

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

WHEELED VEHICLES ROLL INTO MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CELEBRATION

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Hundreds of Fort Stewart youths spend their weekdays learning their ABCs, 123s, and that "The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round'" song at installation childcare facilities while their military parents are away defending our nation's freedom. Saluting the sacrifices these toddlers and pre-kindergartners make every day and in celebrating the Month of the Military Child, Fort Stewart's Child and Youth School Services hosted Wheels Day, April 22 – a day where the wheels on the bus and several other kid-favorite vehicles rolled into the Child Development Center's parking lot for display.

"Children love transportation; they love wheels," said Leah Cabey, Stewart CDC facility director. "They play with trucks and cars in their classrooms. Why not magnify those (vehicles) here?"

CYSS-registered youth ages 1 through 5 explored a tractor, forklift, fire truck, police car and school bus and hopped aboard a miniature train, which chugged around the CDC parking lot. The children even got a chance to play Army as 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers with the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st HBCT, who displayed a Humvee, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck and Field Litter Ambulance.

Providing additional entertainment, the 3rd ID Band echoed their appreciation through the festive sounds of trumpets, tubas, clarinets and drums while children clapped, stomped, and danced to the beat.

"We celebrate our military children every day, but this is the one time of the year where we splurge," Cabey said. "These children and their parents

sacrifice so much, and for that we want to say, 'thank you.'"

The Department of Defense designated April as the Month of the Military Child in 1986 with the intent of showing the important role military children play in the Armed Forces community. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield jump-started the month with a parade focusing on this year's theme, "Bring communities together for children – children bring communities together." The installation hosted several events for youth throughout the month, to include the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Garden Day, Hat and Sunglasses Day and Wheels Day. The activities concluded with a carnival and picnic at Stewart's Child Development Center, April 29.

For more information on Month of the Military Child or Child and Youth School Services-sponsored activities, call 767-6071.



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Sergeant Thomas Cheek, Cavalry scout with 5/7 Cav., 1st BCT, helps Zacis Ray, 4, get a closer look at the periscope of a M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle as a part of CYSS Wheels Day, April 22.

Hinesville comes together for kids' safety

Spc. Michael Adams
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

The city of Hinesville held a "safe kids day" in order to inform children and their parents of the many risks facing them and how they can be safe in dangerous situations at Hinesville's Bradwell Park, April 25.

The event featured booths from the Army Community Service, the Hinesville Fire Department, the Hinesville Police Department, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and many others.

"We're trying to get information out to the parents to keep our children safe in home, school or public," said Officer John Williams of the Hinesville PD, who was in charge of the event. "Every day like this is important. We're helping the parents know better how to protect the children. We teach fishing safety (and) hunting safety to show what the city of Hinesville as well as Fort Stewart



Spc. Michael Adams

Zesimiyha Lindquist, 5, meets McGruff the Crime Dog at Hinesville Safe Kids Day at Bradwell Park, April 25.

has to offer for safety for the summer and year-round."

The event also had performances from the Liberty County High School drumline, Dancing Unlimited and Orgullo Panameno, a dance group

from Panama.

Chief Warrant Officer Jeremy Main, an aviator with the 3rd Squadron, 17 Cavalry Regiment, got the word out about motorcycle in a booth sponsored by his group, the Chosen

Ryderz, a motorcycle club based out of Hinesville.

"I want to make (sure) the community knows about motorcycle safety," he said. "Motorcyclists should be aware of all the dangers they can face. People should understand we need to keep everyone safe."

One child enjoyed learning about safety through a fireproof play house, where children learned what to do in case of fire inside their house.

"It was fun, because we got to roll down stairs when we pretended the house was on fire," said Ciara Kaplan, 5.

Kaplan also appreciated the importance of practicing safety.

"If you touch something hot you could burn," she said.

Williams felt the event did get out the message of safety to the community.

"There are a lot of people here, children learning a lot, parents getting a lot of information, it's a real good success."

Vidalia puts on really big show at Onion Fest

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

When Vidalia, Ga. decides to put on a festival, it's a really big show that includes a spectacular air show, children's amusement park rides, and several acres of arts and crafts, all with live entertainment and lots of food, especially the town's

famous namesake onion. This quaint, Toombs County community celebrated its 32nd annual Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, April 25-26.

The gates opened at 9 a.m. for the carnival rides and arts and craft sections of the festival, and although the actual air show didn't begin until noon, there was plenty to see and do and eat

at the air show.

The Army was well-represented with a virtual experience ride, an information booth and a static display of armored weapons, including an Abrams tank, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a humvee and a Paladin. Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, manned the impressive display of armor, answering questions from children and adults alike who were allowed to climb on and go inside the vehicles.

For a small fee, monster truck fans had a chance to ride in the back of one of these giant pickups. An even more popular ride was offered by the Sky Soldiers, an organization of former and retired pilots and crew chiefs dedicated to preserving the legacy of vintage Army aircraft, particularly Vietnam era helicopters like the UH-1H Iroquois "Huey" and the AH-1 Cobra. A modest \$45 donation (\$40 for veterans and \$35 for active duty) gave Huey fans an opportunity to take a 15-minute ride and savor the familiar "whup, whup whup" sound for which the Huey is remembered.

Though he's not a Vietnam-era veteran or a former pilot, Hampton Hudson, 10, of Statesboro, Ga. is becoming a veteran passenger aboard the Huey, having now taken 10

flights during air shows in which the Sky Soldiers have participated. After getting the VIP seating directly behind the pilots, Ron Disney and Ron Warner, and beside crew chief Melody Hendricks, Hampton sat back and quietly enjoyed the breezy ride and stunning aerial views from the open-door aircraft. Some girls slightly younger than him were less calm throughout the flight, often expressing their concerns out loud in very shrill voices.

"Hampton loves flying," said Hampton's father, Paul Hudson. "I expect he'll be a helicopter pilot some day, probably an Army pilot."

In addition to offering Huey rides, Sky Soldiers also brought four Cobras, which put on a demonstration that included an attack formation run across the airfield. Officially part of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, Sky Soldiers is a nonprofit organization located in Hampton, Ga. dedicated to educating the American public about its military heritage, connecting the American Soldier to the American public, inspiring patriotism and motivating Americans toward community and national service, and most of all, preserving authentic, flyable examples of Army aircraft and using them in aerial demonstrations and presentations.

Shanda Elkins, executive vice-president of the AAHF and a retired Marine sergeant major, coordinated rides and demonstrations. George Meeker provided the safety briefing for riders and Ken Gilliam served as the landing zone safety officer. Lee Maynard directed the Cobra demonstration team.

The Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show represent the kind of Family-affordable fun that's available to you in the tri-state area. Be sure to check out the Frontline and Quality Time magazine and stay informed about what's happening in your community.



Photos by Randy Murray

Soldiers from 3/69 Armor, 3rd ID, brought an Abrams tank, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a humvee and a Paladin to the Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, April 25-26. Soldiers answered their questions as adults and children were allowed to climb on and inside the vehicles.

BACKGROUND: The water tower for the town of Vidalia as seen from the door of a UH-1H Huey at about 800 feet was part of the aerial view for those willing to fly with the Sky Soldiers, a veterans' organization dedicated to preserving vintage Army aircraft and America's military heritage. The Sky Soldiers were one of many groups performing at the Vidalia Onion Festival Air Show, April 25-26.



MWR Briefs

BOSS Walk for Pride slated

The BOSS Walk for Pride, a fundraiser to help support the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday at Donovan Field at Fort Stewart and the Softball Complex at Hunter Army Airfield.

During the event, donations will be accepted by BOSS and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and participants will take part in a one-hour walk of support for our single Soldiers.

Prizes will be awarded for the individuals that donate the most money.

First place prize is a \$100 rental credit at Leisure Activities, second place a \$75 rental credit at Leisure Activities and third place a \$50 rental credit at Leisure Activities.

BOSS also will award a first-place plaque for the Most Spirited Unit area.

For more information call 767-4316.

Free Golf Clinic offered at Taylors Creek

Learn the basics of golf, including simple rules and course etiquette, in a free clinic, Saturday at Taylors Creek Golf Course, building 2150. Beginners' session is at 11 a.m. and novice golfers' session begins at noon. Call 767-2370 to register by Friday.

Sign-Up for Universal Studios Trip

The registration deadline is May 6 for the May 22-24 trip to Orlando. Travelers will depart the Stewart Leisure Travel Office, building 443. Start your summer vacation with a Memorial Day weekend trip to Universal Studios. The cost of \$275 for 1-4 people per hotel room, which includes transportation and two WonderWorks amusement park tickets per Family.

For details and registration, call 767-2841.

Spring Jam 3-on-3 Tournament

The Spring Jam 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held at 11 a.m., May 9 at the Courts and Picnic Pavilion on Stephen Douglas Street at Hunter.

The 3-on-3 double elimination event includes a cookout and music. There is no charge. Prizes will be awarded.

There will be three categories: male ages 14-17, male ages 18 and over, and female.

The maximum number of players per team is four.

For details and registration, call 315-2019.

Take a trip to Savannah Scottish Games

See the Scottish Games on a day trip from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 9 to the Bethesda School for Boys in Savannah. Participants will depart from Stewart's Leisure Travel Office.

Celebrate and experience your Celtic heritage.

The day will include a piping and dancing competition, bagpipe bands, Scottish heavy athletics, reenactors, modern Celtic music, border-collie demonstration, genealogy, children activities and Scottish and American foods.

The \$15 cost includes transportation and admission. For details and tickets, call 315-3674 (Hunter) or 767-2841 (Stewart).

Treat Mom to Mothers Day Brunch

Treat your mom on this special day. Mothers Day brunches will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 10 at Club Stewart, building 405, and the Hunter Club, building 6015.

The menu features breakfast items, a ham carving station; roast beef, grilled chicken with green onion supreme sauce, roasted pork loin with pecan sauce, loaded mashed potatoes, spring rice blend, fresh green beans almondine, chuck wagon corn, salad bar, peach crepes and chocolate fountain.

The cost is \$14.95 per person, children ages 5-10 half price and

ages 4 and under free.

For more information, call 368-2212 at Stewart or 459-7923 at Hunter.

Go on Four-Day Bahama Cruise

Make plans now to set sail on a four-day Bahama Cruise on Carnival's ship Fascination. The cruise sails to Nassau and Freeport from the Port of Jacksonville, Sept. 10-14.

Registration is open to Single Soldiers April 21-May 8, and to all military ID cardholders May 9-June 1 (pending space available).

The inside cabin cost of \$348.67 per person and ocean view cost of \$388.67 per person includes the cruise, port charge, taxes and gratuity. For more information, call 767-2841.

Classes offered at Corkan Recreation

Corkan Family Recreation Area offers a number of classes on a regular basis for various ages.

On Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. (unless it is a holiday or school vacation day), there's the Toddler Bowling Class at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449. The \$1 cost includes all instructional fees and equipment.

On Thursdays Roller Skating Class at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per session and includes all instructional fees and equipment.

Also, learn to be a novice climber from 6-8 p.m. The staff at Corkan Family Fun Center can teach anyone to climb.

The cost is \$7 per session, including all instructional fees and equipment.

Climbing students must be at least 8 years old. If under age 18, parent or guardian must be present.

Learn the game of roller hockey or show us your skill. The \$5 cost includes all instructional fees and equipment.

Call 767-9884 for more information about classes and activities.

Looking for a good home...

Pets of the Week



*Stravos the cat
&
Joe Joe 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.





PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH MAY 3

Duplicity

Today — 7 p.m.

(Julia Roberts, Clive Owen)

CIA officer Claire Stenwick and MI6 agent Ray Koval have left the world of government intelligence to cash in on the highly profitable cold war raging between two rival multinational corporations. Their mission? Secure the formula for a product that will bring a fortune to the company that patents it first. For their employers — industry titan Howard Tully and buccaneer CEO Dick Garsik — nothing is out of bounds. But as the stakes rise, the mystery deepens and the tactics get dirtier, the trickiest secret for Claire and Ray is their growing attraction. And as they each try to stay one double-cross ahead, two career loners find their schemes endangered by the only thing they can't cheat their way out of: love.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual content) 125 min

I Love You Man

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Paul Rudd, Jason Segel)

Peter is a successful real estate agent who, upon getting engaged to the woman of his dreams, Zooney, discovers, to his dismay and chagrin, that he has no male friend close enough to serve as his Best Man. Peter immediately sets out to rectify the situation, embarking on a series of bizarre and awkward man-dates, before meeting Sydney, a charming, opinionated man with whom he instantly bonds. But the closer the two men get, the more Peter's relationship with Zooney suffers, ultimately forcing him to choose between his fiancée and his new found bro, in a story that comically explores what it truly means to be a friend.

Rated R (pervasive language, including crude and sexual references) 105 min

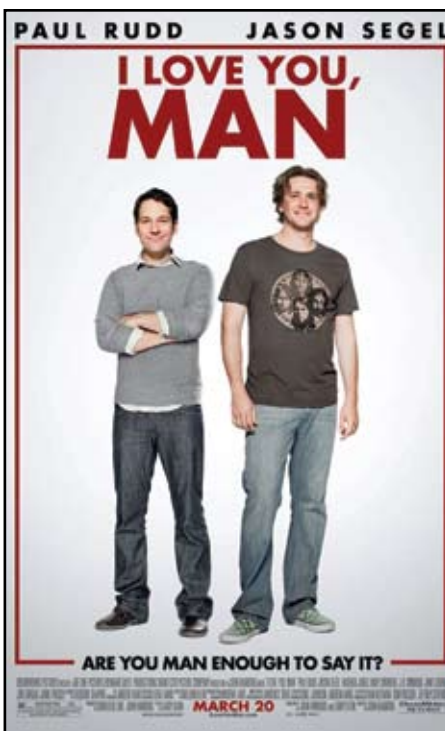
Race to Witch Mountain

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Dwayne Johnson, Anna Sophia Robb)

For years, stories have circulated about a secret place in the middle of the Nevada desert, known for unexplained phenomena and strange sightings. It is called Witch Mountain, and when a Las Vegas cab driver finds two teens with supernatural powers in his cab, he suddenly finds himself in the middle of an adventure he can't explain. When they discover that the only chance to save the world lies in unraveling the secrets of Witch Mountain, the race begins, as the government, mobsters and even extraterrestrials try to stop them.

Rated PG (sequences of action/ violence, frightening/ dangerous situations, thematic elements) 97 min



HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

April 23

- **Sydney Danielle Fox**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. David Gary Fox II and Winnress Anne Fox.

- **Jeremiah R. Woods**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Mark R. Woods and Migdalia Woods.

- **Curtis Joseph Summerhays**, a boy, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Noah James Summerhays and Katrina Mary Summerhays.

April 24

- **Tasha Alixandria Flowers Hart**, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Steven Alon Flowers Hart and Candice Nichole Hart.

- **Autumn Sky Masters**, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Jonathan Ray Masters and Blue Sky Masters.

April 25

- **Brianna Jesmine Thompson**, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Enrique M. Thompson and Ratana Thompson.

HELP make a difference by donating blood!

Announcing an American Red Cross Blood Drive
sponsored by 1-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion

Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Caro Gym, bldg 708 (behind Rocky's)

Walk-in screening and donations are also welcome.

POC: Lt. Kozub at 767-7434 to schedule a donation appointment or for additional information.

*Donor eligibility information is available at
redcrossblood.org or at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.*

Quench your spiritual thirst, your soul



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Minietta
3/17 CAV Chaplain

When you arrive in the Army, one of the first things you receive is your canteen and you are told to drink, drink again, and keep on drinking. The Army is serious about hydration. After graduating from Advanced Individual Training, it felt weird not having a canteen hanging from my shoulder, my belt, or attached to my hand.

In our first week at reception, we carried a quart of water in our canteen everywhere we went. In basic, we had a two-quart canteen hanging from our shoulder, and in AIT, we attached a one-quart to our belts. In training, the impor-

tance of water cannot be overstated. After physical training, we downed our canteens, before leaving a classroom, drink water. At night, the canteen is placed by your bed....water, water, and more water!!! Our drill sergeant used to say, "If you are tired, DRINK WATER! If you are hurt, DRINK WATER, if you want to quit, DRINK WATER, and if you don't like it, DRINK WATER!"

A woman in *John 4* of the New Testament also knows what it's like to be thirsty; therefore, she made a trip to a well to draw water. She encountered Jesus there and he asked her for a drink. She was shocked that Jesus would even speak with her, because she was a Samaritan and Jesus was a Jew, but Jesus

told her that if she knew who he was, she would ask him for living water. She questioned Jesus about how he could offer water without anything to draw water with, but she was interested because she would never have to come to the well for water again. Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water [well water] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

When you are thirsty, water is definitely important and will help quench your thirst for a time. But when it comes to the spiritual thirst deep down in your soul, what are you doing to quench it?

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
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	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		

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

Latter-Day Saints		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

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

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

**Junior and Senior
High School Students!**

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6-8 p.m.

**at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.**

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or call 877-7207

Bible study spiritually prepares Kelley Hill Soldiers

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division are holding a Bible study at the Kelley Hill Chapel, Fort Benning, Ga., every

Thursday starting at 7 p.m.

Free pizza and drinks will be provided at the meetings.

"We are currently in a 20-part series named The Call to Follow," said Chris Bean, the group's leader. "The part we are in now gives men and women the basics on how to fol-

low Jesus."

Bean, a former Soldier, explained the study is part of a post wide initiative designed to give single Soldiers more social options.

"This study is an excellent way for Soldiers to figure out who Jesus is and how they can follow him," said

Bean. "There are a lot of Soldiers getting ready to go to Iraq and Afghanistan. This study will prepare them spiritually and get them ready for life."

For more information, Soldiers can call Bean at 706 464 6426 or email him at bean375@hotmail.com.

Check out the Frontline online at www.stewart.army.mil.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs

All Live oak Public Library Branches will be closed on May 25 for Memorial Day Observance.

Preschool Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and more at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at Liberty Branch Library in Hinesville. For children ages 3-4.

Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and more, at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at Liberty Branch Library. For children ages 1-2.

Clifford the Big Red Dog

Join the fun as Clifford the Big Red Dog helps celebrate Children's Book Week.

Join us for stories, crafts, and lots of fun at 9 a.m., May 11 at Liberty Branch Library.

For more information, call 912-368-4003.

Computer Practic Sessions

Come and practice all of the things that you have learned in the past computer classes or were afraid to try alone at home. All skill levels are welcome. Practice sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m., May 7 and 21 at Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to the Internet searches

This is a beginner's course on using the Internet that will cover using Internet Explorer browser to navigate through the Internet and print web pages. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge. The class will be held at 7 p.m., May 13 at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Windows

A beginner's course on using the library's computers will be offered at the Liberty Branch Library at 10:30 a.m., May 14. This course will cover using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Word

Liberty Branch Library will be offering a beginner's course on using Microsoft Word, word processing software at 7 p.m., May 19, and at 10:30 a.m., May 28. Learn how to create, print, and save a document. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

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 is coming

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.

Lecture on Lincoln

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.

Mother's Day play show slated

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.

Glennville to hold 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.

Christian concert coming soon

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.

Patriotic Concert coming to Hinesville

Patriotic Concert rehearsals will be held 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Brewton-Parker Auditorium, off of Highway 84 in Hinesville.

The Community Chorus will be presenting a Patriotic Concert on July 7. There will also be local area talent performing in the concert. If you would like to perform as a soloist or group, sign up now by e-mailing lcca.mass.choir@bellsouth.net or calling 912-977-3432. The concert will be free for the community. Military and Family Members are invited to participate.

Relay for Life Fundraiser

The Dixie Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is holding a fundraiser for the Liberty County Relay for Life. On Monday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. the Chili's in Hinesville will donate 10 percent of sales to the ASMC Relay team.

Those funds will benefit the American Cancer Society and help them continue the fight to find a cure for cancer.

Junior leaders visit 3rd ID Soldiers

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Local high school student leaders visited with Soldiers from 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart as part of a trip sponsored by United Community Bank to promote leadership to students, April 24

The students attending the trip were members of the United Community Bank Junior Leaders Board, an organization designed to promote leadership throughout their community.

"These students really represent the best students from the local high schools," said Gene Haskins,

United Community Bank president. "Throughout the year these students plan out and execute community projects to better their community; so when we wanted to reward them with a trip for their hard work they choose to come to Fort Stewart."

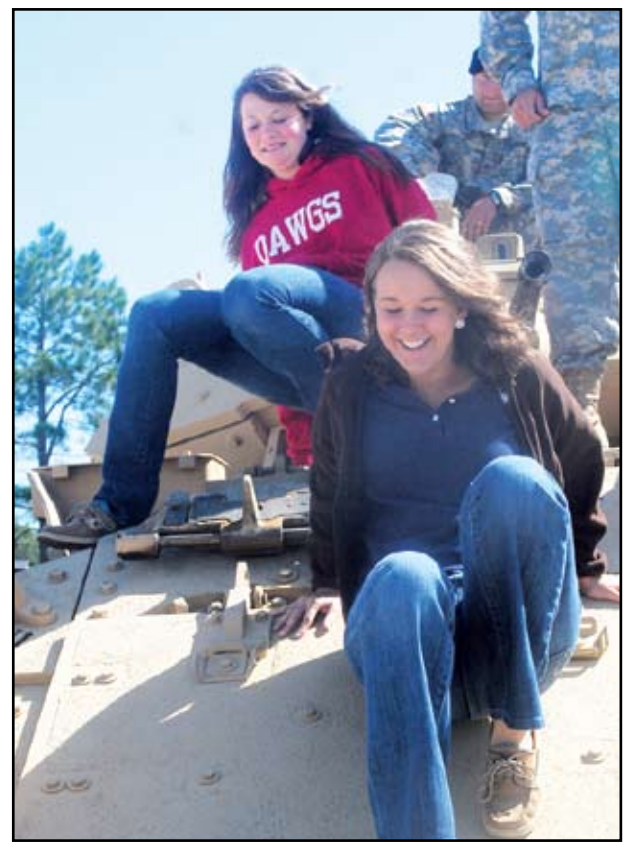
Haskins, a former Soldier and Vietnam veteran who was once stationed at Fort Stewart more than 40 years ago, said it was a privilege to return to Fort Stewart. He also said this was a great opportunity for the high school leaders to meet with Soldiers and learn from their hard work and leadership skills to help foster their own, as well as their communities.

"I was nervous at first about com-

ing to Fort Stewart; I thought everyone would be very rigid and stern, but everyone has been very nice," said Katie McGuire, a high school senior.

The trip, which was chosen by the students themselves, allowed them the opportunity to visit Fort Stewart and base landmarks such as Warriors Walk, 3rd ID Museum, allowed them to see Soldiers from 2-3 BTB at work.

"Going around Warriors Walk was pretty amazing; to see how many Soldiers are honored there was pretty awe inspiring," said McGuire, "I still think my favorite part is when the Soldiers let us climb in and on top of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle; that was awesome."



Spc. Dustin Gautney

Jessica Webb and Katie McGuire, both local high school seniors and members of the United Community Bank Junior Leaders Board, attempt to dismount from a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during a visit to Fort Stewart and Soldiers from 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, April 24.

Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf supports the military

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

When the week-long Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf event ended at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa on April 26, the 87 birdies made by the professional golfers playing in the tournament, at \$100 per hole, yielded \$8,700 in "Birdies for Charity" donations for the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison's Consolidated Tithes and Offerings Fund.

"I'm thrilled to receive this money," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Bryan Walker, the 3rd Infantry Division Chaplain, who accepted the check for Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID's commanding general, following the tournament in front of the score board. "It's not often we get \$8,700 at one given time to use for ministry."

The money is used specifically for the Operation Helping Hands ministry at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, according to Chap. (Col.) Richard Moore, senior chaplain, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. Those funds help out young Soldiers



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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bryan Walker thanks Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament Director Tim Iley for the \$8,700 donation to the Consolidated Chaplain's Fund.

and their Families by giving them food vouchers when they have no money left to buy food due to payroll problems or permanent change of station moves that can deplete a Soldier's income.

Tim Iley, tournament director, returned thanks to Chap. (Lt. Col.) Walker for the installation's support throughout the tournament, including Soldiers who volunteered and military assets at the event. He also expressed

gratitude for the partnership between tournament sponsors, the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, the Savannah USO and the military community.

Donations made by Savannah Chatham of Commerce businesses, along with Liberty Mutual Legends tournament sponsors, allowed active-duty military members and their Families to attend the three-day Senior Champion Tournament free of

charge. About 3,000 servicemembers and Family Members attended the three-day weekend event to watch the Senior Champions play.

The Savannah USO manned military tents at the event and served free food and beverages from the USO Canteen for servicemembers and their Families, April 24-26.

"We've had a good turn out," said Mary Nelson Adams, the USO volunteer coordinator, who said the servicemembers who visited the tent enjoyed the food and seemed to be having a great time.

Twelve Soldiers from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade carried score boards as "standard bearers" throughout the week, and another crew of 3rd CAB Soldiers manned a tactical vehicle positioned on site, showcasing weaponry for interested spectators. Four other 3rd CAB Soldiers served as ambassadors throughout the week. They walked close to the professional players, inside the ropes as they played for an up close view of the tournament. According to Iley, there were no

duties assigned the ambassadors, just the privilege of watching the Senior Champion professionals.

Four servicemembers participated in the two-day Pro-Am tournament, April 22-23, compliments of tournament sponsors. The players, all possessing a single-digit handicap, were: Capt. Jeff Meinders, Third Combat Aviation Brigade's First Battalion, Third Aviation Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer Matt Campbell of the Fourth Battalion, Third Aviation Regiment; Petty Officer Adam Morehouse of the U.S. CoastGuardAirStationSavannah; and Spc. David Jarrett, Third Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. On day one of the Pro-Am tournament, the foursome played with Bill Rogers, the 1981 winner of the British Open and on day two, Tom Jenkins, who has won seven Champion Tours.

At the close of Sunday's event, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Walker thanked the Coastal Georgia community for its support. He said that members of our Armed Forces find comfort in knowing their Families are supported by this community while they serve.

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-duty, 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.

Newcomers briefings available

Spouses are encouraged to attend the comprehensive newcomer's orientation offered at Fort Stewart each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area – and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and servicemembers. The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer.

To register for the newcomer orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-2467. Also ask about child care.

Bowling for EFMP members offered

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

Classes help with job placement

Your Employment Readiness team offers free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Sign up for Resumix and learn the insider's tips on

entering your resume in the Federal government's electronic resume system, search jobs, and strategies for maximizing your skills for the most impact, Tuesday at Hunter and May 11 at Stewart.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, May 8 at Stewart and May 14 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.

Parenting classes can help

Parents are invited to participate in free classes designed to help you better meet the challenges of raising children.

Baby Bootcamp for Dads is an interactive class for men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two. Dads are invited to challenge the stereotype, enhance your nurturing side, network with other fathers, and build confidence in your ability to parent your baby. Participants will receive a free book, "Be Prepared: A Practical Handbook for New Dads." Call 315-6816 to register for the May 7 class at Hunter, or 767-5058/5059 for the May 17 class at Stewart.

At Stewart, Active Parenting emphasizes teaching children through respectful and responsible choices, clear communication, and encouragement. The 6-hr. session also includes discussions on discipline skills using natural and logical consequences that can replace reward and punishment, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday. Also at Stewart, Positive Parenting covers numerous topics in a two-hour session from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, or 9-11 a.m. on May 20. Topics include parents as role models, how to speak so children will listen, rules in your home, alternative discipline techniques, and more. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Also ask about child care.

At Hunter, parents with children ages 1 to 4 are invited to participate in 1,2,3,4 Parents, a three-week series held 2:30-4:30 p.m., May 4, 11, and 18. Learn why your child acts like he does, how to keep your child safe, how to bond with your child, why taking care of yourself is important, and how you can discipline your young child. Please call 315-6816 to register.

Budgeting class

If you're thinking about having a baby, have one on the way, or already have an infant, attend Budgeting for Baby and learn how to financially plan for the future. We will discuss living on one income, child care expenses, saving for college, and life insurance. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the 3:30-5:30 p.m. class at Stewart, May 20.

Learn Infant Massage

Babies ages 6 weeks to 9 months are invited to bring their parents to learn the delicate art of infant massage! Infant massage is a very powerful element in human bonding and it promotes better sleep, boosts the immune system, relieves teething pains, and makes baby feel loved and secure. Open to parents and/or caregivers, the 3-class series will be 4-6 p.m., May 12, 19, or 26 at ACS-Stewart. To register, please call 767-5058/5059.

New group helps new parents

Stewart introduces "Parent Power Hour," a new support group open to anyone who has parenting questions or concerns. Join other parents to share the joys and the challenges of parenting infants and toddlers (ages 0 to 36 months). We know parenting isn't easy. Let us help you with tips to build your parenting toolbox and recharge your battery! The group will meet twice monthly.

At Hunter, a weekly Parenting Support Group meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at ACS-Hunter.

Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

Training prepares spouses

Spouses are encouraged to attend a "Battlemind Training" class to learn skills to increase you and your Family's resiliency throughout the military deployment cycle, 10:30 to noon tomorrow. Topics include Buddies (social support); Adding and Subtracting Family Roles; Taking Control; Talking It Out; Loyalty and Commitment; Emotional Balance; Mental Health and Readiness; Independence; Navigating the Army System; Denial of Self (self-sacrifice) and much more. Space is limited, so please call 315-6816 to reserve your seat.

Everyday Heroes!



To the Children of Our Brave Soldiers:

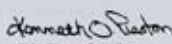
We are proud of you. No one has to tell you our Army is deployed throughout the world in order to keep our Nation safe and protect our American way of life.

You know firsthand that Soldiers often have to leave their homes to defend our homeland. That is what it means to be a Soldier. Your parents are brave men and women who make a tremendous sacrifice when they leave their Families behind to serve this country and its citizens.

These Soldiers, your parents, are heroes. Our Nation is grateful every day for what they do.

Every child whose parent is a Soldier makes sacrifices as well. We know you are sad when a parent is away. We know it is not easy when you cannot do all the things you like to do because your father or mother is not at home with you.

You are the future of our nation. Thank you for being special, and for supporting your parents when they most need you.


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Sergeant Major of the Army


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General, United States Army
Chief of Staff


Pete Geren
Secretary of the Army



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Celebrating "Month of the Military Child"

"In 1986, April was designated as the Month of the Military Child, and I am proud to mark the special recognition the Department of Defense has given to military children. Like all Americans, I am grateful to the brave men and women in uniform who are serving our nation. They are the living embodiment of the ideals of sacrifice, honor and duty that have always made this nation great - and their sacrifice is their families' sacrifice too. Their children, especially, display tremendous strength and courage each day, bravely bearing the burden of having a loved one serving in harm's way. They may move many times - across the nation and even around the world - as they grow up. They may not see their loved ones for months on end. It is not easy, and Michelle and I, as well as the Vice President and Dr. Jill Biden, admire and are deeply grateful to each and every one of them. I call on all Americans to keep military children in their thoughts and prayers and to do their part to reach out to and support them and their families."

President of the United States
Barack H. Obama
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