a military child. The positive things are great because it keeps many children from feeling down and going out and having fun. But I think the military should take the negative things I stated and do something about it so that military children have nothing to complain about or can have an easier or better life.



DFMWR Briefs

Dive-in movie offered at Hunter

Grab a float and come over to enjoy the movie "Up" at 6 p.m., tomorrow at the Tominac Fitness Center Indoor Pool, building 919 at Hunter Army Airfield. There is no charge.

Active duty, Family Members, retirees and DoD Civilians are welcome. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 912-315-2019 for more information.

CYSS Block Party, Lock-In scheduled

The Child, Youth and School Services' Block Party & Lock-In Around the World will be held Saturday at Fort Stewart. Both events are free.

The block party will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338. It will feature inflatables, games, crafts, face-painting, music, food and more. Open to children of all ages.

The Lock-In, for registered Youth Center members (grades 6-12) will be held from 9 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next day. It will feature a multi-cultural dinner, flash-back music, midnight basketball, games and more.

Register no later than today for the Lock-In. For details, call 912-767-4491.

School Board candidate positions open

The Fort Stewart School District will accept school board Candidate Interest Forms for the 2010-2011 School Year until Monday.

There are five school board seats vacant. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to support our schools and provide public service.

Information on school board Candidate Interest Procedures were published April 9. Procedures and election forms can be picked up and submitted at your Fort Stewart school. For more information, call 912-767-3636.

Tell-Me-a-Story sign-up open

The registration deadline is April 26 for the Tell Me

a Story—Making Connections through Literacy with guest reader Melody Sexton, 2nd HBCT Family Readiness Group Advisor.

The reading will be from 3-4 p.m., May 2 at Club Stewart, building 405. It is presented by Military Child Education Coalition Parent 2 Parent Program and Child, Youth & School Services.

Each registered Family receives a copy of the featured book, "The Remarkable Farkle McBride," by John Lithgow. The reading will include interactive activities and snacks and is geared for children ages 4-12.

To register, contact MCEC Coordinator Kristi Cormier at 912-877-9111 or FtStewartP2P@aol.com. Space is limited.

For more information, call Fort Stewart School Liaison at 912-767-6533.

Register for GC's Golf Scramble

Registration will close April 29 for the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble, which begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., April 30 at Taylors Creek Golf Course.

The garrison commander extends an invitation to participate in the scramble, a great opportunity for team building and fellowship.

Fees are \$35 for Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf Club members, active duty, retirees, Army Civilians, and \$45 for civilian guests.

Play will be limited to the first 50 two-person teams. For more information, call 912-767-2370.

Youths'Imagemaker photos displayed

Visit the George P. Hays Library, building 411, at any time during regular hours and enjoy the photographs taken by youths from School Age and Middle School Teen programs for the 2010 Imagemakers Photo Contest.

The photos will be on display until April 30.

For more information, call 912-767-2635.

Sign-up for summer league at Marne Lanes

Marne Lanes, building 402, is accepting sign-ups through April 30 for summer league play, which begins in May.

Stop by the bowling center and register for one of our leagues.

We have a league to please everyone – women's, mixed, men's scratch youth and others.

And, don't forget about our Afternoon Bowling Special.

On Monday through Friday, from 2-5 p.m., games are just \$1 and shoe rental is \$1.75.

For more information, call 912-767-4866.

Take the English Channel swim challenge

Do you have what it takes to swim the English Channel? Find out by participating in the English Channel Challenge at Newman Fitness Center, building 439, from May 1 through Oct. 31. This is an honor-based aquatics fitness incentive program.

Participants register to participate in a challenge to swim the width of the English Channel, 240 kilometers (150 miles) wide.

Those who complete the challenge in the allotted time frame will receive a prize. For more information, call 912-767-3669.

SKIESUnlimited offers deployment benefit

Did you know that if your spouse is deployed, you could be eligible for up to \$300 in free SKIESUnlimited Classes under the new Army Family Covenant benefit?

Mission Level 1 patrons will receive up to \$300 and Mission Level 2 and 3 will receive up to \$150 in benefits to use toward any SKIESUnlimited Class or camps offered this Summer.

For more information, contact CYSS registration at 912-767-2312 at Stewart or 912-315-5425 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Army Community Service



Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Awareness

April is Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Army Community Service will have various events, activities, and highlights during the entire month of April. A Women's self-defense class will take place at Hunter (Tominac Fitness Center) from 6-7 p.m., April 20. Wear your denim or teal T-shirt to remind us about the myths regarding sexual assault on April 21.

The DoD SAPRLINE (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response) of Courage highlights the issue of sexual assault for both male and female victims. Participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month by decorating a T-shirt at the Walk to Iraq event held at (Fort Stewart) Cottrell Field, 9-11 a.m., April 24. The T-shirt can represent both personal and general experiences and feelings related to this important issue. Please bring your own T-shirt. You may use a plain or old T-shirt turned inside out. If you have any shirts from previous similar projects, please feel free to bring those. Decorating supplies will be provided.

Shirts may not identify the perpetrator(s), and there should be no drawings or language that would be inappropriate for children. Please call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816 to find out more information.

Free classes offered at Stewart

Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.: Family Orientation (Fort Stewart, Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: Play Morning (Fort Stewart, Bryan Village Youth Center)

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomers Windshield Bus Tours (Fort Stewart, Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Monday, 9:30-11 a.m.: Mine, Yours, and Ours-Parenting for Step-Families (Fort Stewart, ACS, building 82)

April 22, 4-5 p.m.: Welcome Seminar for ERMP Families (Fort Stewart, ACS, building 86)

April 21, 10-11 a.m.: Dog Face Soldier for Families (Fort Stewart Museum)

April 21 & 28, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Massage (Fort Stewart, ACS, building 82)

April 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Battlemind Training for Spouses (Fort Stewart, Main Post Chapel)

April 22, 2-4 p.m.: Chasing Toddlers (Fort Stewart,

ACS, building 82)

April 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Asperger's Syndrome Workshop (Fort Stewart, ACS, building 86)

Free classes offered at Hunter

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: Play Morning (Hunter, New Gannam Community Center)

Monday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Foreign Born Spouses Group (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

Monday, 1-3 p.m.: 10 Tools for Your Parenting Tool Box (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Interviewing Workshop (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Chasing Toddlers (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 6-7 p.m.: Women's Self Defense Class (Hunter, Tominac Fitness Center)

April 21, 9-11 a.m.: Keeping Your Bank Account in Check (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

April 21, 1-2:30 p.m.: Overseas Briefing: Alaska & Hawaii (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

April 21, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Massage (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

April 22, 1-4 p.m.: Five Love Languages (Hunter, ACS, building 1286)

Buddies needed for Special Olympics

Volunteers (buddies) are needed for the Spring Special Olympics, which will take place at the Fort Stewart Quick Track, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. This one-day event is a great opportunity for you to give a helping hand as a hugger, score sheet runner, and most importantly the audience and cheering section. To find out more about this great volunteer opportunity, call 912-767-3428 or 912-767-5058.

Outreach Services joins Facebook

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Survivor Outreach Services recently launched their official Facebook page. With more than 100 fans, the page includes general information about SOS, weekly updates, tribute photos, discussion boards, event listings, survivor stories, a list of online resources, and Frequently Asked Questions. The SOS Facebook page is a safe and caring space where survivors and their dedicated supporters can come together.

SOS is an Army-wide, Army Community Service

support program that provides local, long-term assistance to Families of fallen active duty Soldiers. The SOS team consists of two support coordinators and two financial counselors, who offer information and referral services, financial counseling, life skills education, support groups, events, and referrals to other resources. Advocating for survivors in Southeast Georgia, Florida with the exclusion of the Panhandle, and two counties in South Carolina, the SOS team ensures that survivors continue to feel a part of the Army Family for as long as they desire.

Soldiers and their Families are the Army's greatest assets, and the Army encourages Families to support each other. Neither Soldier nor Family Member is left behind. Show your support by becoming a Fan of the SOS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Stewart-GA/Fort-Stewart-Hunter-Army-Airfield-Survivor-Outreach-Services/299347513724. For more information, contact one of the SOS coordinators at 912-767-2266/9176 or SOS financial counselors at 912-767-5714/3367.

Newcomer's Welcome Packet available

A Welcome Packet is available on the "Team Stewart" Web site. A newcomer's welcome packet provides a wealth of information about the Stewart-Hunter installation including cost of living, population, child care, schools, youth services, housing, employment, post services, medical services, and much more. To access a welcome packet simply type "Team Stewart" into any search engine, click on the "Team Stewart" homepage, under the Newcomers Dropdown List, click on the Welcome Packet, then select topic of interest.

Local maps, telephone directories, and current event calendars are also available at the Fort Stewart Relocation Readiness Office located at Army Community Service, building 86. A Newcomers local bus tour is offered every Wednesday and Thursday departing from the Soldier Service Center at 1 p.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Participants will take a free tour of Fort Stewart and Hinesville. The Fort Stewart Relocation Office also has a free Newcomers Route to Savannah Tour, which is held the fourth Friday of each month, departing at 9 a.m. and returning 2 p.m. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital

March 25

• **Rebekah Ann Collins**, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Andrew Collins and Elise Collins.

March 26

• **Landon Michael Bonds**, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Robert L. Bonds and Jacqueline R. Bonds.

• **Donald Stephen Kominek II**, a boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Donald Kominek and Jessica Kominek.

• **Lacey Beth Oncale**, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Sgt. Heath J. Oncale and Alicia Oncale.

• **Layla Isbella Rodriguez**, a girl, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Mario A. Rodriguez and Lindsey Rodriguez.

• **Callie Rhean Stenger**, a girl, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Jared Edward Stenger and Jessamine Rene Stenger.

March 27

• **Hayden Marie Kent**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Anthony Kent Jr. and Spc. JoAnne Marie Kent.

• **Treyonce' Khiry Marcellus Strahan**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Joy Strahan, Family Member

March 29

• **Trinity Ann Leaman**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Ryan Leaman and Jodi Leaman.

• **Laila Annabelle White**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Mone A. White, Family Member.

March 30

• **Delilah Kay Buckalew**, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Alan Buckalew and Tanja Buckalew.

• **Trinitie Leann Martin**, a girl, 8 pounds 3 ounces, born to Pfc. James Martin and Jennifer Martin.

• **Ella Kathleen Moore**, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Joseph Moore and Ashley Moore.

March 31

• **Brooklin Audrey-Nicole Haire**, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Haire and Kellie Haire.

April 2

• **Kendra Allen**, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Gerry Allen and Lauren Allen.

• **Julian Andres Gonzalez**, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Mauricio Andres Gonzalez and Megan LeeAnna Gonzalez.

• **Kadi Lynn Keesee**, a girl, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua Keesee and Kali Keesee

• **Kyle Jacob Pratt**, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Dustin Kyle Pratt and Spc. Rosa Guadalupe Pratt.

April 3

• **Tayla Leigh Allen**, a girl, 4 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Anthony S. Allen and Pfc. Ashley K. Allen.

• **Wesley Gene Pesicka**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Pesicka and Laura Pesicka.

• **Amelia Ann Staub**, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to 1st Sgt. Jason A. Staub and Mary Margaret Staub.

April 4

• **Rozlyn Loren Mendoza**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Raul Mendoza and Regina Mendoza.

April 5

• **Andrew Derek Atwood**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Derek Thomas Atwood and Sgt. Sara Jeanne Atwood.