



COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Sixth grade students reach milestone in their lives



Renee Reese
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart sixth grade students marked a new chapter in their lives during a Rites of Passage ceremony, May 26 at Kessler Elementary School. Thirty-five military-connected students successfully completed their studies and will transition next fall into seventh grade at off post schools.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Kevin Milton, addressed excited youth and gave them words of encouragement during the ceremony.

"What an exciting day ... I know why you [youth] are excited, because it's the last day of school and you're thinking about what you are going to do over the summer months. You've been very successful in your school work and you should be excited about that."

Colonel Milton encouraged students to continue reading during the summer, but most importantly to enjoy their well deserved break.

During the program, students were recognized for their scholastic achievements in front of beaming parents.

Colonel Milton joined school principal, Carol Lee Kipp Caldwell, and awarded students with a certificate of achievement that culminated this milestone in their young life.

"I wish other students the best in their studies," was the sentiment of 12-year-old Maya Jones. She along with her classmates marked a new chapter in their lives.

Photo by Renee Reese

Fort Stewart sixth grade students, proudly display their certificates of scholastic achievement in front of proud Family Members during their Rites of Passage ceremony, May 26 at Kessler Elementary school. Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Kevin Milton, gave words of encouragement during the ceremony and encouraged students to continue reading while on summer break.

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Lyman Hall lauds Soldier volunteers

Denise Etheridge
Frontline Contributor

The only difference was the assembly Lyman Hall Elementary faculty and students held to honor their volunteer heroes - military men and women who have become a part of the school's daily life this academic year.

Lyman Hall Elementary Principal Claire Blanchard said these troops demonstrated their commitment to the community by assisting students in the classrooms, playing with them at recess and eating with them in the cafeteria. The 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier volunteers also participated in the school's annual open house, freedom walk, career day, fall

festival and field-day events. "They've been selfless," Blanchard told students.

During the assembly, a student from each grade level read aloud thank-you notes they had written to their LHE heroes.

Kindergartner Julia Cowart wrote her classroom's Soldier "entertained us."

"When we went outside, he asked us if we wanted to go to the Army and we said, 'Yes!' And he made us do push-ups," Cowart said.

First-grader Calib Rodriguez said his classroom's Soldier volunteer taught students how to accept challenges, work hard and stay safe.

Fourth-grader Heather Beers recalled how some Soldiers made students laugh.



Denise Etheridge

Sergeant First 1st Class Robert Braudis listens as Lyman Hall Elementary School students ask him about one of their Soldier volunteers.

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Military Families bound for islands

Patrick Donohue
The Island Packet

Two Georgia Military Families soon will set sail for the British Virgin Islands courtesy of a Florida couple and a Hilton Head Island charity.

The Families were the guests of honor Thursday at an end-of-the-season luncheon for Operation R&R, a Hilton Head Island charity founded in 2008 to offer free vacations on the island to the Families of service members recently returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The charity arranged free trips for more than 250 military Families between September and May, according to the organization.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Paul Ashburn, his wife Sunny and their three children were invited to the event after winning the organization's "Trip of a Lifetime" contest, which included an all-expense-paid vacation to the British Virgin Islands, use of a 46-foot Catamaran for a week and \$1,000 in spending money.

The Ashburns were among three Operation R&R Families selected by the organization as finalists. They were asked to write a letter about why they should win the trip. The readers of CH2 Magazine selected the winner earlier this month.

"We are so looking forward to this," said Chief Ashburn, who is stationed at Hunter Army Airfield. "We've always talked about going on a vacation like this but just never had the time or the money to do it."

The trip was donated by Peter and Beth Busichio of St. Augustine, Fla., who said they recently became aware of Operation R&R's mission and wanted to help.

"We sincerely appreciate their efforts, and it was one way that our Family could say 'thank you' to one of these military Families," Peter Busichio said.

The Ashburns weren't the only beneficiaries of the Florida couple's generosity.

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117th Air Control Squadron supports The Ronald McDonald House

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Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Airmen of the 117th Air Control Squadron at Hunter Army Airfield are learning the importance of giving back to a community that supports them. They demonstrated that on May 23 with a \$1,500 check donation to Ronald McDonald House in Savannah.

When Lt. Col. Ron Speir, the 117th Air Control Squadron detachment commander with the Georgia Air National Guard, arrived at Ronald McDonald House with Master Sgt. Keith Edwards, a member of the squadron, to present the check, they were greeted with a warm reception, a house tour and a lot of gratitude for a monetary donation that will help pay the bill for 10 Families who stay there while their children undergo care at Memorial Medical Center and Candler Hospital.

The donation came from the unit's

May 13 golf tournament held at the Hunter Golf Course that yielded \$3,000, according to Lt. Col. Speir, who said that half of the money will be used to finance unit events, such as retirement ceremonies. Past fund-raising events have allowed the squadron to make donations to other Savannah charities such as the Inner City Night Shelter and Social Apostolate.

"We rotate donations among charities," Lt. Col. Speir said, "but we especially like charities that help kids and their Families."

Lieutenant Colonel Speir, the father of two girls, has lived in Richmond Hill and other areas around Savannah for most of his life and has a strong sense of responsibility and connection to his neighbors. "We enjoy helping those around us and by doing that, we teach our younger Airmen the importance of giving."

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SUSPENSEFUL NOVEL BEING MADE INTO MOVIE



Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

Today, we're switching things up just a little bit. Rather than review a film or TV show for you, this time I'm going to discuss a book.

Intrigued? I know I was. New York Times best-selling author Suzanne

Collins wrote "The Hunger Games." The young-adult dystopian novel is the first book in an exciting trilogy.

The setting of the story is Panem. That's what we've come to call America in the future after a second Civil War.

The Capitol was the victor of the war.

The rest of the former U.S. territory has been divided into 12 separate districts. Each district specializes in something that benefits the Capitol.

For instance, District 11 is the agriculture district. More importantly, District 12, the coal-mining district, is where 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen is from.

People in the Capitol are fancy-free while citizens in the districts starve. Capitol dwellers enjoy all sorts of entertainment and cool technology.

Speaking of entertainment, to remind the 12 districts, enslaved by the Capitol's regime, of their loss in the war, a televised gladiatorial event is held every year.

And get this: The participants, forced to fight to their death in the arena for the delight of the Capitol, are children.

Every year, chosen via lottery, one girl and one boy from each district must fight in The Hunger Games.

At the opening of the novel, we meet Katniss, a tough teen whose father has been killed in the mines. She takes care of her mother and little sister by illegally poaching in the woods with her best friend, Gale. (He's a guy.)

When she hears the name of her 12-year-old sister being called as this year's tribute to compete in The

Hunger Games, Katniss volunteers to take her sister's place.

Then a boy's name is called to join Katniss. His name is Peeta. He's the son of the local baker, and a very long time ago, he saved Katniss' life. It's too bad she'll have to kill him. That is, if the other tributes don't kill her first.

I really could go on and on about this book. "The Hunger Games" is among the most original novels I've ever read.

Even Stephen King is a fan. He calls it "a speed-rap of a novel that generates nearly constant suspense."

Even more exciting is news that a film adaptation currently is in the works.

Actress Jennifer Lawrence from "Winter's Bone," who also is in "X-Men: First Class," which debuts June 3, will play the role of Katniss. She is on the cover of this week's Entertainment Weekly in costume.

The first "Hunger Games" film will hit theaters next year in March, just in time for my birthday. I can't wait ...

Because I'm a fan! Can you tell?



PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Scream 4

Today — 7 p.m.

(Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox)

Sidney Prescott, now the author of a self-help book, returns home to Woodsboro on the last stop of her book tour. There she reconnects with Sheriff Dewey and Gale, who are now married, as well as her cousin Jill and her Aunt Kate. Unfortunately Sidney's appearance also brings about the return of Ghostface, putting Sidney, Gale, and Dewey, along with Jill, her friends, and the whole town of Woodsboro in danger.

Rated R for strong bloody violence, language and some teen drinking.

Rio

Friday — 6 p.m.

Saturday — 3 p.m.

(Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway)

When Blu, a domesticated macaw from small-town Minnesota, meets the fiercely independent Jewel, he takes off on an adventure to Rio de Janeiro with this bird of his dreams.

Rated G.

Madea's Big Happy Family

Friday — 9 p.m.

(Tyler Perry, Loretta Devine)

Madea, everyone's favorite wise-cracking, take-no-prisoners grandma, jumps into action when her niece, Shirley,

receives distressing news about her health. All Shirley wants is to gather her three adult children around her and share the news as a family. But Tammy, Kimberly and Byron are too distracted by their own problems: Tammy can't manage her unruly children or her broken marriage; Kimberly is gripped with anger and takes it out on her husband; and Byron, after spending two years in jail, is under pressure to deal drugs again. It's up to Madea, with the help of the equally rambunctious Aunt Bam, to gather the clan together and make things right the only way she knows how: with a lot of tough love, laughter...and the revelation of a long-buried family secret.

Rated PG-13 for drug content, language and some mature thematic material.

Soul Surfer

Saturday — 6 p.m.

(AnnaSophia Robb, Dennis Quaid)

Bethany was born to surf. A natural talent who took to the waves at a young age, she was leading an idyllic, sun-drenched, surfer girl's life on the Kauai Coast, competing in national competitions with her best friend Alana, when everything changed in a heartbeat. On Halloween morning, Bethany was on a typical ocean outing when a 14-foot tiger shark came out of nowhere and seemed to shatter all her dreams.

Rated PG for an intense accident sequence and some thematic material.



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 912-767-3069 or go to www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-FtStewart.htm.

WINN-ING your way to HEALTH

Preventing Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)

Wayne Combs, Community Health Nurse
U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

MRSA is a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. Recent data shows that Americans visit the doctor approximately 12 million times each year to get checked for suspected MRSA skin infection. A breakout of MRSA can have a devastating impact on unit readiness and accomplishing the mission. The good news is that a few simple steps can prevent and reduce the spread of MRSA. The goal of the National MRSA Education Initiative is to help Americans better recognize and prevent MRSA skin infections.

What are the signs and symptoms of MRSA?

As with all regular staph infections, recognizing the signs and receiving treatment for MRSA skin infections in the early stages reduces the chances of the infection becoming severe. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection are accompanied by a fever.

Most staph skin infections, including MRSA, appear as a bump or infected area on the skin that may be red, swollen, painful, warm to the touch, full of pus, or other drainage.

MRSA can be accompanied by a fever.

How is MRSA spread?

- Having direct contact with another person's infection.
- Sharing personal items, such as towels or razors, that have touched infected skin.
- Touching surfaces or items, such as used bandages, contaminated with MRSA.

What if I suspect an MRSA skin infection?

Cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional.

How are MRSA skin infections treated?

Treatment for MRSA skin infections may include having a healthcare professional drain the infection and, in some cases, prescribe an antibiotic. Do not attempt to drain the infection yourself—doing so could worsen or spread it to others. If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses (even if the infection is getting better), unless your healthcare professional tells you to stop taking it.

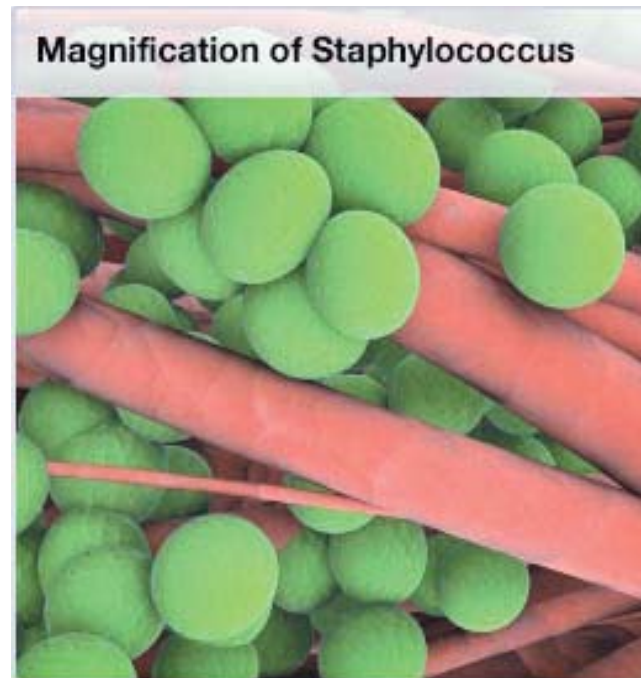
How can I protect my family from MRSA skin infections?

- Know the signs of MRSA skin infections and get treated early.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered.
- Encourage good hygiene such as cleaning

hands regularly.

- Discourage sharing of personal items such as towels and razors.

For more information, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/MRSA.



Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

May 24

Sophia Marie Bombardiere, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Bombardiere and Catrina N. Bombardiere.

Aedan Alexander Curtis, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. David Benjamin Curtis and Kelly Lee Curtis.

May 25

Jaiden Prince-Amir Alexander, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Alton Alexander and Sheena Alexander.

Colin Brooks Leaptrot, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. James Leaptrot and Lindsey Leaptrot.

Brysen McCoy Martinez, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Jason Martinez and Bridgette Lauren Martinez.

May 28

Gabriella Nicole Quick, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Benjamin Keith Quick and Nicole Suzanna Quick.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Keep a positive mental attitude

Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Uhde
Catholic Chaplain

There was a woman who went to the doctor and told him, "Doctor my husband thinks he is a chicken!" The doctor said bring him in and we'll try to cure him. The woman replied- "What-? And lose out on all those free eggs?!" A man goes to the doctor and the doctor tells him, "You're way too fat. "If you don't lose weight you're going to die." The man said to the doctor, "I want a second opinion!" The doctor replied, "Okay- you're ugly too!"

What is the point? How we think becomes a habit. How we think begins to determine who we really are. Our minds are actually computers. They can only process what we tell them to process. If we ask ourselves, "Why is my life so rotten?," your brain will tell you -just that. If you ask "How can I improve

my life?," Your brain will give you that answer as well. Your brain can only do what you tell it to do. It can only work with what you give it to work with.

It is important to fill your life with positive experiences. Surround yourself with positive people. Expect to succeed! Life doesn't simply fall down upon our heads. Life unfolds the way we work at it to unfold. What are you putting into your life's bank account? What sort of investments are you making? How are you getting ready for life's 'rainy-days?' You cannot make emotional withdrawals if you have never made any deposits. Begin now to invest in your own life. Gather up some character, some integrity. Develop and nurture some self-respect. Above all- stay close to God. Never allow God to leave your life. Faith in God must always be your foundation. Become the person that God has always wanted for

you to be. If you don't like your life, change your mind! God has great plans for each of us.

A strong positive mental attitude
will create more miracles
than any wonder drug.



Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne Chapel	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne Chapel	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage Chapel	10 a.m.
Kids' Church	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

Islamic Prayer
Main Post Chapel

Jewish Prayer
Marne Chappel

Hunter Army Airfield

<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:15 a.m.
Weekday (M,W,F) Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:45 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
<u>Kids' Church</u>	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.

Kid's Church at Main Post Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

Bus Pick-up at Marne Chapel
10:50 a.m.

For children grades K-5

For more information contact
Mrs. Bolton at 912-767-8801.

All children must be registered prior to
attending Kid's Church.

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
Michael Iliff,
Fort Stewart Youth
Ministry Coordinator
at 912-813-9789.

Community area highlights, events for June 2011

Bruce Muncher
Frontline Contributor

Welcome to the month of June.

As a very hot and dry May 2011 comes to a close, so starts the humid summer weather of South Georgia. June brings with it, the first day of summer, celebrations of our nations flag and Army history, remembrance of war triumphs and our dedication and love for Fathers everywhere.

As we begin the redeployment of the last of our 3rd ID dogface Soldiers, soon our local Military Families will once again be complete. With school out and summer here, cookouts, yard work and trips to the pool or beach will become common events.

But June also means the beginning of hurricane season which runs from June 1 to November 30. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts an active season with 12-18 named storms, 6-10 becoming hurricanes and 3-6 becoming major hurricanes. A little preparation and planning now can help you later.

Be sure to check out the 2011 Severe Weather Preparedness booklet on the Fort Stewart web site. You can also click on the Disaster Preparedness link.

We have all seen the wrath of Mother Nature over the past few weeks with the horrendous tornados that have devastated towns across many states. Be sure to plan today for the unexpected. Then you will have time to put on those shorts, walking shoes, sunscreen and mosquito spray and take advantage of the events and magic of Coastal Georgia.

Each new day brings with it a new discovery. So be sure to venture off your normal path and enjoy some of the following events and festivities.

June 1-12: Charleston Spoleto Festival, Charleston S.C.; 843-579-3100, www.spoletousa.org.

June 2: 71st Annual Coastal Electric Cooperative Meeting, Midway, Ga.; 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Energy saving tips, prizes, entertainment; 912-884-3311.

June 2: Hinesville Farmers Market, downtown Hinesville; 4-8 p.m.; every Thursday thru Oct. 27.

June 2: Tourism Resource Team visit/report, Hinesville Courthouse Annex; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Open to public.

June 3-4: Blueberry Festival, Alma, Ga.; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; 912-632-7777. Contests, arts, crafts, 5K run.

June 3-5: Sun Fun Festival, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Food fun and sun; www.sunfunfestival.com.

June 3: First Friday Fireworks on the River, Savannah River Street, 9:30 p.m.; www.riverstreetsavannah.com.

June 4-5: A Tasting of Wines of Georgia, Shannon Vineyards, Sylvania, Ga.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday is \$103 with 17 tastings, Sunday is \$107 with 27 tastings; Transportation is available, 888-522-2946, www.shannonvineyards.com.

June 4: All Army 10-Miler Qualifier Race, Fort Stewart Donovan Field, 5 a.m.; 912-767-8238. Military only.

June 4: First Saturday on the River, Savannah River Street; www.riverstreetsavannah.com.

June 4: Push & Pull Power Lifting, Fort Stewart Newman Gym, 8 a.m.; \$15; 912-767-3031. ID holders only; 16 and over.

June 4: 13th Annual Tybee Kayak Race, Tybee Island, Ga.; 8:30 a.m.-Noon; \$40-\$45; 888-529-2542.

June 4: Pembroke Arts in the Park & Farmers Market, downtown Pembroke, Ga.; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; 912-653-4413.

June 4: Liberty County Recycle It Fair, Corner of Carter St. and Oglethorpe Hwy; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 4: Tybee Tour of Homes, Tybee Island, Ga.; 10 a.m.-4p.m.; \$30 advance, \$35 at the door. 912-786-7704.

June 4: Project Homeless Connect, Hinesville National Guard Armory, Noon-4 p.m.; Free. 912-876-6573; Support and services for the area homeless or those at risk of being homeless. Free food, health, dental, HIV screenings, clothing, housing information, educational/employment assistance, credit/legal assistance and much more.

June 4: 2nd Annual Dog Tags & Offshore Flags Military Appreciation Tournament, Fort McAllister Marina, Richmond Hill Ga.; 4-7 p.m. Information email angler@coastalnow.net; www.offshoreoutlaws.net.

June 4: The Goliards in Concert, Savannah Ships of the Sea Museum, 7:30 p.m.; Free. 912-232-1511.

June 5: Miranda Lambert Concert, Savannah Civic Center; 7:30 p.m.; \$26.75-\$44.75; 912-651-6556.

June 6: D-Day 1944, Normandy, France.

June 7-11: Junior Rangers 2011, Fort King George, Darien, Ga. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$50 week, ages 7-12, 912-437-4770.

June 9: Concert in the Park, Hinesville Bradwell Park, 6-8 p.m. Free, featuring Purified Sounds.

June 10: Hinesville Arts Council Family Movie Night, Snelson Golden Middle School; 6 p.m. Free.

June 10-11: Family Night Bunking In, Mighty Eighth Museum; Pooler, Ga.; 5:45 p.m.-9 a.m.; \$50 per child, \$35 per adult. Space is limited; must RSVP to 912-748-8888. Bring your own sleeping bag and explore the past.

June 11: Kids Fishing Event, Ft. Stewart Pond 30 Hwy 144 West, 7-11 a.m., Free, ages 16 and under, 912-435-8061.

June 11: 16th Annual Asian Festival, Savannah Civic Center; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Free.

June 11: Lady Antebellum Concert, Wild Adventures Theme Park; Valdosta, Ga.; 8 p.m.; \$10, 229-219-7080.

June 14: 236th Birthday of the United States Army and Flag Day.

June 14: Chili's Give Back Night, Hinesville Chili's Restaurant, 5-9 p.m.; 10 percent profits support Wreaths for Warriors Walk. Must present coupon located at www.facebook.com/wreaths4warriorswalk, www.w4ww.org.

June 14: Tedeschi Trucks Band Concert, Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater; 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$75; 912-651-6556.

June 16: Tree Dedication, Fort Stewart Warriors Walk, 9:30 a.m.

June 18: 11th Annual Walk to Dorchester, Riceboro Ga.; 6 a.m. until; Help support the Dorchester National Landmark.

June 18-19: Georgia Sea Islands Festival, The Pier at St. Simons Island; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; 912-634-0330.

June 19: Fathers Day Brunch, Club Stewart, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$12.95-\$14.95, \$2 off Advance.

June 19: Fathers Day Picnic/BBQ Brunch, Hunter Club; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 912-459-7923.

June 19: Fathers Day Brunch Cruise, Savannah River Cruise, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; \$23-\$40; 800-786-6404.

June 19: Dorchester Village Civic Center Open House; Midway, Ga.; 2-4 p.m.; Free; 912-884-3342.

June 19: Cedric The Entertainer, Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater, 8 p.m.; \$35-\$55; 912-651-6556.

June 21: Summer begins.

June 21: National Parks Service Fee Free Day, Fort Pulaski; Savannah, Ga. & Fort Frederica St. Simons

Island, Ga.

June 21-22: Sesame Street Live, Savannah Civic Center; Tue. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Wed., 10:30 a.m., \$7-\$50; 912-651-6556.

June 22-26: 15th Annual AthFest Music Festival, Athens, Ga. Over 200 bands will perform; www.athfest.com.

June 23: Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Change of Command, Hunter AAF Truscott Air Terminal, 10 a.m.

June 23: Hinesville Chamber Progress Through People Luncheon; Noon; \$15-\$20; RSVP to 912-368-4445.

June 24-26: 44th S.C. Festival of Flowers, Greenwood, S.C.; \$2-\$25; 864-223-8411. Crafts, music, food and flowers.

June 25: 32nd Annual Daufuskie Day, Daufuskie Island, S.C.; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$25; 843-384-9941.

June 25: Southern Isles Bodybuilding Championships, Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater, judging 10 a.m., finals 6:30 p.m., \$7.50 - \$20, 912-651-6556.

June 25: Savannah Derby Devils Roller Derby, Savannah Civic Center; 5 p.m.; \$2-\$10; Season \$35; 912-651-6556.

June 25: MDA Black-N-Blue Ball, Mighty Eighth Museum, Pooler, Ga.; 7-Midnight; \$25; 912-354-9576.

June 25: Casting Crowns Concert, Wild Adventures Theme Park, Valdosta, Ga.; 8 p.m.; \$15, 229-219-7080.

June 28: Carolina Day, Charleston S.C.; 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Free; 843-723-3225.

June 1-30: The Savannah Theatre; Wed-Sun, 8 p.m., \$16 - \$35, 912-233-7764, June shows are 'The Beat Goes On' and 'Country Star Revue.' Theatre has started project 'Tickets for Troops' for active-duty ID card holders only. Present/mention your ID card and your ticket is free. Help support the project by donating \$5 to The Savannah Theatre. Visit www.savannahtheatre.com.

June 1-Sept. 5: Blue Star Museum Initiative. Nationwide free admission to active-duty military personnel and their Families to over 1000 museums across America. Visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

<http://festivalsandevents.com/festival.php?state=GA>

<http://www.sciway.net/calendar.html> www.nhc.noaa.gov

<http://web.georgia.org/events/>
<http://www.connectstewarthunter.com/>
www.stewart.army.mil www.w4ww.org

You can check out all of the above local events and many others in the surrounding area by checking out the Fort Stewart web site, Quality Time Magazine, Quality Time Calendar or one of the other sites listed above.

Stay connected with your Marne Team.

Even with all of the storms around the country, May has been an extremely dry month for South Georgia. We are now well over five inches below normal rain fall averages thus deepening our areas severe draught. This means you must be extra vigilant as you cook or burn outside or even smoke a cigarette outside. Any spark can ignite the dry brush. Always contact the local fire department before you burn. Fire safety is part of the 100 Days of Summer Safety campaign.

Safety is a mission that we all must take very seriously. Enjoy your time with Family and friends, but always be vigilant when it comes down to safety issues.

We want to see you through a summer full of fun and adventure.



Geek yourself at Liberty County Library

Check out the latest events. For more information, call 912-368-4003.

Fiddlin' Dan, Mountain Man, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

This musical romp through the woods encourages children to work together to create one-of-a-kind stories and songs. The program includes storytelling, fiddling, sing-alongs and mountain lore. Presented by Reuben Haller, musician, clown and storyteller. Open to all ages.

Curious Moon Puppet Theater, June 13, 10:30 a.m.

This year's show is "A World of Puppet Stories," a journey of folk tales from around the world - England, Russia, Africa, and South America. Audiences will cheer for their favorite dog, Skeeter, to finally get his chance to be in the show! This is a traditional puppet show, performed inside a professional, colorful puppet booth. All puppets are handmade by the puppeteer. The show is followed by a demonstration speech about the puppets and puppeteering. Open to ages 3 and up.

Get your Georgia park passes

Georgia state parks and historic sites are making it easier than ever for patrons to "Get Out. Get Dirty. Get Fit." in the state's great outdoors.

Live Oak Public Libraries customers with valid Power Cards can now borrow a Georgia state park "Park Pass and Historic Site Pass." The passes are good for free parking or admission at any of the 63 parks and historic sites statewide.

Free admissions to Blue Star Museums

The Georgia Southern University Museum has joined the Blue Star Museums program, along with more than 1,300 museums across the country, to offer free admission to military personnel and their Families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2011.

Blue Star Museums runs from May 30 to September 5, 2011. The free admission program is available to active-duty military and their immediate Family

Members (military ID holder and five immediate Family Members). Active-duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and reserve members. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. A list of participating museums and a map to assist with visit planning may be found at the web site, www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Mobile commissary goes to South Carolina

The Fort Jackson Commissary will hold an On-site Sale at the Navy Operational Support Center in Greenville, S.C., June 10 and June 11. They are bringing a mini-commissary directly to that area. These sales are designed to "Bring the Commissary Benefit" directly to military both active and retired and their Families who do not live near a commissary. The sales are also for any authorized shopper who may wish to attend. For more information on these fantastic sales, please visit commissaries.com and look for the on-site sales photo of the military member saluting the flag.

Register for martial arts summer camp

Register your child for camp at World Martial Arts Academy. Two weekly sessions are planned and open to all ages. The first camp will be June 6-10 with the second camp to follow July 11-15. For more information, call 912-876-3088.

Darien 4th of July celebration slated

The Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Independence Day celebration scheduled for July 2, in historic downtown Darien, Ga, featuring the Second Chance Band and aerial fireworks. Bring your picnic basket, chairs and blankets so you can relax in the breeze of the Darien River while enjoying the Second Chance Band, beginning at 7 p.m. The fireworks display over the Darien River marsh will begin once dark. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy dancing on the grass, prizes for Shag Contest and best decorated blanket. For more information, visit www.visitDarien.com.

Savannah Winds Concert planned

The Savannah Winds will present their annual Patriotic Concert, July 3 at 3 p.m., in the Fine Arts Hall of Armstrong Atlantic State University. The concert features both familiar and new patriotic music, and will have a senior guest narrator from Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door, with a \$2 discount for seniors, military and children.

For more ticket information, call 912-344-2801, or order online at www.tickets.armstrong.edu.

Girls softball members needed

The Richmond Hill Rage 12U girl's fast pitch softball team is looking for strong, dedicated athletes, who are willing to work hard and have a desire to excel. Our players will learn all aspects of the game, both mentally and physically. Former Armstrong Atlantic State University players Kissy Braswell and Jaclyn Parlo will lead clinics demonstrating hitting, pitching and fielding. All positions are open and will be earned based on hard work, effort, and performance. For more information, contact Zach Fitzgerald at zachf@coastalnow.net and Gary Taylor at Gtaylor@savannahga.gov.

Wildlife summer camps planned

Oatland Island summer camp is a week-long day camp available to rising kindergartners through 6th graders. Campers will discover the fascinating world of science through hands-on activities, creative crafts, and wildlife investigations. Eight weeks of camp are being offered. For more information, call 912-395-1500, or visit www.oatland.org.

Citizen's Academy course offered

Be involved in what's going on in your community. The course acquaints residents with the goals and general operating procedures of the Police Department. Attendees must be a Hinesville citizen, no criminal record, and at least 18 years old. The next class begins Aug. 2. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call HPD at 912-368-8211.



DFMWR Briefs

Celebrate early Father's Day at library

Children up to age 12 are invited to hear special Father's Day stories and make a related craft from 4-5 p.m. June 8 at George P. Hays Library, building 411. There is no charge. For more information, call 912-767-2828.

Change for Asian Festival trip

The Youth Sponsorship trip to the Savannah Wildlife Festival, originally scheduled Saturday, has been changed to the Youth Sponsorship Asian Festival trip and rescheduled for June 11.

The festival will include live stage performances, martial arts demonstrations, authentic cuisine, Asian cultural displays and more. In addition, there will be a side trip to an ice cream parlor. There's no cost for the trip, but participants will need to bring money for lunch and ice cream.

The registration deadline is June 9. Register either in person through the CYSS Parent Central Services at Fort Stewart or Hunter, or online. For more information, call 912-767-2312 at Stewart or 912-315 5425 at Hunter.

Hunter GC Golf Scramble planned

The Hunter Garrison Commander's 4-person Golf Scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a. m. June 10 at Hunter Golf Club. The event will accept the first 25 four-person teams. Register your team by June 8.

The cost is \$35 for Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf Club Members, active duty, retirees, and Army Civilians, \$45 for civilian guests. For more information, call 912-315-9115.

Enjoy Kids Fishing Event at Stewart

A Kids Fishing Event, planned as a way to introduce youth to the life-long sport of fishing, will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 11 at Pond 30, Training Area Echo 1, off Highway 144 West.

Kids under the age of 16 will have an opportunity to catch 10 catfish from a heavily stocked fishing pond, compete in a bait-casting competition, watch a fish-cleaning demonstration, get their face painted, win door prizes, visit informational booths and get their fish cleaned.

The event is free. It is sponsored by DFMWR's Outdoor Recreation, DPW Fisheries Branch, DES Game Wardens and Liberty County BASS Club.

Activities and events will be scheduled every 30 minutes from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Door prize drawings will be held every 30 minutes starting at 7:15 a.m. DPW Fish and Wildlife will staff a fish-cleaning station from 8-11 a.m.

The Kids Fishing Event is being held in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week. For more information, call 912-435-8061.

Sign-up for Hunter's Skeet Tournament

The Hunter Skeet Tournament, with check-in starting at 9 a.m. and competition in the 50-bird skeet or trap shoot beginning at 10 a.m., will be held June 11 at the Hunter Army Airfield Skeet Range. The range is located at building 8250 off North Perimeter Road.

Lunch will be provided and prizes awarded.

The event is open to all military ID cardholders and

civilians. Entry fee is \$25 for either event or \$40 for both skeet and trap. Register by June 9.

For more information, call 912-315-9554.

Raggedy Ann, Andy Day highlights

We're celebrating "Raggedy Ann and Andy Day" at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449, June 12. Children who bring Raggedy Ann or Andy to play will be admitted free. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 912-767-4273.

Celebrate Army Birthday at Marne Lanes

Get a good deal on bowling at Marne Lanes Bowling Center, building 402, and help us celebrate the Army's Birthday, June 14. Pay just \$1.75 per game and \$1 for shoe rental.

For more information, call 912-767-4866.

Celebrate Army Birthday party at Stewart

Celebrate the Army's 236th Birthday with free food, games and prizes for all Family Members to enjoy from 5-7 p.m., June 14 at the Bryan Village Youth Center, building 7338. There is no charge. For more information, call 912-767-4491.

Army Birthday Bash at Hunter planned

School Age Youth Services at Hunter Army Airfield will celebrate the Army's 236th Birthday from 5-7 p.m., June 14 with free food, games and prizes for all Family Members to enjoy. There is no charge. SAYS is in building 880. For more information, call 912-315-9781.

Countdown to Leonard-Neal CDC opening

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of the Child Development Center, building 148 at 131 Leonard Neal Street on Hunter Army Airfield, will be held at 9:30 a.m., June 14. The full-service facility will provide 144 additional child care spaces for Family Members ages 0-5 years of the Hunter Community. It contains 13,153 square feet of space and was built at a cost of \$4.3 million. Soldiers, Family Members and members of the local community are invited.

Hours of Operation will be 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends. Registration and enrollment information is available by calling Parent Central Services, located in building 1286, at 912-315-5425.

Bryan Youth Center summer trips coming

Bryan Village Youth Center is planning trips to various destinations in Georgia and Florida throughout the summer. Come out and have fun. Sign-up required.

For information about trips and the cost, call 912-767-4491.

FS DoDEA school day schedule changes

An important parent letter has been sent to all currently-enrolled Fort Stewart DoDEA School Families regarding the upcoming 2011-2012 school year.

In an effort to provide teachers and staff a consistent time for professional development and collaboration, a change to the student schedule for the upcoming school year has been proposed. Due to the schedule change, students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. each

Thursday.

The Schedule Change and DoDEA Parent Letter along with the complete 2011-2012 District Calendar can be found on the Fort Stewart School Liaison Web site at: www.stewartmwr.com/index.php/child_youth_school_services/school_transition_support/school_liaison_services/.

For more information please contact the Stewart School Liaison Office at 912-767-6533.

Father's Day Brunch at Stewart


Treat Dad on his special day with a Father's Day Brunch at Club Stewart, building 405, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., June 19.

The menu includes breakfast items: *salad station, smoked pork carving station, barbecue baby back ribs with Jack Daniels sauce, barbecue chicken, Cowboy baked beans, creamy coleslaw, vinaigrette-based coleslaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked sweet potatoes, cornbread with jalapeno and a peach, blackberry and apple cobbler bar with whipped cream and ice cream.* Beer samples also will be offered.

Prices in advance are Specialist and below \$10.95, \$5.45 for children ages 5-10; Sergeant and above \$12.95, \$6.45 for children ages 5-10. Children 4 and under are free.

Prices at the door: Specialist and below \$12.95, \$6.45 for children ages 5-10. Sergeant and above \$14.95, \$7.45 for children ages 5-10. Children 4 and under are free.

Purchase advance tickets at Club Stewart. For more information, call 912-368-2212.



'WORTH FIGHTING FOR'

Independence Day Celebration

Hunter Army Airfield | Saturday, July 2

Four-person golf scramble at 8 a.m., \$30 per person. Call 315-5336 to sign up.

Kids fishing event at 8 a.m.; sign up begins 7:30 a.m. Hallstrom Lake will be stocked with 4,000 10-12 inch catfish the week prior. Bait, poles and cleaning station available; also, drinks, snacks, prizes for largest fish.

Hunter Outdoor Pool will offer free admission for Soldiers/Family Members 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hunter Lanes will offer free games/shoes from 1 -4 p.m., also discounted concessions.

Free activities for Soldiers/Family Members at Family Day Field, 4-10 p.m. Activities include:
 Rides, vendors, petting zoo opens 4 p.m.
 Frisbee Dog Shows at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.
 Casino, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 John Taglieri, pop/rock n' roll artist, performs 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 Fireworks show, 9:30 p.m.

How to turn your home into a castle

Vandowyn Johnson

Family Advocacy Program Educator

Maintaining a clean and organized home can be a daunting, overwhelming task that brings about anxiety for some and panic for others, especially if you are not the neatest or most well organized person or Family on the block. It would be great if everyone had a maid service or children and spouses that picked up after themselves and pets for that matter. But let's be real, I have asked myself many times, "Why can't I seem to keep this house clean?" Have you ever asked that? Well, I think I have stumbled upon the answer, developing a routine. The most vital part of keeping your house clean is creating and sticking to habits. I'm going to share a few tips that will help you turn your home into a castle.

According to Stephanie Dray of Lifestyle, Associated Content, here are five tips for keeping your home clean:

- **Straightening up your kitchen each**

- **night before bed will help you keep a clean house.**

Making a habit of straightening your kitchen before bed will make you more willing to make breakfast in the morning and also help your kitchen serve as a centerpiece for a clean house. I'm not talking about deep cleaning here. Just put the food away, load and run the dishwasher, and wipe down the counter tops.

- **Emptying the dishwasher in the morning will help you keep a clean house.**

When you wake up, get the dishes out of the dishwasher and into the cupboards. When you're trying to keep a clean house, the key is to engage in little habits that will make your job easier as the day goes on. This habit will keep your kitchen clean, and a sparkling kitchen serves as an example in keeping the rest of the house clean.

- **De-cluttering will help you keep a clean house.**

In a clean house, you'll notice lots of bare surfaces, open shelves, and neatly stored items. This is because when it comes to keeping a clean house, less is more. If you get rid of everything you don't need, you'll have more room for the things that you do need. Clutter won't pile up. Furthermore, de-cluttering should be done in small chunks. A little every day, or even a little every week, will eventually help you to keep a clean house.

- **Taking donations directly to the car will help you keep a clean house.**

When you're de-cluttering and bagging items up for donation, they can in themselves become clutter. Too often, when it comes to keeping a clean house, we pile our donations in a staging area where they become an eye-sore. Better to bag your donations and bring them directly to the car so that you can drop them off when you're running errands. This rule applies to almost anything that needs to be taken elsewhere and

dropped off.

- **Spraying after you shower will help you keep a clean house.**

Who has time to scrub the shower clean of mildew and soap scum? Minimize this process by doing a little every day. Use one of those shower cleaning sprays or make your own. By investing in a shower cleaning spray so that all you have to do is get in a habit of pressing a button. By incorporating little habits into your daily routine, you can keep a clean house without really trying. Now you can develop your own routine or cleaning habits at your pace one at a time. Before you know it cleaning has now become part of your daily routine.

To find out more information on home organization tips, the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program offers a course called FLY Lady. So let's get started! For more information or to schedule a class, call ACS at (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

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"I'll miss my teachers and friends...but nothing is forever," she added.

Resiliency, a key quality among military connected children, was the overall theme of the ceremony.

"Don't tell me that the sky is the limit, when there is plenty of space on the moon," Jones added.

Maya's mom, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Roberts of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Division, shared words of encouragement for other Family Members during the reception.

"Don't get discouraged about the moves [permanent change of station] and take one day at a time, she said. "Look forward and you can achieve anything."

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"Like one who used his phone to cheat on a spelling test; and the one (who) I told I call his Army (uniform) a 'pickle suit.'"

The Soldiers also appeared to gain much from volunteering.

Staff Sergeant Joshua Flowers, who helped organize the LHE volunteers, said his unit plans to return to the school this fall in full force once the 4th brigade returns home from a year-long deployment in support of Operation New Dawn.

Teams of 4th Brigade troops began returning from Iraq last month.

Staff Sergeant Flowers, a father of four, said a lot of children in the Liberty County School System have had parents deploy, and seeing Soldiers volunteer helps reassure them "that their parents will come home safe."

"We learn to reach out to the community and you learn to trust Soldiers," Staff Sgt. Flowers told students.

Local business donates \$20,000 to help Military Families

Princess Brown-Burkert
Army Community Service Marketing

A Glennville business that reaches across southeast Georgia extended a helping hand to military Families. The owners of Clyde's Market, a family owned convenience store, recently raised thousands of dollars during its annual charity golf tournament.

The twelfth annual golf tournament held, April 16 had 180 participants representing local businesses and one 3rd Infantry Division team.

This year approximately \$80,000 was raised, in which Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield was the major beneficiary. One of the owners of Clyde's Market, Greg Woolard, presented a \$20,000 check to Col. Thomas James, 3rd ID DCG-Maneuver, at the Fort Stewart Family Readiness Group Round Up held at

Club Stewart, May 24.

"Clyde's has had a large presence in Hinesville since the 1970s and we would not exist in Hinesville without the 3rd ID," said Woolard. "We appreciate the sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces for our freedom. A monetary donation is the least Clyde's Market can and should do for the troops."

For the last eight years military Families at Stewart-Hunter have been receiving some of the proceeds from the tournament. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will distribute the donation through the Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) Supplemental Mission Activity. The FRGs may use the funds for social activities such as parties, outings, volunteer recognitions, and food & refreshments for Soldiers and Families before, during, and after deployments."



Photo by Angie Woolard

Colonel Thomas James (left), 3rd ID DCG-M, and 3rd ID Command Sgt. Maj. Edd Watson (right), receive a \$20,000 donation from Clyde's Market owner, Greg Woolard. The funds will go towards FRG activities at Stewart-Hunter.

ISLANDS

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Army Sgt. Matthew Herschede and his Family finished second in the contest but were surprised Thursday with a free trip of their own to the British Virgin Islands.

Herschede, who is assigned to Fort Stewart, said he and his Family attended

the luncheon to thank Operation R&R organizers for the Family's weeklong vacation last year on Hilton Head and had no idea they would be winning another trip.

"These guys have done so many wonderful things for us," Herschede said. "The one

week we spent down here really helped bring my Family back together after my second deployment, and I can't wait to see where we go after spending a week in a place my wife and I never thought we would get to see. It's such a wonderful surprise."

SUPPORT

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As a weekend guardsman and full-time Savannah-Chatham County police officer, Master Sgt. Keith Edwards sees the problems and needs of the community first hand. He knows that monetary donations and physical support play important roles in meeting needs and keeping his community healthy. As the unit's community project liaison, he will be back in touch with Kennette Yow, the full-time Ronald McDonald house parent and tour guide, to find additional ways to help.

The Ronald McDonald House in Savannah is part of The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire, with a mission to create, find and support programs that directly enhance the health and well-being of children and families. The Ronald McDonald House, the cornerstone of that program, serves as a "home away from home" for families with critically ill or injured children, 21-months to 21-years old, who are receiving treatment at area hospitals. An additional service

of the charities is The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program that provides underserved children in the area with free dental examinations and preventive treatment.

Families are asked to pay \$10 per day/night for lodging, according to Yow; however, the actual cost is \$65. Funds provided by the 117th ACS allow one Family to stay for approximately 23 nights. During the day, Family Members get home-cooked meals, have access to laundry facilities and siblings of

those hospitalized have access to a play room, toys and playground equipment.

Yow said the most important benefit for Family Members is the emotional and physical rest they get while their children, brothers and sisters, are in intensive care units, undergoing cancer treatment or recovering from trauma.

"Our goal is to keep Families together," she added. "We appreciate your donation because it allows us to do that."

Check out the
June Quality Time
for Stewart-Hunter community events



Army Community Service



ACS calendar of classes available online

Register online for any of the ACS classes and check out the quarterly newsletter! Simply go to the ACS Web page on the Team Stewart Web site located at www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs. Call 912-767-5058 for more information.

Free classes offered at Stewart

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

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

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomer's Windshield Bus Tour (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Friday, 1-3 p.m.: Resume Writing Workshop (ACS, building 86)

Monday, 9-10 a.m.: Commanders/Senior Leaders Annual Training-Child Abuse & Domestic Violence (ACS, building 82)

Monday, 1-4:30 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members & DA Civilians-Building Strong Relationships, Module 4 (ACS, building 87)

Monday, 6-8 p.m.: EFMP Meet, Greet & Roll (Marne Lanes)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Before Baby Arrives (ACS, building 82)

Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m.: Basic FRG Treasurer Training (ACS, building 87)

Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.: Volunteer Screening, Reasonable Measures, Reasonably Applied (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.: Living on a Plan-How to Create a Budget That Works (ACS, building 86)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Care (ACS, building 82)

June 8, 2-4 p.m.: Fly Lady-Organizational Guru (ACS, building 82)

June 9, 9-11 a.m.: 10 Tools for Your Parenting Toolbox-Multiple Ways to Parent (ACS, building 82)

June 9, 2-4 p.m.: Chasing Toddlers (ACS, building 82)

Free classes offered at Hunter

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: Play Morning (CYSS Youth Services, building 8805)

Monday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members & DA Civilians- Building Strong Relationships, Module 4, Unit 1 (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Resume Writing Workshop (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: 10 Tools for Your Parenting Toolbox- Multiple Ways to Parent (ACS, building 1286)

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

June 8, 9-11 a.m.: Before Baby Arrives (ACS, building 1286)

June 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Car Buying (ACS, building 1286)

June 8, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Care (ACS, building 1286)

June 9, 9-10:30 a.m.: Volunteer Management Training-Welcome and Orienting Volunteers (ACS, building 1286)

June 9, 1-3 p.m.: The Five Love Languages (ACS, building 1286)

Army's Birthday

The Stewart and Hunter ACS will celebrate the Army birthday with an open house, 1-3 p.m., June 14. The community is invited to tour the facilities at Stewart (buildings 86, 87 & 82) and Hunter (building 1286). All who enter ACS during this time will be eligible to win a \$200 gift basket! Information packets and light refreshments will also be available. For more information, call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

Learn how to bounce back

The Stewart Army Community Service will offer the complete resiliency training for Family Members and DA Civilians in just one week at building 87. This training will help you grow as an individual and thrive in the face of challenges. To sign up early, go to the ACS homepage www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs or call 912-767-3863/5058. The dates and time have changed

to June 13-16 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Don't get ripped off purchasing a car

The Hunter ACS will conduct a car buying workshop at building 1286, 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 8. This class will discuss what you need to know so that you can make wise auto purchasing choices. For more information, call 912-315-6816.

Your participation is needed

To better serve you, please take the time to have your voice heard! Army Community Service is encouraging Soldiers and Family Members to complete the Need Assessment Survey online now until June 30. The information you provide will help us to deliver the most effective programs and services and highlight issues that are important to you. The Need Assessment Survey can be found on www.myarmyonesource.com/survey_Fort_Stewart. For more information, call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

Learn about welcome home ceremonies

Is your Soldier returning from Theater? The following telephone numbers are available to find out about Welcome Home Ceremonies for returning Soldiers: (Local area) 912-767-0227, 912-767-8905, or 912-767-0235 (Out of State) Toll Free 1-877-305-2293. Call ACS at (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816 for more info.

Coping Assistance available

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to reintegration or daily life. Appointments can be made at Hunter by calling 912-655-8327. To make an appointment at Stewart, please call one of the following numbers: 912-432-1033, 912-492-6428, 912-432-0013, 912-536-7854, 912-432-1798, or 912-492-6367. If you prefer to meet a counselor off-post, please call (Stewart) 912-492-6367 or (Hunter) 912-704-9505 to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are also available. Call for details.