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Stewart volunteers recognized for countless hours sacrificed

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Although most volunteers are more willing to remain unnoticed than a Soldier during a barracks inspection, the 3rd Infantry Division held an award ceremony/picnic for the unsung heroes in the division at Cottrell Field, June 11.

"Once a year, we take the time to honor the volunteers in 3rd Infantry Division and it has to be a public recognition because nothing else will do," said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander. "We have well over 1,200 awards to pass out today, and it's a great turn out. Today, we have over 1,500 volunteers here; there are so many humble volunteers that never get recognized. I think it's important for leaders on all levels to step in front of the crowd and bring these wonderful folks forward, who give up so much of their free time."

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic had more than 1,500 people in attendance, with 1,200 awards being passed out. There were three types of awards given out, based on various criteria.

"We have *Star of the Marne*, which is for both volunteer hours and a commander's call on effort," Maj. Gen. Cucolo said. "We have *Presidential Service Awards*, which are outside of the division that meet a certain criteria. Then, at the top of the heap is the *Marne Spirit Award*, which is my personal award. They bubble up from the brigades' commanders and sergeants major."



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Command Sergeant Major Jesse Andrews, 3rd Infantry Division command sergeant major, and Ginger Cucolo, award Michelle Burkhard with the Marne Spirit Award at Cottrell Field, June 11. Burkhard volunteers as scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 454.

Even though the modest volunteers didn't want a big ceremony, most were grateful for the recognition.

"I came here while my husband was deployed and was almost immediately a member of the Family

Readiness Group team," said Melanie Wilhite, 1-64 Armor FRG Leader and Marne Spirit Award recipient, "It's nice to know that people notice volunteers because most of the time, I feel unnoticed."

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Soldier's daughter headed for Miss Teen Georgia Pageant

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Many little girls dream of becoming a princess when they grow up. They will dress up in elaborate clothes and big gaudy jewelry, and then parade around, showing off for whomever will pay attention.

As they get older, they abandon their childhood dreams and look at more realistic goals. This is not the case for Julie Finnell, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer Donald Finnell, deputy S6 officer for the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

"This girl was parading around in dresses and wanted to wear makeup her entire life," Chief Warrant Officer Finnell said. "We could not get her out of a dress. She always wanted to be the princess; she always wanted to be the ballerina."

Her dreams seem to be paying off, as she has been nominated by her community to be part of the Miss Teen Georgia Pageant.

"It's different than most pageants," Julie said. "They look at your confidence, intelligence and they put beauty in the background. It's more about who you are and if you have a level head on your shoulders."

She said she is honored to be nominated for the pageant.

"I don't know who nominated me, but someone thought I was good enough to do this," she said. "That, in itself, is just awesome."

All her life she has wanted to participate in these types of events but was unable to do so until just a few years ago when she moved back to

the United States. Before then, she spent the first 12 years of her life in Germany.

"She was born in Germany," said Chief Warrant Officer Finnell. "She spoke German and went to school there. For all intents and purposes, she was German."

When she finally moved back to the United States, Julie had to move several times before Chief Warrant Officer Finnell was finally stationed at Fort Stewart.

"Being a Soldier's daughter has affected her mainly with her peers," he explained. "She spent the first two years of high school in Fayetteville, N.C. and was uprooted and had to spend the last two years of high school in Richmond Hill."

Moving from place to place was hard on her, she said, but the hardest part of being a Soldier's daughter was not her moving, but rather her father's deployments.

"When he left after we moved here, it was really hard because I didn't have him here to go to when I was adjusting," said Julie. "My dad and I have a really close relationship. I know that I can go to my dad for anything."

Despite the hardships, her father said he is proud of the way she has grown up and matured into a young woman.

"She's a good kid and has always been there for me," said Chief Warrant Officer Finnell. "She lives life with gusto. It's one of the things I love about her. She doesn't allow things to dissuade her. She'll pull through, struggle with it and see it through to the end."

Local celebrity reads to Hunter youth



Nancy Gould

Sonny Dixon, a WTOC News Anchor and CBS affiliate, attended Hunter Army Airfield's Child Development Center to celebrate the U.S. Army's 234th birthday, June 15. The 3, 4 and 5-year-old preschoolers listened attentively as he read "Sam the Army Dog" and responded to their comments, questions and laughter throughout the reading. Afterward, Dixon and the children continued the celebration by eating cupcakes together.

VIVA LA SCROOGE

Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

Last weekend I had the pleasure to rent two movies with "Scrooges" as the main character. We love our sour pusses. Mean is in - it is why the Fox medical drama "House" is so popular. It is why 2008's comedy "Ghost Town" made me laugh myself silly. But that's another story.

"Henry Poole Is Here" stars Luke Wilson and a colorful cast of characters. Wilson is Henry Poole a man who has purchased a house and doesn't care if any repairs are made. He lives on a diet of doughnuts and alcohol. He is short with everyone who dares speak to him. He says he won't be at the new house

long, hinting at some mysterious problem, and perhaps the source of his prickly mood.

Poole is surrounded by people who are too friendly for his taste, from his Hispanic neighbor Esperanza (Adriana Barraza) to the young lady at the checkout counter at the local super market. Esperanza becomes an increasingly difficult force in Henry's life when she recognizes the face of Jesus Christ in a stain on the side Henry's house. Before long, her priest (George Lopez) is testing the stain's credibility as a miracle and all sorts of people are touching the stucco



wall for healing. Henry frantically refutes the stain and begs everyone to stay away.

"Henry Poole Is Here" is often funny and very touching. There are sequences that are a little too artistic for the film's good, but all in all, it features an entertaining story and fantastic characters. It reminds us the power of relationships and of faith.

I also rented "The Visitor," a remarkable drama that I highly recommend. Our Scrooge in this one is Richard Jenkins ("Burn After Reading," "North Country"). He plays Walter, a college professor withdrawn after the death of his wife. Then one act of kindness chang-

es his life forever.

When Walter visits his apartment in Manhattan, he meets Tarek, a Syrian, and his girlfriend Zainab, of Senegal, who have been swindled into thinking they are renting the apartment legitimately, when in fact it belongs to Walter. At first, the pair of illegal immigrants leave, but recognizing they have nowhere else to go, Walter invites them back.

In Tarek, Walter discovers a rare and rich friendship. Tarek also begins teaching Walter the drum (the Djembe). Then, a mishap in the Subway leads to Tarek's arrest. The threat of deportation looms and Walter must scramble to save the friend he has only known for 10 days. "The Visitor" has real heart. It is one of those films you just don't forget.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH JUNE 21

Ghost of Girlfriends Past

Today — 7 p.m.

(Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner)

Connor a notorious photographer has a reputation of loving beautiful women and dumping them when they fall in love with him. Beautiful models and celebrities flock to his studio to get their picture taken. His brother is about to get married, and Connor thinks he is making a terrible mistake. Connor tries to talk Paul out of getting married. Then the night before the wedding, Connor is visited by three ghosts, who take him back to his past, present, and his lonely future. They try to discovery the point in time where Connors became this womanizing jerk. Maybe there is still time to change him. *Rated PG-13 (sexual content, language, drug reference) 100 min*

Angels and Demons

Friday, Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Tom Hanks, Ayelet Zurer)

When Robert Langdon discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood known as the Illuminati - the most powerful underground organization in history - he also faces a deadly threat to the existence of the secret organization's most despised enemy. When Langdon learns that the clock is ticking on an unstoppable Illuminati time bomb, he jets to Rome, where he joins forces with Vittoria Vetra. Embarking on a nonstop hunt through sealed crypts, dangerous catacombs, deserted cathedrals and even to the heart of the most secretive vault on earth, Langdon and Vetra will follow a

400-year-old trail of ancient symbols that mark the Vatican's only hope for survival. *Rated PG13 (sequences of violence, thematic material, disturbing images) 140 min*

Battle of Terra

Saturday — 4 p.m.

(Justin Long, Evan Rachel Wood)

When the peace-loving inhabitants of the beautiful planet Terra come under attack from the last surviving members of humanity adrift in an aging spaceship, the stage is set for an all-out war between the two races for control of the planet. An unlikely friendship forms between a rebellious young Terrian and an injured human pilot, together they try to convince their leaders that war is not the answer. *Rated PG (sequences of sci-fi action violence, some thematic elements) 85 min*

The Soloist

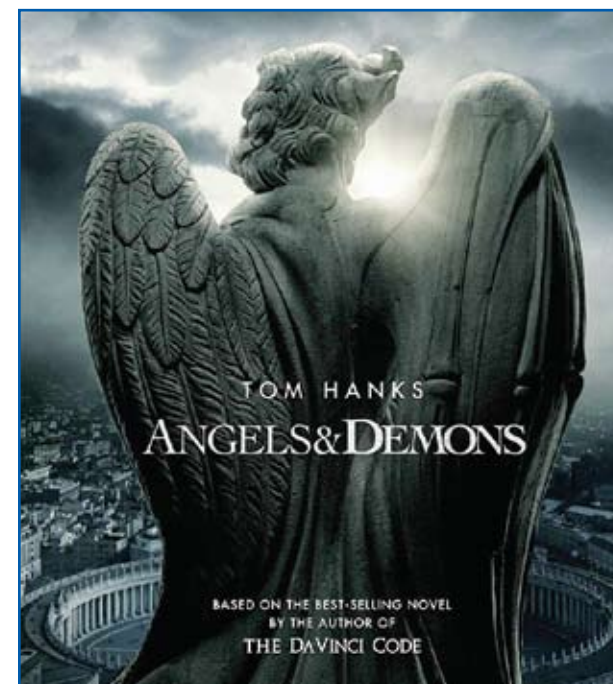
Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey Jr.)

Columnist Steve Lopez is at a dead end. The newspaper business is in an uproar, his marriage to a fellow journalist has fallen apart, and he can't entirely remember what he loved about his job in the first place. Then, one day he sees a mysterious figure Nathaniel Ayers, pouring his soul into a two-stringed violin. Lopez approaches Ayers as just another story idea in a city of millions, but as he begins to unearth the mystery of this brilliant and distracted street musician sparking an unexpected quest. Lopez embarks on a quixotic mission to change Ayers life.

But even as he fights to save Ayers's life, he begins to see that it is Ayers with his unsinkable passion who is profoundly changing Lopez.

Rated PG-13 (thematic elements, some drug use and language) 117 min



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed.

For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.



MWR Briefs

Enjoy "Happy Hour" at Golf Courses

Here's something that's likely to put a smile on golf lovers' faces: greens fees are now reduced after 3 p.m. every day at Taylors Creek Golf Course, building 2150, and at the Hunter Golf Club, building 8205. The special offer for golfers is called "Happy Hour."

Come on out and enjoy an early afternoon and evening on the links – and save some "green" at the same time. For more information, call 767-2370 (Stewart) or 315-9115 (Hunter).

Open Paintball Play Begins Saturday

Open paintball play begins Saturday at the Fort Stewart Skeet Range.

The fields will be used until a planned paintball complex is completed.

Date and times are:

- Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Every other Thursday from 3-7 p.m.

The \$20 per player cost includes all equipment, all-day air and two hoppers of paint. Paint will be available for purchase by the case or bag.

For more information, call 767-2515, 980-1974 or 332-9285.

Join Father's Day Kids Cooking Class

Join us from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Club Stewart, building 405, for an afternoon of fun, crafts, and more at the Father's Day Kids Cooking Class. The cost is \$5 per child (ages 5-12).

Reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, call 368-2212.

See reptile show at Stewart Library

Dave Chafin, a volunteer for U.S. Fish & Wildlife reptile program, will present a show at 3:30 p.m., June 24 at the George P. Hays Library, building 411. For more information, call 767-2828.

Go on a Six Flags Over Georgia Trip

CYSS members are invited to join us for a fun-filled day at Six Flags Over Georgia. We'll depart at 7 a.m. June

24, from the FS Youth Center for Atlanta. We'll return about 10 p.m.

A \$39.99 per person cost includes transportation and admission ticket.

Participants are reminded to bring money for food and souvenirs. For more information, call 767-4491.

See the Braves vs Yankees Game

CYSS-registered youth in grades 6-12 still have time to sign up for the Atlanta Braves vs New York Yankees Trip. But hurry, the deadline to register is tomorrow.

The trip is scheduled for June 24. Depart mid-day from HAAF Youth Center, building 1289 for Atlanta.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation and admission ticket. For details and registration, call 315-6586.

Join the Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program for children 5 years and older is under way at the George P. Hays Library, building 411.

This year's theme is "Wild, Wild, West" and will feature stories and crafts. The grand finale marking the end of the program is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Aug. 5 and will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Call 767-2828 for more information.

Sign up for GC Golf Scramble

Sign up now for the Fort Stewart Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course.

Registration closes June 24. The scramble will begin at 8 a.m. June 26 with a shotgun start.

The fee is \$35 for DoD ID cardholders, active duty, retirees and golf club members, and \$40 for civilian guests. For details, call 767-2370.

Take a Jacksonville Zoo Trip

Join us for a day of fun at Jacksonville Zoo from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 26. Participants will depart the Stewart Leisure Travel office, building 443 for Jacksonville.

Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...



Texas the dog & Blue the cat

are two 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. NOTE: The shelter will be closed for lunch next week, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Boy Scouts learn to survive



Michelle Burkhard

ABOVE: Members of Fort Stewart Troop 691, Padawons Patrol, build a fire using only flint during the 2009 Scout Olympics held at Fort Stewart's Holbrook Pond, June 5-7. The Padawons were awarded first place in the Olympics.

Left: Members of Troop 454, Stephen Tarver (upper right) and Daniel Miller (right) assist teammate, A.J. Neal (left) during the first aid relay at the Scout Olympics.

The three-day event helped scouts learn basic outdoor skills. Soldiers from 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment volunteered their time to help work with and score the boy scouts.



Remember: You're not alone



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain (Capt.) Carlos E. Whitley
92D ENG BN Chaplain

Albert Einstein once said, "It is strange to be known so universally and yet to be so lonely." One of the things I see in our world is a great amount of loneliness. Take Albert Einstein, we know a great deal about him. He was born in Germany on March 14, 1879, taught physics and mathematics, immigrated to the U.S., taught at Princeton and died in 1955. We know all that and more about this man, but do we really know Albert Einstein. Apparently, he did not feel known.

Everyone wants to be known. How else can you explain the phenomenal success of Facebook and Myspace. People want to be valued. People want

to feel connected. Soldiers and Family Members are no different. They desire to have just one person know them, just one person to understand who they are. They long for someone who "gets it."

Why do so many sink into depression? Because they are lonely. Why do so many drink or do drugs? Because they are lonely. Why are Families torn apart from infidelity? Because they are lonely.

But there is one out there who does know you and He wants to be known. After the victory at Mt. Carmel, the prophet Elijah was on top of the world. Yet in 1 Kings 19, reveals that he felt alone. When his life was threatened, he ran and hid in a cave seeking to die. Have you ever felt so alone you wanted

to die? Elijah did. During this darkest episode of Elijah's life God came to him in a very real way. God knew why Elijah was there, for God had created and commissioned him. But God also wanted Elijah to realize that he was not alone; God was there. After revealing Himself to Elijah, God then told him there were 7,000 others who were on his side. Imagine how that must have strengthened this weary prophet of God.

Life is tough. You may feel weary from the toil of work, of raising a Family, of paying the bills, of keeping your marriage together. But you are not alone. There are others who are experiencing the same difficulties. Get help. Seek out your God. And know that you are not alone.

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 at 9:15 a.m., Sunday

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, e-mail
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

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

For more information,
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or call 877-7207



Jessica Obermeyer

Stewart youths hop on board the 'Boomerang Express'

More than 100 children, grades kindergarten through sixth, and more than 20 volunteers, took part in Fort Stewart's week-long Vacation Bible School, June 8-12. The program included singing, arts and crafts, recreation, and bible study.

This year's theme, "Boomerang Express," is based on the 1 John 4:9. The theme represents how everything comes back to Jesus. This is the first year VBS has been held in the new Main Post Chapel, which opened November 2007

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Patriotic Concert coming to Hinesville

Patriotic Concert rehearsals are held at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Brewton-Parker Auditorium, off of U.S. 84 in Hinesville. If you are interested in joining, you are welcome to attend rehearsals up until the June 30 rehearsal, which will be held at St. Phillips Church.

The Community Chorus will present a Patriotic Concert, 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 is free for the community. Military and Family Members are invited to participate.

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.

Jesup arts and crafts nights 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.

History comes to life thanks to GHS

Join the Georgia Historical Society this summer for a series of entertaining and informative classes, workshops and tours on a variety of topics such as history, genealogy and archival preservation.

Classes and workshops will be held in the reading room of historic Hodgson Hall, GHS headquarters, at the corner of Whitaker and Gaston Streets in downtown Savannah. Tours will also begin in the reading room. Some class sizes are limited, so make your reservations early. GHS members will receive a 10 percent discount for all classes.

All classes, tours and workshops must meet a minimum enrollment. If you have questions, contact GHS at (912) 651-2125, ext. 40.

Rye Patch shows appreciation for 3rd ID

Soldiers, Families and community members are invited to the 3rd Infantry Division Appreciation Day at 7 p.m., today, at the Clubhouse in Rye Patch with discount tickets to see Colt Ford in concert.

"Colt Ford loves the American flag and all that it stands for," said Tim Works, owner of the Rye Patch Clubhouse and Horse Farm. "He further understands the sacrifices made by folks such as the 3rd ID."

Colt's Web site, www.coltford.com, says the artist

grew up in Georgia. His style of country music is a blend of many American musical styles with songs that include "Buck 'Em," "Mr. Goodtime," "Ride through the Country," and "Good God O Mighty," among others.

The Clubhouse in Rye Patch, approximately 15 minutes from Gate 7 on Fort Stewart, offers horse boarding, more than 3,200 acres of riding trails, a swimming pond, a buffalo pasture and a petting zoo, all open seven days a week. To learn more about the event, call 545-2289 or visit www.upscalecountry.com.

THE ANNUAL

Patriotic Concert
of the Savannah Winds

Sunday, June 28 at 3 P.M.
AASU Fine Arts Auditorium

Military participants, including Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander, will be included in the program. Tickets may be purchased online at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets.

Ask for the military discount.

Midway Cemetery: Lesson in local history

Randy Murray
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Most gravestones record only the beginning and end of a human life, saying little about that person, his or her struggles or triumphs. But if you look carefully at the names on the headstones at the Midway Cemetery in Midway, Ga., you'll discover several headstones that mark the grave of patriots of the American Revolution, to include the local leader for whom Fort Stewart is named.

A walking tour of the Midway Cemetery is a lesson in local history. The cemetery was started in 1754 by English and Scottish Congregationalists, who came to Midway from Dorchester, S.C. The small community of Midway (located "midway" between Georgia's first city, Savannah, and Georgia's second city, Darien) soon became the "cradle of the Revolutionary spirit in Georgia." It was the home of two of Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnett. Liberty County, which was established in 1777, was named to commemorate the people's love of liberty and support for the revolution.

"You didn't find that kind of support for the war among the merchants and business leaders in Savannah," explained Walter "Buck" Meeks, Fort Stewart's museum curator. "They had a pretty good thing going with the British and didn't want to jeopardize their livelihood. But the common people, the people of this county wanted something better."

One of those Liberty County patriots was Brigadier General James Screven from nearby St. John's Parish. In 1778, he led 21 Georgia militiamen to Midway to support the local settlers who'd formed a defensive line at Midway Congregational Church. While scouting in front of the line, Screven was mortally wounded by British troops and died three days later as a prisoner of war. According to information on a glass-encased bulletin board inside the cemetery, the British burned Midway Church and used the cemetery grounds as an encampment for their troops. During the American Civil War, Union troops used the rebuilt church as a slaughterhouse; they used the cemetery to corral their horses and mules.

Another patriot leader from Midway was Daniel Stewart, the great-grandfather of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1778 Stewart was serving with Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion near Charleston, S.C. when he was wounded and captured by the British. He escaped from the prison ship and recovered from his wounds while hiding among relatives in South Carolina.



Photos by Randy Murray

This tall, white obelisk monument stands near the center of Midway Cemetery, right off U.S. 17 in Midway, Ga. A walking tour through this old cemetery is a lesson in local history, where gravestones mark the important dates in the lives of Soldiers, politicians, scientists and educators, all of whom are guarded over by moss-covered oaks.

INSET: This plaque found on the east wall of the monument records the monument's tribute to Midway's most famous Soldiers.

Stewart returned to Midway and was promoted to colonel, where he commanded a cavalry brigade. He also served as a commander of Georgia Minutemen. After the war, Stewart served with distinction in the Georgia militia during the Creek Indian wars and in various political offices, and he was involved in the 1813 construction of the 6-foot high wall that still surrounds the Midway Cemetery. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1809 and commanded a cavalry brigade during the War of 1812. Stewart died in 1829.

When a new Army installation was established in coastal Georgia in 1941, it was named for local military hero, Brig. Gen. Daniel Stewart. Both generals Screven and Stewart are buried at Midway Cemetery, along with other local and state politicians, including governors, war heroes, scientists and educators. A monu-

ment now stands near the middle of the cemetery as a tribute to the community's most famous Soldiers.

"History is the legacy of human achievement," Meeks said, emphasizing the importance of learning from history. "History is the foundation of all other learning."

Meeks believes museums help make up for the lack of history being taught in schools today by providing both the documentation and artifacts that record the legacy of individuals, communities and nations. Surrounded by rod iron, red brick or white picket fences, those old cemeteries you see on Fort Stewart or in the surrounding communities are a little bit like museums. Gravestones record the names, dates of birth and death of those who established this state, this nation. Behind the names and between the dates, there is history.

GEORGIA

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Spc. Gaelen Lowers

Julie Finnell stands proudly with her father, Chief Warrant Officer Donald Finnell, 3rd SB. She was recently nominated to represent her community in the Miss Teen Georgia Pageant.

Julie said she plans to bring a lot of this thought process to the Miss Teen Georgia pageant, which contains a number of requirements that must be met in order for her to even attend.

Funding the trip alone has been a challenge. Most of the money contributed will go to hotel costs, but a formal dress is also a requirement for the pageant.

"Only 30 percent of the competition is the formal wear," Julie said.

The other categories include volunteer work, which accounts for 10 percent of her total score; a personal introduction, which accounts for 30 percent.

There is also an interview, which counts for another 30 percent.

"This is by far the biggest competition that I have been in," Julie said. "There are about 150 girls competing, and 50 in this area alone."

Despite the large number of contestants, both Julie and her father believe she has a good chance of winning the pageant because of the reasons she is entering.

"I want to do this pageant because I feel like I could give back to the community," Julie said. "Having the title would give me a better opportunity to do that. This is a great opportunity for me to grow. If I win, then I can be a good role model for younger girls. It's what's driving me to do this."

The Miss Georgia Teen competition is scheduled for July 3-5 in Atlanta. For more information, visit www.namiss.com.

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.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Space is still available at ACS-Stewart for the 4 to 6 p.m. class, today. Soon-to-be fathers or those who have children up to age 2 are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress and bathe your little one.

Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call 767-5058/5059 to sign up, or 315-6816 to register for the 2 p.m. Baby Bootcamp class at Hunter, July 14.

Learn to manage stress, anger, conflict

Come to a free workshop to learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors. You'll learn positive ways to react to an angry person and healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions, along with community resources. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the June 23 workshop at Stewart's Education Center, or 315-6816 for the workshop at Hunter on July 13, both held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attend EFMP Support Group

Everyone who has a Family Member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program is invited to "It's An Exceptional Life," a support group where you can meet, share experiences and participate in educational seminars. The group meets at the Fort Stewart ACS-Family Readiness Center in building 87 beginning at 6:30 p.m., June 24. Bring your children to Parents' Night Out, offered at both Fort Stewart and Hunter locations on the same night.

Children will enjoy supervised activities at the CYS Child Development Center from 6 to 9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting. Children must be registered with CYS and also enrolled in EFMP to participate, and advance sign up is required. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

Learn tips for a clutter-free home

Are you living in CHAOS (can't have anyone over syndrome)? Does your home/life have you feeling overwhelmed and you don't know where to start? You are not alone! Join the Fly Babies Support Network, a new group that shares the system developed by author Marla Cilley to help rid your home of clutter and keep your home clean. The group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. at ACS-Stewart, June 25. It's fun, and the only thing you've got to lose is clutter!

Kids, bring Daddy to Play Morning

A special Play Morning just for children ages 0 to 36 months and their dads will be held at the Bryan Village Youth Center from 10 - 11:30 a.m., June 27. Offered by the New Parent Support Program, the morning's activities will incorporate interactive play with music, stories, crafts, and, of course, toys! No pre-registration is required, simply bring a copy of child's current immunization record and register at the door. For more information, please call 767-5058/5059.

Get help with job placement

The Army Spouse Employment Partnership Job Fair will take place at Hunter Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 25. All job seekers are encouraged to attend the job fair to meet representatives from several local corporations recruiting for various levels and types of positions in retail sales, hospitality, medical, education and customer service. A valid military identification card is required for admittance.

To help you prepare for the job fair, a new class on interviewing techniques and tips for working a job fair will be offered at Hunter today and at Stewart on June 22, both from 1 to 3 p.m.

Your Employment Readiness team offers several other free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Resume Writing helps you identify your skills to enhance your resume development, 1 - 5 p.m., July 6 at Stewart or July 9 at Hunter. Also sign up for Resumix and learn the insider's tips on entering your resume in the Federal government's electronic resume system, searching jobs and strategies for maximizing your skills for the most impact, July 15 at Stewart and July 21 at Hunter, both from 1 to 3 p.m. Please bring a copy of your resume.

For more information on the job fair or to reserve your seat in an employment class, please call your local ACS. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

ACS makes moving easier

Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a permanent change of station. By planning ahead, you will avoid pitfalls and alleviate stress on your finances during your move. Sign up now for Financial Planning for

PCS, offered every Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Stewart, and at Hunter from 9 - 11 a.m., June 23. Call your local ACS to register.

Learn Personal Money Management

At Hunter, Money Management focuses on personal finance to include checkbook management, debt management, credit cards, credit reports and savings. Call 315-6816 to register for Money Management at Hunter, 9 - 11:30 a.m., June 24. Stewart offers a similar class with a focus on managing your bank account, June 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

First-terminer Financial Training (mandatory for E-4) is open to anyone who wants to improve their financial future. Learn about credit use, managing a bank account, insurance, investments, financial planning for your future, basic car and home buying, bankruptcy and consumer fraud. Call 767-5058/5059 to sign up for the workshop at Stewart, currently offered every Monday through Friday. Seating is limited, so advance sign up is recommended.

Parenting support is available

Support groups for parents with children ages 0 to 36 months focus on a variety of topics determined by individual and group needs. Stop by to share your parenting concerns and experiences, 2 - 4 p.m. at ACS-Hunter every Thursday. At Stewart, "Parent Power Hour" meets 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., June 29. Call your local ACS for more information.

Also ask about a home visit by one of our experienced professionals who can answer your important parenting concerns in the privacy of your own home.

Families can 'Chill and Chat'

If you sometimes feel overwhelmed, stressed out or sad, come to "Chill and Chat" to unload your concerns. Hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS-Hunter, Chill and Chat offers an opportunity to discuss deployment or any other concerns with a knowledgeable professional. Please call 315-6816 and let us know you will be coming.

Military and Family Life Consultants are also available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798, or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center and Hinesville National Guard.

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Major General Cucolo also had much to say about volunteers, especially Soldiers.

"I'm amazed that we have so many Soldier volunteers because of the operation tempo and the personal schedules that I know they have," said Maj. Gen. Cucolo. "It's just incredible that those Soldiers can carve out free time to give to others, I would love to see more of it. Every Soldier is challenged to give extra time. I would like other single Soldiers to try volunteering, because they meet interesting people, and they feel good after giving up their time."

Needless to say, the Soldiers were glad for the

praise.

"Right now, I volunteer with youth soccer on post as well as helping at-risk kids in Savannah," said Staff Sgt. Samuel Armstrong, Winn Army Community Hospital. "I really don't know how many hours I've volunteered. You don't do it for the time; you do it for the love. As a kid, my mother always told me I should be grateful for the things I have and give back to others. As a Soldier, it is tricky to find the time. Sometimes, you get off work after a long day, and you're stressed out, but you go out there and help the community."

But the main point of the event was to thank

each and every volunteer for their continuous effort in supplying the Soldiers and Families of Fort Stewart with services and supplies that might be taken for granted.

"I want to tell Family Members, single Soldiers, retirees, married Soldiers, Army Civilians and veterans that give up their free time that words, a certificate and a little piece of medal doesn't even come close to what we owe you," said Maj. Gen. Cucolo. "On this treadmill of deployment, the knowledge that when we leave there will be someone stepping up to fill in where help is needed helps us fight and I cannot thank you enough."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Hospital

April 16

Serenity Leeann Marie Bartlett, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Jason K. Bartlett and Teresa Marie Bartlett.

April 17

Khalidah Erina Belot, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Cpl. Evens H. Belot and Kamilah S. Belot.

May 5

Tristan Scott Johnson, a boy, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Matthew Scott Johnson and Evangellen M. Johnson.

May 23

Anthony Tashaun Lewis, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Antonio Lewis and Pvt. Jacqueline Thomas.

May 31

Lillian Catherine Halladay, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Jeffery Halladay and Nicole Halladay.

June 6

Morgan Olivia Rogers, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Capt. Christopher Rogers and Annaliza Rogers

June 8

Briell Senovia Smith, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Henry Smith and Tekisha Smith.

Cadence Rae-lynn Pfau, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Earl James Pfau and Courtney Lee Pfau.